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53 Ways to Support Dove

1. Tell other of our services
2. Share this newsletter with like-minded friends
3. Donate a wish list item for use in the Shelter
4. Come to National Night Out
5. Sign up for the Kroger program
6. Co-sponsor events
7. Send families to the Children's Clothing Room for help
8. Donate children's clothing your family no longer needs
9. Volunteer for BABES
10. Volunteer for the Domestic Violence Program
11. Volunteer for Homeward Bound
12. Memorize your counties hot-line number to share if needed
13. Donate food to the Clinton Food Pantry
14. Share info about the Clinton Food Pantry with families in need in DeWitt County
15. Volunteer your time at the Food Pantry
16. Donate items for the homelessness program
17. Take part in future fundraisers
18. Like our Facebook page
19. Follow our Twitter page
20. Share our posts and tweets
21. Check your closet for coats to donate to the Coats for Kids drive
22. Organize a family, church or work group to volunteer at Christmas Care and Share
23. Donate a toy to Toys for Tots
24. Donate funds to DFA
25. Donate funds to BABES
26. Donate funds to Neighborhood Services Program
27. Donate funds to the Domestic Violence Program
28. Donate funds to Homeward Bound
29. Donate to RSVP
30. Leave a legacy in your estate
31. Seek employment, see current openings on the website
32. Come to the Giving Tuesday, Giving Tree Lighting Event with friends
33. Serve on the Board of Directors
34. Serve on a CADV committee
35. Serve on one of the RSVP Advisory Councils
36. Attend the **all in** meetings
37. Attend the Homeless Advisory Council meetings
38. Donate funds on our website
39. Serve as your congregations member delegate
40. Encourage your church to become a Dove Member
41. Religious Organization
42. Attend the fall Candlelighting Ceremonies
43. Enroll if you are 55 and up in the RSVP Program
44. Encourage folks 55 and up to join the RSVP Program
45. Join your Decatur Neighborhood Group
46. Organize your Decatur neighborhood into a group
47. Donate funding to build our safe parking lot for visitors and staff
48. Donate a million dollars
49. Donate \$5
50. Volunteer for Christmas Care and Share and meet new people on the Project Page of the website
51. Host a fundraiser to benefit Dove
52. Read the Mission Statement
53. Pray for Dove, its leadership, its staff members and how they serve so many individuals and families in need and the volunteers who are key to keeping the programs operating. And please pray for all the other service agencies, businesses, first responder, and government services we count on daily.

Dove's Mission

Dove is an organization that engages religious institutions, volunteers, and advocates seeking to coordinate efforts to address unmet needs and social injustices. These needs are met through coordinated programs focusing on domestic violence, homelessness, education, volunteer and community empowerment, and individual emergency need fulfillment. Dove works for justice, equality, and understanding among all people.

Executive Staff

Darsonya Switzer, Chief Executive Officer
Barbara Blakey, Chief Communications Officer

Program Leadership

BABES Program
Sandy Laesch, Interim Coordinator

Children's Clothing Room
Kathy Walters, Coordinator

Dove Financial Assistance
Molly Tenuto, Program Director

Dove Food Pantry
Vacant

Domestic Violence Program
Joyce Kirkland, Program Director
Vacant, DeWitt County Coordinator
Becky Comstock, Moultrie County Coordinator
Susie Kensil, Shelby County Coordinator

Homeward Bound
Charo Covington, Program Director

Neighborhood Services Program
LeAnn Ellis, Coordinator

RSVP • Retired & Senior Volunteer Program
Angie Williams, Program Director
Kathy Walters, Macon County Coordinator
Position Filled, DeWitt County Coordinator



It is August and that means the children are heading back to school this month. As I ponder that, it brings up memories from my own childhood. The mixture of the sadness from summer coming to an end and the excitement for that first day of school are as vivid to me today as they were back then.

As I recall, this time of the year was for shopping for new school clothes and supplies. I could hardly wait to wake up on the morning of the first day and get dressed to meet my friends before school. I also could hardly wait until the last bell of the day rang to dismiss me back to the after-school fun that mimicked the early summer days. I recall rushing into the house and hurriedly changing out of my “school” clothes into my “play” clothes and joining the outdoor fun, until the hour came to go back inside. Those were peaceful childhood memories, and I am quite thankful for them!

