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“Desserts with Dove”

in recognition of
Dove's 52nd Anniversary

Thursday, July 28, 2022
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
302 S. Union, Decatur.

We are inviting community members/
volunteers/agency contacts/friends to stop by
after their lunch for a Sweet Treat Dessert, meet
new staff, visit with long time staff, see staff who
are in new leadership roles, and find out about
events coming up at Dove!

A few things to consider to help us in this 52nd year:

- keep us in your monthly or yearly donation plan
- check into volunteer training opportunities - especially for this fall
- like our page on facebook - then share our posts to your thoughtful friends
- come to the Continuum of Care Advisory Council Meetings
- follow us on twitter - retweet our posts
- forward this newsletter to your friends
- keep up to date on the issues of homelessness and domestic violence
- read our website
- encourage your 55+ year old family members and friends to join RSVP
- donate new socks and underwear to the Children's Clothing Room
- send those needing assistance to DFA
- send those in DeWitt County needing help with food to the pantry
- encourage those who might need assistance with domestic violence to call one of our hotlines
- memorize the hotline numbers to share when there is a need
- donate items for use by the Homeward Bound Clients
- donate items for use by the Domestic Violence Program
- donate items for the service project hosted by RSVP
- attend our special events
- consider becoming part of an Advisory Council Committee
- contact our elected officials and ask them to continue to support Dove and the issues we try to tackle
- send those who qualify for Warm Neighbors/Cool Friends to the DFA office for assistance
- encourage those with outgrown children's clothing to donate to the Children's Clothing Room
- pray for clients' needs and volunteers and staff who keep trying to do the work to the best of their ability each and every day

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.

Leadership Team

Darsonya Switzer, Executive Director

Barbara Blakey, Director of Volunteers & Community Relations

Liz Mackey, Domestic Violence Program Director

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, Jennifer Tolladay, Coordinator

Domestic Violence Program

Liz Mackey, Program Director

Jennifer Tolladay, DeWitt County Coordinator

Becky Comstock, Moultrie County Coordinator

Susie Kensil, Shelby County Coordinator

Andrea Kocher, Piatt County Coordinator

Homeward Bound, Vacant

Neighborhood Services Program, LeAnn Ellis, Coordinator

RSVP • Retired & Senior Volunteer Program

Angie Williams, RSVP Program Director

VACANT, RSVP DeWitt County Coordinator



From the Director's Desk -

Sometimes I am completely amazed at how full-circle life can be. Most of you may not know this, but my love of Dove started when I was a child learning to sew. Back then, I had no idea that Dove's community-rooted foundation would have such a profound influence on me. The impact was mighty and helped develop my servant's heart. I was drawn back to the agency in the late 1990's, being hired as a case manager for the Homeward Bound program.

The agency board members, leadership team, other staff and volunteer advocacy efforts and compassion, have greatly inspired me throughout the years! It is my complete pleasure to now be charged with upholding the mission of the agency, to exemplify compassionate advocacy and to continue carrying out the vision of Ray Batman. I am sincerely and humbly honored to be the Dove, Inc. Executive Director and am looking forward to a bright future!

Thanks,

Darsonya Switzer

Dove, Inc. Executive Director

Join our team at Dove!
Please review the most current
job openings listed on our website
www.doveinc.org

Two Great Volunteer Training Opportunities!

Beginning Awareness Basic Education Studies



Volunteer Training

**Tuesday, August 23
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Pre-registration is required by
Wednesday, August 10.**

**Please contact Barb Blakey,
Director of Volunteers & Community Relations
217.428.6616 • bblakey@doveinc.org**

Domestic Violence Education & Volunteer Training

Fall 2022 Schedule

**Monday through Thursday Evenings
5:00 to 9:00 p.m.
September 19 through October 5
at our
302 S. Union offices, Decatur**

Registration opportunities will open on July 11, 2022. To start the registration process, please call Barb Blakey, Director of Volunteers and Community Relations at 217.428.6616, between July 11 and September 9.

