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NO VISIBLE BRUISES



RACHEL LOUISE SNYDER

Rachel Louise Snyder is the author of *Fugitive Denim: A Moving Story of People and Pants in the Borderless World of Global Trade*, the novel *What We've Lost is Nothing*, and *No Visible Bruises: What We Don't Know About Domestic Violence Can Kill Us*. Her print work has appeared in the *New Yorker*, the *New York Times* magazine, *Slate*, *Salon*, the *Washington Post*, the *Huffington Post*, the *Chicago Tribune*, the *New Republic*, and others.
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Featuring Guest Speaker
RACHEL LOUISE SNYDER

Thursday, October 20, 2022
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
1 Bachrach Drive
Decatur, Illinois

Open to the public

Featuring Keynote speaker, Rachel Louise Snyder
and Q&A opportunity

With our Candlelighting Ceremony
in honor of survivors and in memorial to
victims of Domestic Violence

October is upon us again, which means it is Domestic Violence Awareness Month! Keep an eye on our social media for Domestic Violence blurbs, facts, and safety tips.

This month, as we hold our annual event to honor and remember Domestic Violence victims, it's important to always stop and remember why this work matters. What we do matters. And what we do is important.

Our event will feature bestselling author Rachel Louise Snyder. Her work sheds important and sometimes overlooked aspects of Domestic Violence. Her latest release is titled *No Visible Bruises* which is so true of Domestic Violence, because so much of it we cannot see. And sometimes that is the most dangerous.

Please join us for a beautiful evening honoring DV victims as well as an evening of education on Domestic Violence. And don't forget to wear your purple in support!!

Liz Mackey, Program Director

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.

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From Darsonya's Desk -

Over the past week, when I leave home in the morning, I exclaim, “It is cold outside this morning!” Those warm rays of sunshine have not been evident lately, Autumn has made its way to the front of the class. There are many people who absolutely love this time of year and revel in all things that come with it. The leaves are changing colors and that makes for a beautifully picturesque sight on treelined streets. The frolicking of children in the many pumpkin patches and apple orchards is a beloved part of Autumn. The pumpkin flavored “EVERYTHING” is a beloved part of Autumn. The absolutely adorable boots and sweater combination cannot be overlooked either. These are all the great things that come with the

Autumn season, and there are probably many more that I have not touched on. Autumn is a great time of year for so many. And then again, Autumn, more specifically October, is also a time of great reflection here at Dove, Inc.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and we here at Dove want to send our sincerest condolences to those in our communities who have been adversely affected by this issue this year. It is a matter that we understand impacts all sectors of life. In recognizing that, I want to take this time to personally thank the Dove, Inc. Domestic Violence staff for their selfless dedication. The team works tirelessly to ensure that those who come to them seeking solace, will find it at a level that exceeds their needs. The team’s work is never easy and seemingly never done. They push through some of the most devastatingly tough situations to provide a safe path to a life without violence for those they serve. The staff is also certainly deserving of recognition for the seamless services provided throughout the pandemic and the overall continued motivation in this movement. I would also ask you please continue to send the staff and most importantly, those that they serve, your warmest thoughts as they maneuver through this season and the seasons to come, until the fight to end Domestic Violence is complete. As always, we truly appreciate your support!

Darsonya Switzer, CEO
Dove, Inc.

Dove Financial Assistance

DFA has continued to be busy this month and has assisted 79 households across all five counties that we service! We are grateful to all our host sites that allow us space to see clients in person. I'm happy to share that we have secured a host site for Piatt County at the First Presbyterian Church in Monticello. We will begin having some on-site hours on October 12 and are thankful for this opportunity to assist more people from the community of Piatt County.

I was able to attend an inter-agency meeting in Moultrie County this month to network with other agencies. This type of meeting was helpful as we were able to hear about the services and opportunities being offered by different agencies, which then allows us to work together to improve the lives of those in the community. I look forward to attending one in Shelby County in October.

DFA will have another fundraiser coming up on November 1, at Panera from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Please be on the lookout for more details on this, as well as the flyer you will need to show, and make sure to share it with your friends and family. Also, a thank you to those who have donated to DFA, your donations have assisted many households through a hardship. We appreciate all your support, as there are many in need of assistance!