As great as those memories were for me and others alike, the truth is there were children then and are children now who may not have such fond memories. This is one of the many reasons why I am so grateful I work within an organization and community that understands and strives to create spaces and opportunities for peace in the memory of the child who needs that peace.

Childhood should be a time for innocence, laughter, fond memories, joy, friendships, family togetherness, and time to just be a child! As we reflect together, let us say a prayer for peace and protection for all the children in our community throughout the remainder of the summer and into the school year to come! Peace and protection that comes not only through your continued support of our mission, but most importantly by way of understanding and grace!

Darsonya Switzer (she/her)
Dove, Inc. Chief Executive Officer
Macon County Continuum of Care Chair

*Seeking new challenges or a new career pathway?
Please check out current job openings on our [website](#)*



*Join in
all the fun at
NNO 2023!*

*Stop by
Dove's
table and
keep a look out --
some of the
BABES Puppets
might be there to
say "HI"!*

THE CITY OF DECATUR AND THE COALITION OF NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS (CONO)

PRESENT

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2023

AUGUST 1, 2023

5:00-8:00 PM

HESS PARK

2170 N. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DR.

DECATUR



FREE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE: Food, Ice Cream, Face Painting, Giveaways,
Music, Games, Bounce Houses, Scovill Mobile Zoo



BABES

Beginning Awareness Basic Education Studies

Are you able to volunteer in the BABES Program for the fall 2023 semester? Then contact us for more on the program to see if it would be a good fit for you!

Contact Barb Blakey bblakey@doveinc.org or

Sandy Laesch slaesch@doveinc.org

217.428.6616

Volunteer Training is needed be a part of this educational program for K-3rd graders in area schools. Check in with Sandy or Barb to get your next step going.

The heart of a volunteer is not measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others. -- DeAnn Hollis

This is a perfect statement that describes BABES Volunteers. They are dedicated and committed to providing this program in our communities and do make a difference in the lives of the children they provide programming to. They take time out of their busy schedules to go into a school for six sessions and may have up to three classrooms per session. Without them this program would not exist.

The BABES (Beginning Awareness Basic Education Studies) is an imaginative and interactive program that engages children, through the use of puppets, singing and signing songs, and discussion.

There is no better experience than being in the classrooms with children. To know that children are grasping the "Stop, Think-before you Decide" lesson. Seeing them start to understand that they are accountable for their actions even if they succumbed to peer pressure. Helping children build a network of safe adults that they can talk to if they have a problem. We help students understand the dangers of using alcohol and drugs. It is amazing to hear children express empathy and concern for Rhonda.

Children are our future...we need to take time to invest in them!

We are starting our 2023-2024 school year and could use some extra help. If you are interested in becoming a BABES Volunteer or just want more information, please contact Barb or Sandy.

Thank you,
Sandy Laesch
BABES Interim Program Coordinator

NEWS

from the Domestic Violence Program

*Congratulations to
Joyce Kirkland
who was promoted to
Domestic Violence
Program Director as of
July 31, 2023.*



- Formerly served as the Youth and Family Services Coordinator
- Member of Domestic Violence Staff since 2000
- Lead Trainer for our Domestic Violence Education and Volunteer Training program
- Illinois Certified Domestic Violence Professional
- Illinois Certified Partner Abuse Intervention Professional
- Began her service with Dove as a member of the Board of Directors and a program volunteer

Dove's Domestic Violence Program Hotline Numbers

Seeking Answers?

*Calling one of the hotline numbers
is a safe place to start*

217.423.2238 • Decatur
217.935.6072 • Clinton
217.774.4888 • Shelbyville
217.728.9334 • Sullivan
217.762.2122 • Monticello



2023 Candlelighting Ceremonies

Please mark your calendar for these upcoming events!

