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*Candlelighting Ceremonies
in recognition of*

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Please join us for one or all of these events:

Shelby County - Thursday, October 7, 7:00 p.m.
First Assembly of God Church, 108 S. Oak, Shelbyville

DeWitt County - Thursday, October 14, 6:00 p.m.
Presbyterian Church, 402 N. Center St., Clinton

Macon County - Tuesday, October 19, 7:00 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church, 204 W. Prairie, Decatur

Moultrie County - Thursday, October 21, 6:00 p.m.
First Christian Church, 1357 DR 1200 E, Sullivan

Piatt County - Tuesday, October 12, 7:00 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church, 214 S. Charter, Monticello

We still have a long way to go

Teri Ducy
Domestic Violence Program Director

As we enter the month of October, nationally recognized as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, advocates and programs from around the world will be hosting events to provide education of the traumatic effects domestic violence has caused to victims, and the impact it has made on their children, family members and communities.

Each year, as I contemplate what to say, I struggle with the basic fact that I always come back to – and that is, that no matter how far we have come in this fight against this horrific unjustifiable crime, we still have a very long way to go!

In just Decatur, for the time period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, the Decatur Police Department received 5,111 domestic violence calls for service, made 694 Domestic Battery arrests and 88 Aggravated Domestic Battery Arrests. Dove's Domestic Violence Program, which covers the 5 counties of Macon, Moultrie, Piatt, Shelby and DeWitt provided services to 699 adults, 109 children, and answered 3,806 hotline calls. We provided

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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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3,936 days of shelter and assisted in 377 Orders of Protection.

Take into consideration – in this past year being challenged by COVID, and the fact that this was an even more dangerous time for victims of domestic violence since they were having to stay inside with their abusers for extended periods of time due to the guidelines of the Pandemic, our data shows just how needed our services are! And – these are only the ones who contacted us; it doesn't include all those who were not able to do so or don't even know we are available.

When you read about or hear a story about domestic violence, what goes through your mind? Do you begin to ask questions such as “why don't they just leave?” OR “my partner would never hit me” OR “I sure would not allow that” OR “what did that person do to cause them to hurt them?” OR “how many times is it going to take?” OR “there's no marks, what do you mean “abuse”?” Have you ever thought any of these things? Well – you are not alone. But it's time to ask the right questions and say the right things!! “Why do they abuse someone?” “Why aren't perpetrators held accountable?” “There is no justifiable reason for someone to be abused.” “Abusers choose who they are abusing.” “Abuse is NOT a sickness; it is a learned behavior.”

The fact is no one should be subjected to the terror, fear, shame and humiliation that comes from an abusive relationship. Leaving these

relationships is not easy, in fact, that is the most dangerous time.

I would ask that you consider how you want to contribute to taking a stand against domestic violence. What can you do? Do you know someone who is in an unhealthy relationship or have you seen warning signs? Do you know how to connect them to your local domestic violence program? Have you witnessed a friend or family member being abusive? What did you do? Did you just step back with the thought that “It's not my business. I don't want to get involved.” What if that person being hurt is someone you love and care about?

We all need to take the time to educate ourselves about how to support friends or family members who are fighting to free themselves from the trap of abuse that they have been subjected to. We need to take the time and be intentional - share with them that there are options, and you are concerned for their safety. Dove's 24-hour hotline is 217.423.2238.

Join us on Tuesday, October 19 at 7:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 204 W. Prairie, Decatur, IL for our Annual Candlelighting Ceremony. This is a very powerful event where we recognize victims and survivors of domestic violence through prayer, music, poetry and speakers. Come and take a stand against this terrible crime that is happening on a daily basis in our community. Let's fill every pew in the church and join in unity for a more peaceful approach – after all – violence never solves violence!!

30th Annual Coats for Kids!



October 13 through November 30

The 2021 Coats for Kids drive will begin October 13! 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 feed.