Molly Tenuto, Program Director

If you would like to make a donation to this emergency financial assistance program, please use mailing address:

***302 S. Union Street
Decatur, IL 62522***

***or on Dove's website
doveinc.org***

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

Your help supports so many families in need.



To learn more about becoming a Dove Member Congregation please contact Barb Blakey at 217.428.6616 or dove@doveinc.org



**Dove's Children's Clothing Room
Central Christian Church
650 W. William St., Decatur
Mondays and Wednesdays
1:00 to 3:30 p.m.**

31st Annual Coats for Kids!

*October 19
through
November 30!*

The 2022 Coats for Kids drive will begin October 19! We will be collecting good, used and new coats for families in need through November 30.

Participating cleaners will make sure the coats are clean and fresh and ready for the clothing rooms and sites to distribute.

Watch for participating clothing rooms on our website, Facebook and Twitter sites.

Thanks to the RSVP volunteers who help keep everything moving!



Participating Cleaners

Peerless Cleaners
519 N. Monroe

Pride Cleaners and Launderers
2553 N. Main
1804 E. Eldorado
912 W. Eldorado
2056 Mt. Zion Road

Waite's Dry Cleaners and Launderers
1004 S. Main
115 Magnolia, Forsyth

sponsored by



**Donate a coat you no longer use and we'll
put it into the hands of a family in need.
All sizes needed and accepted!**

Collection Sites:

Decatur Family YMCA
220 W. McKinley

Decatur Public Library
Downtown Decatur

HSBS St. Mary's
Main Lobby

Illioopolis Christian Church
304 Anne Street

Kroger
Brettwood Plaza
Airport Plaza
SouthShores Plaza

Land of Lincoln Credit Union
2890 N. Oakland
3130 E. Mound
4850 E. Prosperity Place

Longcreek Township
2610 Salem School Road

Richland Community College
#1 College Park

St. Teresa High School
2710 N. Water Street

WAND Station
904 Southside Drive



BABES

Beginning Awareness Basic Education Studies

The BABES volunteers are already busy in the schools this fall.

I want to thank the volunteers that have committed to helping the BABES Program this year, Patty Cain, Tami Crouch, Marcia Juriga, Janet Lyman, Kim Stahl, and Debbie Vick. Volunteers are presenting the BABES Program to 1st grade students at Baum Elementary and Advanced BABES Program to 3rd grade students at Sangamon Valley Intermediate. LeAnn Ellis and I are presenting the BABES Program to Kindergartners at Our Lady of Lourdes and American Dreamer STEM Academy and the Advanced BABES Program to 3rd grade students at John's Hill Magnet, and 2nd grade students at Parsons Elementary.

Red Ribbon week is October 23-31. What is Red Ribbon Week? It is the oldest and largest drug prevention program in the nation,

reaching millions of young people during Red Ribbon Week. This years theme is Celebrate LIFE live Drug Free.

The BABES program is recognizing Red Ribbon Week by delivering RRW posters to each of the participating BABES program schools, along with promoting awareness in our classrooms this fall.

Halloween is right around the corner and the safety of our children is important. I wanted to again share a website that has valuable information about keeping kids safe...not only at Halloween, on the internet and many other situations. Please check out the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's website at www.missingkids.com and go to Child Safety & Prevention-Publications.

Sandy Laesch
BABES Interim Program Coordinator

If you are interested in
becoming involved in the
BABES Program
(Beginning Awareness Basic Education Studies)
and would like more information
about becoming a BABES Volunteer

contact Barb Blakey
bblakey@doveinc.org

or

Sandy Laesch
slaesch@doveinc.org

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.
(closed 10/10/2022 and 10/4/2022 afternoon)

Homeward Bound, 788 E. Clay, Decatur
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
217.619.9108 or DFA@doveinc.org

Shelby County Site:

Salvation Army Building, 133 E. Main St., Shelbyville
October 6 & 20, 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
October 5 & 19, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
DFA@doveinc.org or 217.433.7435

Piatt County Site:

October 12 & 26, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
First Presbyterian Church, 214 S. Charter, Monticello
DFA@doveinc.org or 217.433.7435

DeWitt County Site:

803 W. Leander, Clinton
October 12 & 26, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
DFA@doveinc.org or 217.433.7435



For Macon, DeWitt and Piatt Counties:

217.619.9108 or DFA@doveinc.org
in person sites same as for DFA funding

30-Day Residential Income Guidelines

FOR WEATHERIZATION AND BILL PAYMENT ASSISTANCE

Note: Families must show proof of income. A family's monthly gross income must fall between the below ranges, based upon family size, to qualify.