Moultrie County

*Thursday, October 19, 6:00 p.m.,
First Christian Church, Sullivan*

Shelby County

*Thursday, October 5, 7:00 p.m.,
First Assembly of God Church, Shelbyville*

Please watch for additional dates!

*These meaningful ceremonies are held in October as part of
National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.*



RSVP News!



RSVP Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

Thursday, August 24
St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Decatur
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

to register, please email:
awilliams@doveinc.org
or give Kathy Walters a call at
217.428.6616

More Opportunities from Homeward Bound

Macon County Continuum of Care

Homeless Advisory Council (HAC) Meeting
2nd Thursday, September 14, 1:30 p.m.

at EOC in the Senior Center
on the 2nd floor



The Resident Council meeting is an opportunity for residents to freely discuss topics to improve the quality of life within their development.

Please join us:

- Let your voice be heard
- We want to discuss your concerns and suggestions within your community
- Come share your ideas of improvements for your community, surroundings and housing needs
- Ensure your views are acknowledged and addressed
- Let's talk safety

Date: Thursday, August 24, 2023

Location: TBD

Time: 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

NEWS

from the Domestic Violence Program

August has long been one of my favorite months, largely due to the start of the school year. I think back to childhood when my biggest issue was what kind of “school shoes” I would get that year. Shopping for new clothes and school supplies was always exciting, as was the brand-new school year stretching ahead. It was a time for new friends, new activities, and new lessons to learn. As a mother of three, back to school sales were my favorite days of the year. My kids still tease me about being so glad to send them back to school. When the calendar flips over to August I still get the same feeling of a fresh start that I have had all my life.

Children who are living in homes with domestic violence, substance abuse or other issues may not get the encouragement needed to approach a new school year with the promise of success. It is difficult to learn when you are sleep-deprived, hungry, or just worried about what may be going on at home. If you know someone in this situation, please reach out to us at Dove, or to appropriate agencies in our community. If you can, please donate to agencies such as the Salvation Army who are conducting back to school programs to be sure all kids have the things they need to go back to school. Back to school season is expensive for parents, and it is embarrassing for kids to have to go to school without the things they need to learn and to feel that they belong.

If you have questions about our local Shelby County programs, or if you know someone affected by domestic violence, please reach out to our program at our business line, 217.774.3121. For any crisis situations, please call 217.774.4888, 24 hours per day.

Susie Kensil
Shelby County Coordinator

Dove Food Pantry



Thursdays

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

803 W. Leander, Clinton

- This is a free service to anyone in DeWitt County.
- You can utilize the pantry once a month.
- When you arrive, you will need to show your ID.
- We also have diapers if you have a little one in your household - child must be living in the household.

RSVP Volunteering Opportunities

Calling all RSVP Volunteers

On Friday, September 15, we will be preparing Dove's Annual Report mailing. This takes quite a few people as approximately 5,000 copies are sent out to Dove's supporters! If you can help, we'll begin at 9:00 a.m. in our conference room at 302 S. Union Street. Please RSVP to Kathy or Angie at 217.428.6616 so we'll have a headcount of how many people are planning to attend. We will be supplying coffee, water and snacks! Hope to see you then!

Upcoming RSVP Projects

9/11 Day of Service

Macon County's RSVP Advisory Council is planning to collect care package items for our heroic police officers in honor of the upcoming 9/11 Day of Service! The week of 9/11, RSVP staff and volunteers will deliver bags of goodies to officers in Macon and DeWitt County to thank them for their service! If you want to be involved in helping to assemble the bags or to deliver them to the officers, please tell us!

Suggested items for the bags include pre-packaged snacks of any kind, gum and/or mints, hand sanitizer, small Kleenex packages, Carmex/ChapStick, hair ties, protein bars, mini lint rollers, miniature memo pads, energy drinks, water flavor packets, coffee packets, thank you notes/cards, candy, etc.

Please note, if you cannot afford or don't wish to donate items, you could write thank you notes/ words of encouragement for the officers. Don't forget to track your time on your timesheet! Please drop off any collected items at either Dove office – in Clinton or Decatur, so we can show our officers how much they mean to us! Please have all items donated by noon on Friday, September 8. Thank you!