Thanks to the RSVP volunteers who help to 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!
(Please check our media sites for additional collection sites closer to event start date.)

Collection Sites:

Decatur Family YMCA
220 W. McKinley

Kroger
Brettwood 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

NEWS

from the Domestic Violence Program

Shelby County Susie Kensil, Coordinator

Please remember to join us at our Candlelighting Ceremony on October 7, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at First Assembly of God Church, 108 South Pine Street, Shelbyville. Please come to show your support as we come together to honor and remember victims and survivors of domestic abuse.

Congratulations to Shelby County's new Sheriff, Sean McQueen. Sean has been acting in an interim role but was appointed this month to complete the current term. Sean has been a longtime friend of our program and we are delighted to continue working with him in this new role.

Moultrie County Becky Comstock, Coordinator

Throughout the month of October, Candlelighting Ceremonies are being held in recognition of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. These special events are bringing people together to remember those who have suffered because of violence. It is also to honor those who have survived a life of oppression, fear, and physical danger and who work to build abuse free lives for themselves and their children. We will also honor those who work to end the abuse.

Please join us on Thursday October, 21, 6:00 p.m., at the First Christian Church in Sullivan, 1357 CR 1200 E Sullivan, to continue our stand against domestic violence in Moultrie County and to let victims and survivors know that they are not alone! Together we can strive to have a vision for peace, justice, equality and understanding among all people which promotes safety within our communities.

Moultrie County Thursday night Support Group will not be meeting during the month of October. Instead, we will be traveling to Candlelight Ceremonies in Clinton, Sullivan, and Shelbyville. Group attendees who are interested are encouraged to attend. Moultrie County regular Thursday night Group will resume Thursday, November 4, 5:00 p.m.

Office hours remain 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesday and Fridays, and 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursdays. We provide legal advocacy, individual and group counseling, referrals, domestic violence education, shelter, and a 24-hr hotline. If you suspect that someone you care about is being abused, call our 24-hour hotline at 217.728.9334. All services are free and confidential and provided in a safe and non-judgmental environment.

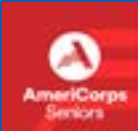
DeWitt County Jennifer Tolladay, Coordinator

The Dewitt County Program is in need of Committee Against Domestic Violence members. If you know of anyone empathetic and caring, and who is looking for a fulfilling way to volunteer their time to the community and assist victims of abuse, please contact Jennifer at 217.935.6619. The Committee assists with fundraising and client activities throughout the year. It doesn't require a great deal of time - just a compassionate heart.

Piatt County

October is Domestic Violence Awareness month. The Piatt County Domestic Violence Program will be having their annual Candlelighting Ceremony to honor domestic violence victims on October 12, 7:00 p.m. at a local Church.

Also, during October, to show support for Dove and Domestic Violence Services, the yard signs will be going out again. If you would like one to place in your yard, please email lmackey@doveinc.org and it will be delivered to you. We continue to assist with Orders of Protection, domestic violence counseling, information, referrals, and education classes. Please contact the office with any questions at 217.762.2122.



News from RSVP!



Volunteer Organizational League
(V.O.L.)

VOL members are using the Zoom platform for monthly meetings. Jenna Ward, U of I Extension 4-H Office, has graciously offered to host the meetings. Our next virtual meeting will be on Tuesday, October 12th at noon. For more information, or to receive a link on the VOL, call Charlie Gillaspie at 217.428.6616 or Jenny Garver at 217.423.7708.

Coupons for Military Families Overseas

To date, with your help, RSVP has been able to send 3,130,363 coupons to Military families stationed overseas. We want to thank you for your continued support from collecting, cutting, sorting, and monetary. We appreciate you all.

If you would like more information on this project, give Charlie Gillaspie a call at 217.428.6616.

Our sincere thanks to the members of the Decatur Police Department and the Macon County Sheriff Department.