FAMILY SIZE	LIHEAP INCOME RANGE	WNCF INCOME RANGE
1	\$0 - \$2,265	\$2,266 - \$4,263
2	\$0 - \$3,052	\$3,053 - \$4,871
3	\$0 - \$3,838	\$3,839 - \$5,479
4	\$0 - \$4,625	\$4,626 - \$6,088
5	\$0 - \$5,412	\$5,413 - \$6,575
6	\$0 - \$6,198	\$6,199 - \$7,063
7	\$0 - \$6,985	\$6,986 - \$7,550
8	\$0 - \$7,324	\$7,325 - \$8,038

- Driver's License or other Photo I.D. and copy of current Ameren Illinois utility bill
- Applicant must reside at the address on the bill and have active service in his or her name
- Income eligibility, see guidelines, above
- Applicant can receive WNCF assistance only once per heating season, which is 9/1 to 5/31 each year and once per cooling season, 6/1 to 8/31
- WNCF matches customer payments (within the last 45 days) up to \$350 during heating season and up to \$200 during cooling season
- Heating grants are based solely on income guide-lines while cooling grants are intended for seniors, disabled or those with medical conditions exacerbated by heat (with a doctor's letter)

News from Homeward Bound

Staff have been working to engage and house **24** 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. **5** 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 are **858** total participants currently receiving housing and/or services.

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

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

- Diapers (all sizes) and Baby Wipes
- Personal Hygiene Items

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

Move-In Starter Kits

Additionally, please consider donating items for move-in starter kits for individuals and families moving from homelessness to housing. Join the Macon County Continuum of Care in supporting this effort. Donations will be accepted

HOME 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. - 2:00 p.m.

**Macon County
Continuum of Care Homeless Advisory
Council (HAC) Meeting**

**Next meeting is scheduled for the 2nd Thursday,
November 10, 1:30 p.m.
Check our social sites or call 217.428.6616 for
location and additional information.**

Coordinated Entry

Homeward Bound, on behalf of the Macon County CoC, continues to provide services and have staff available 24 hours 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.

Life Skills and Job Club

Job Club Classes are cancelled till further notice, for further information please contact Daciena, 217.362.7700 ext. 106.

Upcoming Events: Children's Group

**Disney The Little Mermaid
October 29, 2022
7:00 p.m.**

**October 30, 2022
2:00 p.m.**

**Decatur Civic Center Theater
1 Gary K Anderson Plaza**

**For more information , contact
Daciena Simmons, 217-362-7700**



After what felt like a long, brutal summer heat and humidity-wise, autumn has finally arrived. And while most of the trees haven't started changing colors yet, I've been watching leaves drop from their branches for days already. The cooling temperatures are a relief, but also a striking reminder of how close we're getting to my favorite time of year: Christmas. That, of course, means that Christmas Care & Share is about to really get going.

Agencies and schools have already received referrals for their families that need a little extra help. In addition, Christmas Care & Share team decided to host some sign-ups for those who might not be served by an agency or chosen by their child's school for assistance.

On Tuesday, October 25, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., we will be signing folks up in the Dean Simcox room at Dove, 302 S. Union Street. On Wednesday, October 26, we will be at the Decatur Public Library from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. On Thursday,

October 27, from 9:00 a.m. to noon, we'll be at Familia Dental assisting in sign-ups.

For these sign-up days, parents/guardians will need to bring some sort of photo ID (does not have to be a driver's license), as well as proof the kids are in the home. Proof could be a letter from an agency/school verifying the names of the children in the household, it could be a court document stating the person has guardianship (in the case of foster parents), it could be medical cards for the children, social security cards, a recent hospital or doctor's bill with the children's name on it, or a printout/screenshot of the Student Demographic/Profile report from the school.