We are hoping to put together 200 – 300 care packages all together, so any and all donations would help!

American Dreamer Stem Academy School Supply Collection Drive

RSVP has been given 60 backpacks that we are going to donate to American Dreamer Stem Academy for the older grades. If you have or would like to donate school supplies to stuff them with before we donate the backpacks, we would like to have those things by August 30. Items needed: pocket folders, notebooks, pencils, highlighters, pencil pouches, earbuds, packages of Kleenex, packages of disinfectant wipes, black and blue dry erase markers.

Macon County Conservation District Prairie Pedal

Rock Springs Conservation Area
Sunday, September 24, 6:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
The Prairie Pedal bicycling event raises funds for the Macon County Conservation Foundation. All proceeds support natural areas and wildlife

diversity in Macon County. During this event cyclists ride 20, 40, or 62 mile routes. Volunteers can choose from time commitments of 2 to 5 hours. Volunteer stations include registration, rest stops along the bike routes, photography, and clean-up. For more information or to sign up, contact Jenny Garver by September 18.

Canoeing Volunteers

The public enjoys having the opportunity to canoe along the waterways of Macon County. There is a lot that goes on behind the scenes to make this a successful memory. We are looking for helpers to assist staff during our canoeing events and programs. Duties will include helping a staff member unload and load canoes from the canoe trailer, helping fit the public with life vests and paddles, helping participants in and out of the canoes, and occasionally helping with paperwork and collecting fees.

Heirloom Garden Volunteers

Rock Springs Conservation Area, Homestead Prairie Farm

The Homestead Prairie Farm Heirloom Garden plays a vital role in illustrating everyday life in the 1860s. Macon County Master Gardeners are looking for assistance in maintaining the garden during the 2023 season. Produce harvested from the garden is donated to various local food pantries. For more information or to sign up, contact Jenny Garver. She can be reached at JGarver@MaconCountyConservation.org; 217.542.5536.

Dove Financial Assistance

***Donation are needed
to keep this
emergency financial assistance
program thriving,
and supporting
families in need!***

***Please use mailing address:
302 S. Union, Decatur, IL 62522
or on Dove's website
doveinc.org***

***Please put DFA on
check memo line
or in the comment box.***

Thank you to all that participated in DFA's fundraiser at Monical's Pizza in July! I don't have a total yet of how much we will receive, but every little bit will help for us to provide more assistance to those experiencing a hardship! This fundraiser has come at a good time as July was a very busy month for DFA to receive applications from those in need, especially in Macon County. With the increase in applicants our funds available have been impacted greatly! If you, or your organization are able to give to DFA, please know that we are good stewards of your donation!

Also, this past month, our location of where we see applicants has changed for Macon County. We are now seeing applicants at the Decatur Public Library on more days, and then scheduling appointments to see applicants at our Union Street office. If you are referring someone for our services, please make sure to check our website for the most up to date information on where we can be found.

As always, if you have a group that would like to learn more about what DFA does and how we do it, I would be more than happy to schedule a time to come and speak, just reach out. I am more than happy to share the good work and mission of Dove as a whole, but also DFA as a piece of it.

Income guidelines for Warm Neighbors Cool Friends will be changing effective August 1. We continue to be in the "Cooling Season" through August 31, which is restricted for those that not only meet the income guidelines, but are also seniors (60+ years), people with a disability or documented medical need for air conditioning. Warm Neighbors Cool Friends will return to "Heating Season" on September 1, 2023.

Molly Tenuto
DFA Program Director

Dove Financial Assistance

Helping with emergency financial assistance

for families/individuals in need
for in-person sites: see below

Macon County Sites:

Decatur Public Library, 120 N. Franklin, Decatur
Mondays, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

All other times will be by appointment only.