Following the registration interview, needed forms will be sent to participating individuals. Class size is limited and slots are filled as the needed paperwork and training fee is returned. All forms and training fee of \$200 need to be to Dove by September 12.

*Start considering the good you can do
by becoming a Certified Volunteer.*

News from Homeward Bound

Staff have been working to engage and house **27** 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. **Six** 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 **699** 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

HOME 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, IL 62521
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 of July, 1:30 p.m.

Check our social sites or call 217.428.6616 for 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.



Our Christmas Care and Share Program is scheduled and we will begin setup and work at St. Paul's Lutheran Church (1 Bachrach Court) on Friday, December 2. We will do prep work (counting, sorting, marking out UPC codes, shopping, etc.) December 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, and then complete distribution on December 13, 14, 15, 16. We will be working the hours between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. If you're able to help any of those days, please do!

We will need as many volunteers as we can get, especially during distribution days. We're so very glad to be partnering with Northeast Community Fund, Salvation Army, Toys for Tots, and St. Paul's again this year. Stay tuned for more information! For any questions regarding Christmas Care & Share, call Angie at 217.428.6616.

ALL THE BEST TAMMY!



Board President Mandi Podeschi presented a plaque to Tamara Wilcox, former Executive Director, at her last Board of Directors Meeting on June 27. All the best to Tammy as she starts a new job as the Macon County Administrator!

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Neighborhood Services Program

Sharing News About The Neighborhoods!

While at an event in June, I was introduced to a young leader and Millikin University student, Lee'Vonte K; a communications major, minoring in sociology. He is actively making a difference by coming alongside the youth in his current position as a camp counselor at a local sports center and attending various community events to see where he may be able to further serve. He sees the power of positive connection and wants to do all he is able to make those types of connections and in his own words, "bring those who are like minded along with him in the process." I believe a young man like this in our midst shines hope for the future!

The Ray Batman building dedication was a heartfelt event that brought a touching blend of laughter and tears. While the weather beautiful, the day overall was filled with bittersweet hope and excitement for the future of all that Ray's heart sowed into this agency known as Dove, Inc. I am very grateful to have been there to witness this dedication to such a deserving man who had lived so humbly, letting all know of Dove's strong foundation.

Three Dove staff from the Union St. office, including myself, attended the Poverty Simulation at RCC. We encountered two of our Homeward Bound office co-workers while there. The activities of the day were made lighthearted in the moment. However, the depth of the simulation became clear in the discussion that followed as various perspectives were shared. Each of these takeaways helped us to better understand the hardship and difficulty that many face on a regular basis and furthered discussion of the possibilities for change!

Looking forward on the calendar in July, among other events and meetings, is a discussion with city staff concerning an upcoming exciting Decatur neighborhood project.

Coalition Of
Neighborhood Organizations

CONO Meeting

Tuesday, July 19
(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

Dove Financial Assistance

DFA has been busy processing applications for the Covid City Grant, which came to an end at the end of June. At the time of writing this we were able to assist 234 households with almost \$984,000 in just this past fiscal year!!! A lot of people have been impacted by covid and this grant from the city of Decatur allowed us to help these people through their financial hardship. I have only been doing this for a short time, since I only started in April, but to be able to hear the impact we have had on these families has been so heartwarming. Charvelle Dees, DFA Program Specialist, shares a story of a woman that had three kids, her power had been off for two days and she didn't know she had qualified for the covid city grant. Charvelle said that "to be able to help her was a good feeling of accomplishment that day as the impact was immediate."

DFA has also been busy with other types of assistance that weren't specific to the Covid City Grant and were able to assist 282 households this past fiscal year! That assistance would not have been possible without the donations from all of our supporters, so thank you for supporting DFA!

We would also like to thank Northeast Community Fund for letting us utilize office space in their building. We have developed a great working partnership together so that we are able to help the community in the best way possible. Our working relationship with Northeast Community Fund will not end, but our location for DFA will be changing as we envision the future for DFA. Watch for updates to our sites in August!