Salvation Army and Northeast Community Fund will also be doing sign-ups, as we do our best to serve as many in-need families in Macon County as possible.

There are so many ways to get involved in this program – and it's also a fantastic opportunity for high school students to get community service hours. Things you can do to help families at Christmas include donating items, volunteering, and adopting a family or a senior in a nursing home.

If you're interested in volunteering during December, please email santa@doveinc.org or call 217.428.6616 and ask to speak to a member of the Christmas Care & Share team. Volunteer opportunities include counting and sorting toys and gifts beginning December 2 & 3, December 5 – 10, and December 12. Our toy distribution will be from December 13 – 16, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and help is needed to assist families

in shopping around the workshop area, and staffing toy and gift stations. If you want to help with distribution, there is a short training for this opportunity for those able to attend – currently scheduled for Friday, December 2, 10:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. and on Saturday, December 3 at 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Each training will last from a half hour to an hour depending on the size of the group, and you only need to attend one of them.

Those interested in donating can drop off donations to 302 S. Union St. Between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, until December 2. December 3 and moving forward, donations can be brought directly to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1 Bachrach Court, to the back entrance. We'll be happy to help unload if assistance is needed.

Items we really need: large black garbage bags (to put the toys and gifts in so that there's no peeking ahead of time), wrapping paper and tape, batteries of all kinds for electronic toys and items, new books for kids and teens, unwrapped toys, and gifts (especially for infants and teens, as we usually always have an abundance of items for the other age groups), hats and gloves (items can be homemade if you knit or crochet!), and new or homemade stockings.

We are also serving between 50 – 75 senior citizens in nursing homes who otherwise would not receive gifts for Christmas. We'll share some ideas for gifts for them in the next issue of DoveTales, and we'll be updating Dove's Facebook page with information regarding Christmas Care & Share as we get closer to December, so stay tuned for more information!

Angie Williams, Coordinator

Neighborhood Services Program

Sharing News About The Neighborhoods!

This month, as always, I enjoyed being in the community, with informative monthly meetings, a community forum and fun events such as a couple Adopt A Street involvements, end of summer cookouts and CHICO (Centro Hispanic and Immigrant Community Opportunities) in Fairview Park for their 2nd annual Hispanic Heritage Month celebration! If you missed it this year, be sure to watch for it next year! There was good food, good people, good dancers and plenty of joy bubbling all around.

The close of September sees the BABES program beginning back in schools with the puppet characters sharing their insights and wisdom to the students. As of this writing, I look forward to my first presentation of the season this Wednesday!

Also, our city will be hosting our first excitedly anticipated Great Streets Great Neighborhoods meeting this Thursday with various community organizations involved! There will be much more to come on what all this particular project means for Decatur as it unfolds.

Loving this current fall weather as we bring a busy September to close and look to an even busier October ahead.

LeAnn Ellis, Coordinator

Coalition Of
Neighborhood Organizations

CONO Meeting

Tuesday, October 18
(3rd Tuesday of the Month)

5:30 p.m.

Staley Room, Decatur Public Library
Downtown Decatur

**If we can share information on your
Neighborhood Group, please email info
by the 15th of the month
to dove@doveinc.org**

NEWS

from the Domestic Violence Program • Expanded Shelter Needs List

SANITATION SUPPLIES (COVID RELATED):

- VINYL GLOVES (SIZE MEDIUM, LARGE, AND XL)
- CLOROX WIPES
- AEROSOL DISINFECTANT SPRAY

BABY / TODDLER:

- BABY WIPES
- PULL-UPS
- SIPPY CUPS
- TEETHING RINGS
- STROLLERS (CAN BE UMBRELLA TYPE)

BATHROOMS:

- FULL SIZE BATH TOWELS (NEW ONLY)

BEDROOMS:

- PILLOWS
- BLANKETS- TWIN SIZE (NEW ONLY)
- BEDSHEET SETS- TWIN SIZE (NEW ONLY)
- NIGHTSHIRTS- WOMENS, ALL SIZES (NEW ONLY)
- SWEATSUITS- UNISEX, ALL SIZES (NEW ONLY)
- WHITE NOISE MACHINES (2-3 for 2nd/3rd shift working clients trying to sleep, as well as large families, to mask noise)