DFA@doveinc.org or 217.619.9108

Shelby County Site:

Salvation Army Building, 133 E. Main St., Shelbyville

August 3 & 17, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

DFA@doveinc.org or 217.433.7435

Moultrie County Site:

First United Methodist Church, 216 W. Jefferson St., Sullivan

August 2 & 16, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

DFA@doveinc.org or 217.433.7435

Piatt County Site:

First Presbyterian Church, 214 S. Charter, Monticello

August 9 & 23, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

DFA@doveinc.org or 217.433.7435

DeWitt County Site:

Dove, 803 W. Leander, Clinton

August 10 & 31, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

DFA@doveinc.org or 217.433.7435



2023/24 Warm Neighbors Cool Friends Income Requirements & Energy Bill Payment Assistance Guidelines

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION TO APPLY:

- Driver's license or other Photo I.D.
- Copy of current Ameren Illinois energy bill
- Proof of Income



© Energy Assistance Foundation/Program

PROGRAM RULES:

- Applicant(s) must reside at address on bill and have active service in their name
- Applicant can only receive assistance ONCE per heating season (September 1st - May 31st) and ONCE in the cooling season (June 1st - August 31st)
- Account balance must be lower than \$1,500
- WNCF pledges up to \$500 during heating season matching customer payments within the last 45 days - Credits on accounts are acceptable.
- Cooling season maximums are \$200 (instead of \$500) and are intended for seniors (60+yrs), people with a disability or documented medical condition requiring air conditioning.
- 30 Day (GROSS) Income Range by Family Size

Warm Neighbors Cool Friends Program benefits customers between 200% - 300% of Federal Poverty Level (FPL) or 80% of the county's Area Median Income (AMI). Special exceptions must be approved by the Energy Assistance Foundation Executive Director

Family Size	WNCF Income Range
1	\$2,431 - \$4,513
2	\$3,288 - \$5,158
3	\$4,144 - \$5,804
4	\$5,001 - \$6,446
5	\$5,858 - \$6,963
6	\$6,714 - \$7,479
7	\$7,571 - \$7,996
8	\$7,776 - \$8,513

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION:

- Customer accounts can be checked and WNCF pledges entered via the [Ameren Illinois Energy Assistance Portal](#). If necessary, call Ameren Illinois: 888-667-7861 or Daniel Bradshaw at 217-461-7693 for additional assistance.
- WNCF pledges must be entered as whole dollars. Round customer payments up to figure the WNCF pledge amount. (i.e. customer payment = \$389.05 then WNCF pledge = \$390)
- Send a copy of each application AND the summary balance sheet to aaan@cafwncf.org and jm@cafwncf.org at the close of each month.

At DFA sites for Macon, DeWitt and Piatt Counties

You can support Dove by participating with the Kroger Community Rewards Program!

To use the Kroger Community Rewards Program, simply visit <http://www.kroger.com>

Once logged into your Kroger account you can search for DOVE INC either by name or DK772 and then click *enroll*.



all in:

Macon County Inter-Agency Council

Please join us at the **all in** gathering!

4th Tuesday of the month ■ NOON to 1:00 p.m.
upcoming dates: August 22, September 26, October 24

Central Christian Church, 650 W. William, Decatur
Corner of Monroe and William Street, near downtown Decatur.
Please park in main lot, come in main entrance and proceed to lower level fellowship hall

Join us for networking and sharing information:

- program coordinators
- direct service providers
- information sharers

The pandemic brought many changes to our local nonprofit landscape. We are excited to have the chance to meet monthly again, to get to network and learn more about services of our Macon County Community.

4th Tuesday of each month, NOON

- We will keep the gathering to an hour.
- Feel free to bring your lunch.
- No membership fees.

**For more information,
please call:**

*Molly Tenuto or Angie Williams
Dove, Inc.
217.428.6616*

*or email
mtenuto@doveinc.org
awilliams@doveinc.org*

News from Homeward Bound

Staff have been working to engage and house **20** individuals who have been literally homeless (in a shelter, on the streets or somewhere unfit for human occupancy, such as an abandoned building) for 90-days or more. **Two** of those individuals meet the chronically homeless criteria, which means they have a diagnosable disability AND have been homeless for at least 1 year or have been homeless 4 times in the past 3 years, totaling 365 days.

There is a total of **181** participants currently receiving housing and/or services.

The need for 1-bedroom units for single individuals is still dire!