Dove had the opportunity to show our appreciation to the Decatur Police Department and Macon County Sheriff Department by offering a free chicken dinner, at our recent fundraiser!

Thanks to Ed Bachrach for the funding to cover the meals!



**Macon County
Continuum of Care**

**Homeless Advisory
Council Meeting**

**Thursday
November 11, 2021**

1:30 p.m.

**Decatur Public Library
Elizabeth Madden
Auditorium**

Please plan to attend!

*Thanks to all who took part in our
Nelson Chicken Dinner Fundraiser!*

*We thank you for your support of our
clients and volunteers in our program
AND we hope you enjoyed your meal as
much as we enjoyed ours!*

*Thanks to the volunteers and staff who
pitched in to make the event a success!*

*Thanks to our neighbors, First Evangelical
Lutheran Church, for being our host site!*



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.



**Coalition of
Neighborhood Organizations**

**CONO Meeting
Tuesday, October 19,
5:30 p.m.**

**Staley Room
Decatur Public Library
Downtown Decatur**



October is a great time to grab a large bag or two of candy and drop them off at Dove, Inc. Candy makes a great stocking stuffer, especially for our older kids!



News from Homeward Bound

The staff have been working to engage and house 22 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. Four (4) 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 376 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.

Life Skills and Employability

Job Club meet in September a total of 8 sessions, and we are continuing to work on online applications and how to Text to Hire. We always welcome any clientele that are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless to the class.

Upcoming Events

Children Specialist is planning an event for the children to be able to see a live television show in Springfield, Master Chef Life Saturday, October 23, at 7:00 p.m. More to come on this event.

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 who know is experiencing housing instability issues, 217.362.7700 or 217.619.5742.

After much searching and some very kind offers, we're happy to announce that Christmas Care & Share's toy distribution will take place this year at St. Paul's Lutheran Church (1 Bachrach Ct.). The space is perfect and there's more than enough room for everyone to spread out and do our best to keep safe from Covid-19. For that reason, we'll also be requiring staff, volunteers and program participants to wear masks during any time spent in the building. Thank you SO much to St. Paul's for generously offering use of your warehouse for this project!

Since last month, we've had two more schools come aboard, planning to sign up some of their families for assistance: Franklin-Grove Elementary and Montessori Academy for Peace. That brings us to a total of 16 area schools and 13 outside agencies who will be receiving referrals for their families to receive a Christmas basket.

In addition to assisting families with toys and food this year, the planning committee at Dove has decided to collect gifts for seniors in nursing homes. We are very excited to be serving another often-under-served population. We will be collecting and distributing gifts to senior citizens at Decatur Rehab, Heritage in Mt. Zion, and Fair Havens. If all goes well, we may add more facilities to the list next year.

I'm happy to announce that for the fourth year in a row, Project Linus will be making and donating blankets for kids receiving assistance with Christmas Care & Share. They do such tremendous work, and what kid doesn't love and take comfort in a new blanket?

There's still much to be done and a lot of help needed if you want to get involved.



If you are interested in taking up a collection of gifts for seniors, please contact Kathy Walters at Dove, Inc. at 217.428.6616 or email her at kwalters@doveinc.org.

You could take up a collection of warm items such as hats and gloves, or toys, or wrapping paper and tape, or other items, at your place of work, or at your school, or church, or social organization. Money is also always accepted and all proceeds go toward buying things we run short of, such as wrapping paper, gifts for teens, stocking stuffers, etc. If you write a check please be sure to note in the subject line that it's for Christmas Care & Share. October is a great time to grab a large bag or two of candy and drop them off - candy makes a great stocking stuffer, especially for our older kids.

The program also has an Amazon Wishlist, and all items will ship directly to our address: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3R5WP9970SC4X?ref=cm_go_nav_hz. All toys and gifts can be brought to the East entrance of Dove, Inc. (around the back of the building) up through December 2 at noon.

As of December 3, please plan to make any drop off donations at St. Paul's.