GENERAL:

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

KITCHEN:

- DISPOSABLE CUPS & EATING UTENSILS

MEDICINE ROOM:

ADULT:

- ALEVE OR NAPROXEN
- PREGNANCY TESTS
- LICE TREATMENT KITS

BABY / TODDLER / CHILD:

- ADVIL/MOTRIN (OR IBUPROFEN)
- GENERIC NASAL DECONGESTANT
- TYLENOL (OR GENERIC ACETAMINAPHEN)

BODY:

- BODY WASH
- VASELINE

HAIR:

- AFRICAN-AMERICAN HAIR CARE PRODUCTS (SHAMPOO/CONDITIONER/ETC)
- HAIR GREASE
- HAIRBRUSHES – NATURAL BRISTLES
- HAIRBRUSHES- NYLON BRISTLES
- CONDITIONER
- HAIR SPRAY

HANDS & NAILS:

- NAIL POLISH REMOVER
- NAIL CLIPPERS

MOUTH:

- TOOTHPASTE
- DENTURE ADHESIVE (POLIGRIP OR OTHER)
- ORAJEL

FOR CHILD/TEEN SUPPORT GROUPS:

- GEL PENS
- JOURNALS



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NEWS

from the Domestic Violence Program

Moultrie County

Becky Comstock, Coordinator

October is once again upon us. It is a great time to look back on the year and reflect. To appreciate the policies and change that have been put in place for victims and survivors and report any policies and change that still need to take place.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month is a time to celebrate survivors, mourn the losses of those who have lost their lives due to domestic violence and honor those who continue to work to end the abuse.

To show your support please remember to wear purple throughout the month of October (or paint your nails purple), color your profiles in purple, sport a purple ribbon, light a candle, host a training or an event to help raise awareness, donate to your local domestic violence organization, take one of our upcoming domestic violence trainings, ask a Dove member to come and speak at your school or organization, join us for “No Visible Bruises” event in Decatur (see page 1), or simply just raise your voice on how domestic violence is a real societal issue that should never be tolerated by anyone because everyone deserves a life free from abuse.

The Moultrie County State’s Attorney’s Office recognizes October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and is hosting a training this year: **Responding to Domestic Violence: From the Living Room to the Court Room.** The training will be held October 12, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and is open to Law Enforcement, DCFS Case Workers, Probation Officers, Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, CAC, and Prosecutor-based Advocates. Trainings like this are vital to provide the best possible services to victims of domestic violence and their children.

Moultrie County CADV members will be traveling throughout the county

to put up signs, flyers, and brochures in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Thanks to all for your continued support of the Moultrie County Dove Domestic Violence Program. You Truly make a difference!

Piatt County

Andrea Kocher, Coordinantor



On September 14, 2022, the Piatt County Dove office participated in the IMPACT Coalition Community Scavenger Hunt. Our location required Monticello Jr. High and High School students to scan a QR code that was displayed on our office door. The QR code took them to the Dove, Inc. website, and the scavenger hunt app required the youth also to take a photo proving they had come to the office.

NEWS

from the Domestic Violence Program

DeWitt County

Jennifer Tolladay, Coordinator

Happy October everyone!! As you may know, October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. During the month of October we at Dove like to take this opportunity to share information and educate folks on Domestic Abuse. Here are a few important facts.

- October was first declared as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month in 1989. Since then, October has been a time to acknowledge domestic violence survivors and be a voice for its victims.
- The National Network to End Domestic Violence defines DV as a pattern of physical, sexual, emotional, economic, or psychological abuse committed by a partner with the intent of exerting power and control over the victim.
- Physical violence is often accompanied by emotionally abusive and controlling behavior as part of a much larger, systematic pattern of dominance and control. Domestic violence can result in physical injury, psychological trauma, and even death. The devastating consequences of domestic violence can cross generations and last a lifetime.
- Victims of DV often experience a variety of psychosocial impacts after experiencing violence, including anxiety, depression, and other PTSD symptoms. These symptoms, including an inability to trust others, emotional detachment, sleep disturbances, flashbacks, and suicidal behavior, can negatively impact their day-to-day lives. Isolation from social networks, strained relationships with health providers and employers, and homelessness also occur.