DFA will also have a fundraising day at Monical's Pizza at all three locations around Macon County on August 8. Keep an eye out for the flyer so that you can enjoy pizza while also supporting DFA!

***August 8, 2022
all day!***

Join us at one of the
Monical's Pizza location listed below!

- 348 W. First Drive in Decatur
- 2230 S. Mt Zion Rd. in Decatur
- 4333 Prospect Drive in Decatur

*needed flyer will be available on
our website and social media*



Thanks to all who shared the day with us on June 11, 2022 as we dedicated our 788 E. Clay Building as the Ray Baman Center for Social Justice. We have been blessed by those who donated to the project and the friends and family who joined us that morning. Here are a few pictures highlighting the event.





You can now 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.



Dove Food Pantry



Thursdays

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

803 W. Leander, Clinton

The Dove Food Pantry in Clinton is in need of volunteers with trucks to drive to Bloomington once a month to help get the food and transport it to the food pantry. We also are in need of volunteers to help unload the trucks and organize and put the food away. Here are the dates we need drivers for the remainder of the year:

- August 4
- September 1
- October 6
- November 3
- December 8

If you are interested in helping us out, please contact Jennifer Tolladay at 217.935.6619 for times and further details.

Thank you!

- 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 guidelines.

NEWS

from the Domestic Violence Program

Macon County

Liz Mackey, Program Director

We believe that this community is ready for the next step in community collaboration to end domestic violence. Despite where we come from or the protocols under which we've always operated, we now realize that we must begin to meet on neutral ground to achieve the victory that everyone is aiming for. We all have a longing for a community of peace. A community where atrocities like domestic violence, much less all forms of community violence, will not only be considered unacceptable, but that we as community members will band together, bring the darkness out into the light, protect those needing protected, and hold accountable those who actively choose to bring pain and abuse and terror to those that they should love the most. It is time that we band together as community members and professionals and say no more to domestic violence. It's about creating bridges where chasms once stood. It's about having meaningful and tough conversations where silence and politics have held the microphone. We all have a part to play in ending domestic violence in our community. Historically we let the domestic violence programs deal with the survivors on one end, and we let the justice system deal with the perpetrators on the other end. Two worlds acting mildly in sync depending

on how healthy some of those bridges were in each community, some significantly better than others. But real, systemic, cultural change in our society will never happen unless everyone is on board.

Shelby County

Susie Kensil, Coordinator

Thank you to the United Women in Faith (formerly United Methodist Women) for the donation of grooming products for our clients. Your continued support of our program is appreciated. We are happy to welcome Molly Tenuto, director of Dove Financial Assistance (DFA), to Shelbyville. Molly will be having office hours in the Salvation Army office downtown on Main Street on a part-time basis. The schedule for office hours is not yet definitely set, but it is good to have this program back up and running in Shelby County. Feel free to contact our Domestic Violence office if you have questions about DFA. Our phone number is 217.774.3121.

Piatt County

Liz Mackey, Coordinator

Andrea Kocher is the new Piatt County Coordinator with Dove's Domestic Violence Program. Kocher began her service with Dove in May of 2022 and formerly served as a prevention specialist at the Piatt County Mental Health Center.

Kocher has been a member of the greater Monticello community for more than seven years and says she is looking forward to meeting the needs of those seeking services in Piatt County.

She has her Bachelor's degree in family services from Eastern Illinois University. Her endeavors have allowed her to previously work for more than five years as a 911 dispatcher in Moultrie County and five years as case manager with the Redeploy Illinois program in Macon County. Dove has been the service provider for Piatt County since the mid-1980's. The Dove Domestic Violence Program is located at 100 W. Washington Street, Suite 102, in Monticello and offers comprehensive services to victims of domestic abuse and their children. Services include a 24-hour hotline; individual and group counseling for adults and children, legal advocacy, and children's programming.