We're always happy to have volunteers, as well. We do ask if you have more than a couple of people wanting to volunteer, that you sign up ahead of time so we can make sure we can all stay safe due to Covid. Young Leaders in Action has already reached out to inquire about helping with the program. If your high school student needs volunteer service hours, we're happy to work with them, and the younger folks who've assisted with the program in the past seem to enjoy it and there's always plenty to do.

If you would like to sign up to volunteer, our work dates are as follows:

Friday, December 3 • 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 4 • 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Monday through Friday

December 6 through 10 • 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 11 • 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Monday, December 13 • 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

These days we'll be unloading donations, marking out UPC labels, sorting gifts into gender and age categories, counting gifts, delivering gifts to the nursing home residents, and shopping if we're short of anything.

If you want to assist clients in shopping, please let us know in advance so we have an idea of how many people will be around. Those days are:

Tuesday through Friday

December 14 through 17 • 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

You don't have to work a full day on any day that you volunteer. You are free to come and go as you please!

If you want to sign up to volunteer, have inquiries about the program, would like to adopt a family or families by providing a complete food and gift basket, or have any other questions, please reach out to Angie Williams at Dove, Inc. at 217.428.6616 or email her at awilliams@doveinc.org.

Senior Companion Program

Do you want to help others combat isolation?

No hocus pocus, just a scary good time being a friend to a homebound senior or two. Lift your spirits and theirs and treat them to a friendly visit.

Seeking Senior companions who are 55 years or better and on a limited income.

Ask Kathy how you can earn a non-taxable stipend and travel expenses for your volunteer service to our most vulnerable population.

217.428.6616

Looking to learn more about our Senior Companion Program or Retired and Senior Volunteer Program?

Charlie Gillaspie, RSVP/SCP Director and Kathy Walters, SCP Coordinator would love to come share with your group about National Service with AmeriCorps Seniors.

Call to schedule a speaker for your group today.
217.428.6616



AmeriCorps
Seniors

Your gift will ensure that services can continue.

Please give generously.

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

or donate online at
doveinc.org

Dove Financial Assistance

Helping with emergency financial assistance
for families/individuals in need

**Macon County Site:
Northeast Community Fund
839 N. MLK, Jr. Drive, Decatur**

**Hours:
Monday through Thursday
9:00 to 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.**

**DeWitt, Shelby, Moultrie and Piatt Counties
By appointment, can be reached at
DFA@doveinc.org or 217.619.9108**

**Help is available via phone, fax and email.
217.619.9108
DFA@doveinc.org
217.423.5025 - fax**

**If you'd like to make a donation to this emergency financial program,
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 on the website comment box.

**Decatur residents who have verifiable lost income
due to the Covid Pandemic might be
eligible for the relief assistance via the City of Decatur
and DFA for rent, power and mortgage.**



**An APPLICATION can be
downloaded from the Dove Website.**

**Applications can also be picked up
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday,
Northeast Community Fund,
839 N. MLK, Jr. Dr., Decatur.**

**Questions about this grant and application can be
directed to 217.619.9108 or DFA@doveinc.org**

NEED HELP?

- Rent
- Mortgage
- Utilities
- Water
- Garbage
& More

Visit the Multi-Agency Resource Center

9am - 12pm • Thursdays • Aug. 19 - Oct. 28

Decatur Public Library - Elizabeth Madden Auditorium

Multiple agencies will be on site taking applications for Macon County residents needing assistance with household bills.



Questions? Call 217-362-7700 ext. 112

RSVP Volunteer Appreciation Event!



a few pictures of some of the
door prize winners
with Charlie and Kathy

We were honored and had a great time seeing everyone as our volunteers picked up their Nelson's Chicken Dinner on September 23. We were excited to have Gretchen's Goodies help us provide dessert for each of you as well.