- Domestic violence is prevalent in every community, and affects all people regardless of age, socio-economic status, sexual orientation, gender, race, religion, or nationality.
- According to the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, Rates of reported domestic offenses in 2017 were substantially higher than average in the mostly urban counties of Champaign, Macon, Peoria, Richland, Sangamon, Stephenson, and Warren.
- Prior to the pandemic, 1-in-3 women and 1-in-4 men said they experienced some sort of physical violence from an intimate partner. The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence says on average, nearly 20 people per minute are physically abused by an intimate partner.
- "This year with all of our services; shelter, counseling, we've seen about a 40 - 42% uptick in services." said Amber Killian, Domestic Violence Program Manager with Freedom House Illinois. Killian says victims don't fall under one type of person. "It's across the spectrum. It's men, it's women, it's gender non-conforming, it's nonbinary. It's every gender under that umbrella," she said.
- In Illinois more than 41% of women and nearly 26% of men say they have been victims of domestic violence. That's higher than the national average.
- "If there is not intervention, it escalates over time." said Vickie Smith, President of the Illinois Coalition against Domestic Violence. Those escalations can, in some cases, lead to death. Illinois saw 78 deaths from domestic violence from July 2020 to June 2021.

NEWS

from the Domestic Violence Program

*Shelby County
Susie Kensil, Coordinator*

As the calendar rolls into October, Mother Nature is preparing to don her festive fall finery. The crops in the fields are turning a beautiful gold as they await the harvest. Trees are beginning to lose the vibrant green of summer and beginning to show their glorious reds, yellows, and oranges. As we flip the calendar to October 1st, the color purple will be added to the mix as we begin to observe Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Purple ribbons and purple signs will help to bring awareness as we mourn the victims of domestic violence and celebrate the survivors and people who work daily to alleviate the problem. Domestic violence is not just something that affects the victims, it is a crime against the state. If you see or hear something suspicious any month of the year, please report it to law enforcement. You very well might save a life.



*Your gift will ensure that
services can continue.
Please give generously.*

*Dove, Inc.
302 S. Union, Decatur, IL 62522*

*or donate online at
doveinc.org*

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 at the door, you will need to show your ID.**
- **We will bring your food to the door.**
- **We also have diapers if you have a little one in your household - child must be living in the household.**
- **We do request that if someone is already at the door receiving food, you stay in your vehicle until it is your turn.**
- **We are doing all we can to abide by the social distancing**

RSVP News

Seeking Coordinator to lead in DeWitt County RSVP Program

Dove is seeking an individual to lead our DeWitt County RSVP Program. This Coordinator's job is a 20-hour a week position located at our Clinton office.

Main job responsibilities include assisting our RSVP Volunteers in DeWitt County to find meaningful volunteer opportunities at the many volunteer stations. Individuals must be familiar with the DeWitt County area and be able to learn the volunteer needs of the many stations serving the community.

This Coordinator works as part of a 3 person team serving DeWitt and Macon Counties.

If you're interested, please see doveinc.org
for a thorough job description, or reach out to Angie Williams at
217.428.6616
or by email at awilliams@doveinc.org



*As Halloween approaches,
please think about picking up
a big bag or two of candy
for stocking stuffers
for our teens at
Christmas Care & Share
and dropping it off at
302 S. Union St., Decatur
Monday – Friday
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.*



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.

New users will need to create an account which requires some basic information, a valid email address and a rewards card.

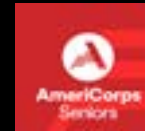
If you do not yet have a rewards card, the cards are available at the customer service desk at any Kroger.



***And Thanks to all
who support Dove in this way!***



RSVP Volunteer Opportunities



Volunteer Opportunities – Macon County

Dove's Children's Clothing Room is looking to add more RSVP Volunteers to rotate the schedule. We like to have 2 volunteers at a time. Our current hours are Mondays and Wednesdays, 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. and is located at Central Christian Church, 650 W. William Street. We are looking to add Tuesdays and/or Thursdays; let us know if you could help on those afternoons too. If you have any questions or would be available, please call 217.428.6616 and ask for Kathy Walters or Angie Williams.