Moultrie County

Becky Comstock, Coordinator

At Dove, our services are free and confidential. Our Domestic Violence advocates respect confidentiality. All discussions occur in private, and no information is ever shared. Dove advocates listen and believe victim's experiences and acknowledge their feelings. They let victims of domestic

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from the Domestic Violence Program

Moultrie County Cont.

violence know they are not alone. A Dove advocate acknowledges injustice and let their victims know the violence perpetrated against them is not their fault. A Dove domestic violence advocate informs people of their rights and options and respects their right to make the decision that best suits their situation and life because they know the victim is the expert of their own life. A Dove domestic violence advocate can help a victim safety plan and find them a safe place to go if they need to escape in an emergency. A Dove domestic violence advocate knows the resources in their community and provides victims access to available programs. At Dove we empower victims, survivors, and their children to ensure they live a happy and healthy life free from abuse. No one deserves to be abused. If you or someone you know is experiencing abuse and in need of advocacy, please call the hotline at 217.728.9334.

Moultrie County Dove office accepts donations of toiletries and hygiene products (such as: shampoo, conditioner, soap, body wash, deodorant, razors, feminine hygiene products, toothpaste, & toothbrushes.) Victims of domestic violence are often forced to leave their home due to the violence and have no choice but to leave all their belongings.

Moultrie County Dove office also accepts donations of baby items (such as: diapers, baby powder, baby wash & wet wipes.) Baby items can often be expensive, and victims of domestic violence often rely on their abuser's income, especially after just having a baby. Things like finding employment, getting court ordered child support or getting TANF can take some time, SNAP benefits will not cover the cost of these items, so we keep them on hand.

Group services are currently being held on Thursday evenings at 5:00 p.m. Dinner is provided. Those wishing to attend or know someone who could benefit from group services should call 217.728.9303.

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

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

or donate online
at doveinc.org



**To learn more about becoming
a Dove Member Congregation,
please contact
Barb Blakey,
Director of Volunteers
& Community Relations,
at 217.428.6616
or dove@doveinc.org**

RSVP Volunteer Opportunities

BABES, Macon and Dewitt Counties

Do you like working with children? BABES might be an excellent choice for a new volunteer experience. BABES utilizes puppets to teach children K-3rd grade positive living skills. There is an upcoming training for potential volunteers on August 23 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Dove. If interested, please contact Barb Blakey or Sandy Laesch at 217.428.6616.

Food Pantry, Dewitt County

Volunteers are needed in Dewitt County at the Dove office to help with the unloading of a food truck and to assist with the food pantry on the following days from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Thursdays, August 4, September 1, October 6, November 3, and December 8.

We are also in need of volunteers (preferably with a truck) to drive to Bloomington to the Midwest Food Bank to pick up food on those days. We have a wonderful couple (huge shoutout to Jim and Donna Hall) who have been doing it regularly, but we would love to rotate folks to give them a break occasionally. If you can help, please call Angie at 217.428.6616.

DMH Hospice, Macon County

Volunteers are needed to provide companionship, do grocery runs, pick up prescriptions, and provide respite to caregivers

(no medical skills needed – hospice volunteers are not allowed to provide medical assistance) for those on hospice. You can set your own hours and volunteer as much or as little as you're able and willing. For more information, contact Angie at Dove at 217.428.6616.

Decatur Public Library, Macon County

The biggest need here is for volunteers to work in the Local History Room. Making displays, digitizing information, assisting patrons in their research using microfilm, working in databases, processing new materials that are donated, and more. If interested in this opportunity, contact Becky Dampitz for more information at rdampitz@decaturlibrary.org or call and ask for her at 217.424.2900.

Decatur Macon County Senior Center

Volunteers are needed to help in the thrift store from Monday – Fridays, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., especially if you're able to run

a cash register. If interested, call Winnie Brewer at 217.429.1239. Volunteers are also needed to call Bingo on Tuesdays and Fridays. If this is something that catches your interest, please reach out to Chuck at the same phone number.

Habitat For Humanity, Decatur

Habitat for Humanity needs people to greet clients and customers at their resale shop, to help restage/rearrange the store, to sort donations, to make small repairs to donated items such as engines, to test and make sure electronic donations work properly and that all parts are there when things are donated. If interested in any of these opportunities, please reach out to Stephanie Stukins at 217.425.6446.