Though we hope to return to in person celebrations next year we still wanted to offer our volunteers a chance at prizes. We were able to offer a few prizes from some great companies including Texas Roadhouse, Del's Popcorn Shop, Mt. Zion, Optimism with a Side of Onions, Grimsley's Flowers, and Patty Cain.

Winners

- Texas Roadhouse generously provided 3 prizes this year. Texas Roadhouse goodies and dinner for two were: Joan Meeder, Victoria Wooten, and Mary Kay Wolfe.
- Grimsley's Flowers gave a beautiful bouquet and Edna May Sprague was the winner.
- Optimism with a Side of Onions provided door decor sign certificates for four winners. The winners were Kenneth and Betty McQuality, M. Sue Cole, Kathy Madix, and Vera Bright.
- A Beautiful Tea Basket was donated by Patty Cain. RSVP Volunteer, Advisory Council member, and RSVP Representative on Dove, Inc. Board of Directors, was won by Bianco Brown.
- Del's Popcorn Basket (Mt. Zion) provided 2 yummy baskets and the winners were Linda Riva and William and Janet Aikman.

We thank our generous donors and hope the winners all enjoy their prizes.

NEWS

from the Domestic Violence Program

Our next Domestic Violence Education and Volunteer Training is set for October 25 – November 10. Times will be Monday through Thursday, 5:00 to 9:00 p.m., with the last day of the training on Wednesday, November 10.

Registration is now open through October 8 at noon. Contact Barb Blakey, Director of Volunteers & Community Relations, if you or someone you know is interested. To start the registration process, please give us a call at 217.428.6616.

Teri Ducey
Domestic Violence Program Director

Welcome

Aimee Findlay!

*Aimee is a Legal Advocate
and we are happy
to have her join our team!!*



Choosing

the right Volunteer Opportunity can make all the difference in your life and in the lives of those you serve!

Dove's Domestic Violence Education & Volunteer Training

Registration for this training begins with a phone interview.
Please call between now & October 8, NOON.
217.428.6616

Dove, Inc. / Anna B. Millikin Home, 302 S. Union, Decatur
Monday - Thursday, October 25 to November 10, 2021
5:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Fee for this ICADV Certified Training is \$200.

Meet our Certified Trainers



217.428.6616
doveinc.org



Joyce Kirkland
Lead Facilitator



Liz Mackey

NEWS

from the Domestic Violence Program



On behalf of Dove's Domestic Violence Program, I want to sincerely thank Starla Street, the Rooted Bible Study Group Facilitator and her team – Judy Perkins, Rick Hayes, Karen Hood, Stacy & Ann Taylor – for choosing to support our program as their service project. Recently, over a period of just 2 weeks in August, 2021, they collected monetary donations after the service at Life Foursquare Church, to supply us with an overwhelming donation of \$801 of a combination of gas and food gift cards for the clients we serve!!! Our clients often come to us with little to no resources and are in need of gas for their vehicles to look for employment, sometimes relocate to another shelter out of town or out of state to be closer to supportive family members, and to attend the various appointments necessary in their journeys of healing. I am beyond grateful for the tremendous response from my Church Family!!!

Your generosity has made a significant difference in the lives of those we serve. During COVID, we have had to place some victims in motels due to our shelter only being able to be filled at half capacity so that we abide by the social distancing guidelines. When this is necessary, we must provide them with food cards. Thank you, from the very bottom of my heart. We are beyond grateful!!!! - Teri Ducey



On behalf of all the staff and clients of Dove's Domestic Violence Program, I want to thank Penny Hood, Sales Director at Mary Kay Independent Business Consultant, for her very generous donation. Penny donated 14 lip glosses attached to 14 WalMart Gift Cards in the amount of \$25 each!! What a blessing this will be to our clients! What a nice self care gesture to share. Penny, we so appreciate your ongoing support to our program!! - Teri Ducey



Domestic Violence Shelter Program Needs (from our high need list)