We have a new partnership with **Mt. Zion United Methodist Church**, located at 1220 W Main. They are looking for volunteers to help with their **food pantry** on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. and the 3rd Saturday from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. If you are interested in assisting, please contact Earleen at 217.864.4813 for more information.

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). If you're interested, you have one more chance of becoming a CASA advocate this year. Their last training for 2022 begins November 10 and runs through December 6. CASA advocates provide children in foster homes with a voice in the community and the court system. It's a 10 – 15 hour a month commitment and includes meeting with a child or children who have been removed from their family of origin due to abuse or neglect and making written recommendations on the case for the court system. If you are interested in changing a child's life, reach out to Lori at CASA at 217.428.8424.

CHELP is seeking a volunteer on Mondays from 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to help answer phones and greet people in the reception area. Computer skills NOT needed. Volunteers should contact Julie Walker at 217.422.9888 for more information.

Scovill Zoo has yearly volunteer training classes beginning in February. These classes are held once a week on Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to noon for 10 weeks. In these classes volunteers review basic zoology and background info on the animals here at the zoo. Volunteers can learn how to give a guided tour to school kids, how to do exhibit interpretation for zoo guests, and how to do a mobile zoo presentation. Anyone who is interested should reach out to Lizzie Van Ert at 217.421.7435 or email her at evanert@decparcs.com. Volunteer applications are located on the zoo's website at <https://www.decatour-parks.org/scovill-zoo/volunteer/>

The **American Red Cross** is seeking volunteers in Macon County to be Blood Donor Ambassadors. This opportunity includes meeting and greeting people, thanking them for their donations, and making sure to give them cookies and drinks after they've donated blood. Becoming a Red Cross volunteer also means opportunities for free classes in things such as hands only CPR, NARCAN training, active shooter response training, and disaster preparedness classes. If interested, please contact Dawn at 309.210.8819.

Macon County Conservation District (MCCD) is looking for volunteer hike leaders. There will be a training session on October 20, 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. at Rock Springs. If you enjoy nature and working with kids, this might be the opportunity for you. Walks usually last an hour, with leisurely paces for

about ½ mile for the hikes. It's a wonderful way to get out and discover nature with children. Please reach out to Jenny Garver at 217.423.7708 to discuss options and opportunities for any of the MCCD volunteer roles.

We also have a new partnership with the **Alzheimer's Association**. They have many volunteer opportunities, including leading support groups, helping raise awareness on Alzheimer's and dementia, and community education. There is some training involved with these opportunities, provided at no cost to volunteers. No computer experience is necessary. If you're interested in learning more, reach out to Stacy Kelly at 217.801.9356 or by email at stkelly@alz.org.

Volunteer Opportunities – Dewitt County

Peace Meals is still seeking volunteer drivers to deliver meals to homebound seniors in Clinton and Farmer City. Delivery routes usually take an hour or two to complete and may be the only healthy meal the senior receives that day. If you would like to know more, call Karen at 309.825.6186 or email her at karen.a.herbsleb@osfhealthcare.org.

The **Dove, Inc. Food pantry** is always seeking volunteers to assist with unloading the truck full of food the first Thursday of each month, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you're able to help, please reach out to Jennifer at 217.935.6619.

*Help us collect
kids costumes for
fun fall events!*



Dove is collecting gently used costumes for families with young children to have for upcoming fall events!

We will be collecting items at the Dove office, through October 28, M-F, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Families can choose from the free donated costumes, during Dove's Food Pantry open hours.

to select items:

Dove, Inc.
803 W. Leander
Clinton
Thursdays

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


Dove, Inc.
217.935.6619
dove@doveinc.org

*Sharing for the
City of Decatur!*

*Neighborhood Services
Coordinator, LeAnn Ellis, is
on one of the committees for this
exciting new initiative!*

THE CITY OF DECATUR PRESENTS

JASPER STREET FEST

Celebrate the coming of Fall, meet with your neighbors, and grab a taste of Decatur!

The City of Decatur is beginning a new *Great Streets Great Neighborhoods* capacity-building process to improve the safety and beautification along Jasper Street. We want to hear your thoughts on how to revitalize neighborhoods along Jasper Street between E Pershing Rd. and E Lake Shore Dr.

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Family-Friendly Activities
Live DJ • Games • Food Trucks
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