Rock Springs Nature Center Volunteer Librarian, Macon County

The library relocation project has wrapped up and we are looking for volunteers to help in our new location. Volunteers assist with checking out and reshelving books as well as maintaining our library collection. Our library is a great resource for educational programming and is open to the public. Morning and afternoon shifts are available. This opportunity is for ages 18 and up. For more information, or to sign up, contact Jenny Garver (JGarver@Macon-CountyConservation.org; 217-423-7708).



RSVP Volunteer Opportunities

STARR Farm, Macon County

Have you heard of STARR Farm? It is a nonprofit organization that uses therapeutic horseback riding to help children with disabilities. Sitting on 10 acres of land, it is entirely volunteer staffed, and volunteers are needed to help feed and groom the horses, to clean the horse stalls, to rake the arena, to pick up sticks and do general yard maintenance. This would be a perfect opportunity for a teen in need of community service hours, or an RSVP volunteer who loves being outside, and for anyone who loves working with animals. If you're interested, please reach out to Cheryl Smith at 217.864.2463.

Scovill Zoo, Macon County

Scovill Zoo needs volunteers to run the carousel and the train, especially on the weekends. There are also opportunities for helping in the petting zoo, talking about a specific animal in front of an exhibit, the mobile zoo (training required!), giving guided tours to school kids, and helping with special events such as Boo at the Zoo. Anyone who is interested should reach out to Lizzie Van Ert at 217.421.7435.



American Red Cross, Macon County

If you're looking for an opportunity to help people in need, you might check into all the things that the American Red Cross is doing. Helping with blood drives by greeting people and thanking them for their time and donation, helping be a touch point for those in the armed forces, presenting workshops to recruits, their families, and their children, providing food and water to first responders when they are on fire calls, offering blankets and teddy bears to children after a disaster such as a fire or tornado, and much more. If interested, please reach out to Angie or Kathy at Dove at 217.428.6616.

Northeast Community Fund, Macon County

Volunteers are needed to assist in stocking the food shelves, particularly on Mondays in the mornings and afternoons, Tuesday afternoons, and Thursday afternoons. Other needs in the food department are providing carryout for clients, pointing out what

items they can receive from each section, and light cleaning. If interested, contact Josh at 217.429.5846.

Volunteers are also needed to help sort clothes, collect donations at the door. If interested in helping with the clothes, reach out to Lillie at 217.429.5846. The only requirements are dependability, friendliness, and the ability to have a positive attitude even if those you're serving don't share that positivity.

CASA, Macon County

If you want to make a difference in the lives of children, CASA might be right for you. CASA's goals are to help reunify families who are separated due to a variety of circumstances. The children you would be advocating for are in foster homes. Children are assigned an advocate who meets with them regularly (8 – 10 hours a month) to see how they are doing and find out what their needs are. It is about having a relationship and being a positive influence on a child or children who are in need, so they don't fall through the cracks. There is a required 30-hour training, but you will not go through the training or the work alone. A CASA advocacy supervisor assists you every step of the way. If interested, reach out to Lori McDaniel for more information at 217.428.8424.

Dove Financial Assistance

***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.***

RSVP News

Attention RSVP Volunteers:

Please mark your calendars for our first in-person volunteer recognition luncheon since 2019! We will be hosting the event on Thursday, August 25, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1 Bachrach Court, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. It will be 50's and 60's themed! We will provide food, prizes, and entertainment – including a costume contest for those who choose to wear their 50's and 60's attire. (You do not HAVE to dress up for this but if you want to, we certainly encourage you to do so!)

If you plan to attend, please RSVP by August 12 at noon to Angie Williams or Kathy Walters at 217.428.6616.

From Kathy Walters, RSVP Macon County Coordinator:

I was able to go to the National Service Summit this year in Springfield, Illinois. It was a great day to learn about all that these programs Serve Illinois, IDHS (Illinois Department of Human Services), and AmeriCorps provide and how important they are to Illinois, and how important volunteerism is.