Move-In Starter Kits

Please consider donating items for move-in starter kits for individuals and families moving from homelessness

HOME to housing. Join the Macon County Continuum of Care in supporting this effort. Donations will be accepted at Northeast Community Fund (NECF) and distributed in "starter kits" to agencies serving those moving into housing.

- cleaning supplies
- paper products
- bath towels
- kitchen towels
- sheets/blankets/pillows
- plates/glasses/silverware
- kitchen utensils
- pots/pans

These donated items can be delivered to:
Northeast Community Fund
839 N. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr., Decatur
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Coordinated Entry

Homeward Bound, on behalf of the Macon County CoC, continues to provide services and have staff available 24 hours a day to assist those in need of housing solutions. Please share the contact numbers with anyone you know who is experiencing housing instability issues, 217.362.7700 or 217.619.5742.

Dove- Homeward Bound is collecting the following items for participants:

- Dish washing liquid
- Laundry detergent
- Toothpaste
- Hygiene items for males and females

These donated items can be delivered to:
Dove-Homeward Bound
788 E. Clay, Decatur, IL 62521
Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



Neighborhood Services Program

Sharing News About The Neighborhoods!

As I continue to meet with neighborhood groups and visit other meetings throughout the community there is always something to learn. Where neighborhoods are concerned, when you stop to listen to the individual needs of each neighborhood and the unique ways they choose to go about tackling their specific issues, it can be enlightening as well as humbling. What works for one neighborhood may or may not work for another but seeing the people within a neighborhood working together for the good of their neighbors brings excitement and hope.

Angie Williams has the Christmas Care and Share team gearing up, preparing and looking forward to another awesome year of serving the community! This will be our 3rd thankful year to St. Paul's Lutheran Church for hosting an opportunity for the life of Christmas to be brought into all homes we connect with and what an awesome collaboration this has been for all involved!

BABES Interim Director, Sandy Laesch and I, met for two full days of preparing this year's BABES program in the schools. There were some subtle changes to the scripts as well as bouncing ideas for growth moving forward. We are looking forward to a fresh year of a vital program with our area children.

Moving into August, as of this writing, National Night Out, an opportunity for police officers and children to connect as well as neighbor to neighbor connection for food and a variety of fun, is August 1 and I am looking forward to enjoying my first one. Hopefully I got to see you there!

LeAnnEllis
NSP Coordinator

**Coalition Of
Neighborhood Organizations**

CONO Meeting

**Tuesday, August 15
(3rd Tuesday of the Month)**

5:30 p.m.

**Location: Civic Center,
Downtown Decatur**

**meeting space to right
from main entrance**

RSVP News!



Two of Dove's RSVP staff members, Kathy Walters and Angie Williams, met up with other Illinois RSVP Staff Members at the July 7 Central Illinois Volunteer Conference in Springfield.

Along with networking and gathering new ideas, they had the chance to meet with their AmeriCorp representative, Alida Sims, AmeriCorps Portfolio Manager for our Region.

Ms. Sims made the special trip in from Georgia. We appreciate her work toward keeping us up to date with current AmeriCorp needs.

Kathy Walters, who coordinates the Children's Clothing Room, spoke with leaders and the children attending the Vacation Bible School at Central Christian Church in July.

The children visited Dove Clothing Room, located in CCC, and collected needed items for the busy back to school time.

Thanks CCC!





On Saturday, July 8, The Firefly Stitchers Guild hosted an all-day sewing event at The First Christian Church in Clinton, Illinois. Twenty-two women came together to sew stockings for Dove's Christmas Care & Share event in December. Several of the ladies brought their sewing machines, while others pressed or cut out stockings. A few of the women brought stockings already completed and several brought fabric donations. The Vintage Cutups from The Vintage Church sent a large batch of already cut and pinned stockings via our very own Patty Cain! Games were played throughout the day with numerous very nice prizes!! We were serenaded with Christmas music as well.



Lunch was provided by Dove – huge shoutout to Angie and Cassie, Monical's in Clinton. It was a great time to learn more about each other – participants came from Taylorville, Decatur, Clinton, LeRoy, Jacksonville, Beason, and Warrensburg.