DISPOSABLE 3 PLY FACE MASKS FOR CLIENTS
WASHABLE CLOTH FACE MASKS FOR STAFF AND SHELTER RESIDENTS (CHILD SIZES ALSO)
VINYL GLOVES (SIZE MEDIUM, LARGE, AND XL)
CLOROX WIPES
AEROSOL DISINFECTANT SPRAY
PAPER TOWEL ROLLS
BABY WIPES
DISPOSABLE DIAPERS – SIZES 3, 4, 5, 6
PULL-UPS
NEW NIGHTSHIRTS- WOMENS, ALL SIZES
NEW SWEATSUITS- UNISEX, ALL SIZES
AFRICAN-AMERICAN HAIR CARE PRODUCTS (SHAMPOO/CONDITIONER/ETC)
HAIR GREASE
HAIRBRUSHES – NATURAL BRISTLES
HAIRBRUSHES- NYLON BRISTLES
CONDITIONER
BODY WASH
DEODORANT (WOMEN'S)
DISPOSABLE CUPS
DISPOSABLE (PLASTIC) EATING UTENSILS
DISPOSABLE PLATES
PLASTIC (NOT DISPOSABLE) DRINKING CUPS (SMALL OR LARGE)

Neighborhood Services Program

Sharing news from the Neighborhood Activities!

- Had the opportunity to work during the City-Wide Clean-Up at the Decatur Civic Center. Enjoyed meeting several city workers as well as those folks driving through.
- Enjoyed helping Senior Companion Coordinator, Kathy, in setting up for Seniorama and co-working in the event. This was my first year and we had a great time meeting and chatting with all the folks while learning more about our community.
- GANO-Greenwood Area Neighborhood Organization - monthly meeting proved to be the largest one attended so far with 13 including me in attendance. Everyone shared in with varying ideas and insight. They are looking to the future and considering many avenues in the process.
- Had fun co-working with Education and Awareness Specialist, Maddie, for the Millikin Heights Social in Lincoln Park where the mayor stopped by at the request of the event planner, April Walker, MH resident. We enjoyed being in the community talking with folks and passing out Dove swag. Looking forward to working more with Maddie in October.
- Great discussion and information at CONO meeting this month.
- Had a great time working with Southside Improvement Association to canvas John's Hill Neighborhood with surveys to help with Clean-Up, Green-Up.

LeAnn Ellis, Program Coordinator

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B A B E S



Plans are moving forward and making contact with schools where BABES presentations have been made in the past. We realize the difficult circumstances each classroom is in with Covid and understand the need to move forward with care.

Decatur Public Schools have made many changes since our last presentations in March of 2020 and we look forward to connecting with the classroom teachers. We also have reached out to our many parochial schools where we've had presentations in the past.

BABES presentations are so needed in this time of change and uncertainty. As we can and as it is safe to do, we can hardly wait to be able to bring the BABES puppets, volunteers and their wonderful stories to the children.

Barbara Blakey
Director of Volunteers and Community Relations



Children's Clothing Room

located inside

Prairie Avenue Christian Church
2201 East Prairie Avenue, Decatur

Mondays and Wednesdays

1:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Guidelines posted on website and posted at church.

doveinc.org



Bill Payment Assistance Guidelines

Macon County:

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:

By appointment, can be reached at
DFA@doveinc.org or 217.619.9108

- 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)

Must show proof of
30 Day (GROSS) Income
Must be Between

Family Size	200%	350%
1	\$2,127	\$3,722
2	\$2,873	\$5,028
3	\$3,620	\$6,336
4	\$4,367	\$7,642
5	\$5,113	\$8,948
6	\$5,860	\$10,256
7	\$6,607	\$11,562
8	\$7,353	\$12,868

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.
- Carissa and/or Jennifer 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.

Seeking Food Pantry Volunteers

We are also looking for volunteers with trucks who would be available to drive to Bloomington one day a month to pick up food for the pantry.

If you can help, please contact Jennifer at 217.935.6619.