I met a lot of great people. In meeting these people, we were able to educate each other on our programs, about what is going on in our communities, as well as gaining and sharing new ideas. In writing this, I ask myself what I took home from this day: No matter where we were from, our ages, backgrounds, etc., we all had one thing in common: love for people and helping one another.

Best of luck to Kim McCormick who was the DeWitt County Coordinator for RSVP. Kim's last day was June 23. Kim took on additional work with her other part time job, which worked out best for Kim and her family.

RSVP & Faith in Action will co-host a "Lunch and Learn" on Wednesday, July 27, from Noon to 1:00 p.m. at Dove in the Dean Simcox Room for those who are interested in learning about ways they can volunteer to help homebound seniors. Those interested must RSVP to Angie or Kathy from Dove by noon on July 15. There is only space for up to 25 individuals, so please RSVP quickly to make sure you get a seat. Lunch will be catered by Good Samaritan Inn.

217.428.6616

Dove Financial Assistance

Helping with emergency financial assistance

for families/individuals in need

for all counties: DFA@doveinc.org or 217.433.7435

in-person sites: see below

Macon County Site:

Northeast Community Fund, 839 N. MLK, Jr. Drive, Decatur

Monday through Thursday

9:00 to 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

217.619.9108 or DFA@doveinc.org

Please note: DFA's last day at NECF will be Thursday, July 21.

(DFA will be closed the week of July 25-29)

Please watch for new location(s) on our website - doveinc.org -
and in the August *DoveTales*.

Shelby County Site:

Salvation Army Building, 133 E. Main St, Shelbyville

1st Thursday of the Month

3rd Tuesday of the Month

9:30 to 11:30 a.m. (from now through August)

DFA@doveinc.org or 217.433.7435

Moultrie County Site:

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

1st and 3rd Wednesday of the Month

9:00 to 11:00 a.m. (from now through August)

DFA@doveinc.org or 217.433.7435

Piatt County Site:

Watch for a fall start date location

DFA@doveinc.org or 217.433.7435

DeWitt County Site:

803 W. Leander, Clinton

DFA@doveinc.org or 217.433.7435



Macon County:

Site: Northeast Community Fund

839 N. MLK, Jr. Dr., Decatur

Monday through Thursday

9:00 to 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

DeWitt and Piatt Counties:

217.619.9108 or DFA@doveinc.org

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 - \$2,146	\$2,148 - \$4,033
2	\$0 - \$2,994	\$2,904 - \$4,608
3	\$0 - \$3,660	\$3,661 - \$5,183
4	\$0 - \$4,416	\$4,418 - \$5,758
5	\$0 - \$5,174	\$5,174 - \$6,221
6	\$0 - \$5,930	\$5,931 - \$6,683
7	\$0 - \$6,590	\$6,591 - \$7,142
8	\$0 - \$6,737	\$6,738 - \$7,604

- 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 in the box
- Applicant can receive WNCF assistance only once per heating season, which is 10/1 to 5/31 each year and once per cooling season, 6/1 to 9/30
- 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)



*Thanks to members of the Decatur Running Club, who made a generous donation of items needed by use in the Shelter in June. We are so grateful to DRC for thinking of us and for making the stay in the Shelter more comfortable for the clients.
Jen Jostes seen here with representative for the DRC.*

Domestic Violence Program Shelter Needs

- vinyl gloves (size medium, large, & XL)
- Clorox wipes
- aerosol disinfectant spray
- Pull-Ups
- strollers (can be umbrella type)
- new full-size bath towels
- new nightshirts- womens, all sizes
- gas gift cards
- Walmart gift cards
- ALDI gift cards
- disposable cups
- snacks
- juice boxes
- non-drowsy allergy medications (Zyrtec, Claritin)
- pregnancy tests
- lice treatment kits
- Vaseline
- African-American hair care products
- hair grease
- natural bristle hair brushes
- nylon bristle hair brushes
- Orajel