It was a very long yet rewarding and fun-filled day. Ice-cream sandwiches and strawberry shortcake were provided by the Firefly Stitchers. Very yummy!

The final count of completed stockings (also a game with a prize) was 481! There were several stockings in various stages of completion and a few women took stockings home to complete – as of today the final count is 665!

Many thanks to this great group of women and their dedication to making our communities better! Their sense of coming together for an amazing cause is unfounded. I am grateful to have been a part of this event, and to be able to call a majority of them my friends!!

There was a lot of talk about scheduling another sew day next year!

Stay tuned!

Diana Guidebeck, RSVP Volunteer



WISH LIST FOR SHELTER

CLEANING SUPPLIES:

- LATEX-FREE VINYL GLOVES (SIZE LARGE AND XL)
- CLOROX WIPES
- AEROSOL DISINFECTANT SPRAY
- PAPER TOWEL ROLLS

FOR BABY / TODDLER:

- TEETHING RINGS
- STROLLERS (CAN BE UMBRELLA TYPE)
- PACK AND PLAY
- SIZE 4 & 5 DIAPERS

BATHROOMS:

- AIR FRESHENER SPRAY
- FULL SIZE BATH TOWELS (NEW ONLY)

BEDROOMS- NEW ITEMS ONLY:

- BEDSHEET SETS- TWIN SIZE
- PILLOWS
- NIGHTSHIRTS- WOMENS, ALL SIZES
- SWEATSUITS- UNISEX, ALL SIZES
- WHITE NOISE MACHINES

GENERAL:

- GAS GIFT CARDS
- WALMART GIFT CARDS
- ALDI GIFT CARDS FOR SHELTER FOOD

KITCHEN:

- DISH SOAP
- DISPOSABLE CUPS
- DISPOSABLE (PLASTIC) EATING UTENSILS
- DISPOSABLE PLATES & BOWLS (PAPER)

MEDICINE ROOM

ADULT:

- ANTIBIOTIC OINTMENT OR CREAM
- ALEVE OR NAPROXEN
- BENADRYL (OR GENERIC)
- NON-DROWSY ALLERGY MEDS (ZYRTEC/CLARITIN/ETC)
- HYDROCORTISONE CREAM
- MELATONIN TABLETS
- PREGNANCY TESTS
- LICE TREATMENT KITS
- MONISTAT
- VAGISIL
- IRON PILLS

BABY / TODDLER / CHILD:

- ADVIL/MOTRIN (OR IBUPROFEN) FOR INFANTS AND/OR CHILDREN
- BENADRYL (OR GENERIC) FOR INFANTS AND/OR CHILDREN
- LIQUID STOMACH MEDICINE FOR INFANTS AND/OR CHILDREN
- GENERIC NASAL DECONGESTANT FOR INFANTS AND/OR CHILDREN

- TYLENOL (OR GENERIC ACETAMINAPHEN) FOR INFANTS AND/OR CHILDREN
- ORAJEL
- PEDIATRIC MEDICINE DROPPERS AND/OR SYRINGES (NEW, UNUSED)
- NOSE / EAR SYRINGES

TOILETRIES

HYGEINE ITEMS:

- BODY WASH
- VASELINE
- HANDHELD PERSONAL MIRRORS
- AFRICAN AMERICAN HAIR CARE PRODUCTS (SHAMPOO/CONDITIONER/ ETC)
- HAIR GREASE
- HAIRBRUSHES – NATURAL BRISTLES
- HAIRBRUSHES- NYLON BRISTLES
- CONDITIONER
- HAIR GEL AND HAIR SPRAY
- NAIL POLISH REMOVER
- NAIL CLIPPERS
- TOOTHPASTE
- DENTURE ADHESIVE (POLIGRIP OR OTHER)
- DENTURE CLEANER
- MOUTHWASH (ALCOHOL FREE)

Children's Clothing Room



**Central Christian
Church**

**650 W. William St.,
Decatur**

**Mondays & Wednesdays
1:00 to 3:30 p.m.**

**Free clothing, yes really free,
for infants through teens**



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