

# *Humility of Mary Shelter, Inc.*

*Emergency shelter for adult men and women*

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**Humility of Mary Shelter, Inc.**

*..because our community cares*

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Humility of Mary Shelter, Inc. provides emergency shelter, transitional and permanent supportive housing programs that offer opportunities for men and women experiencing homelessness to become emotionally, mentally and physically more stable.



**“I would like to say thank you to everyone at the Humility of Mary Shelter for their support and encouragement while I was there. It takes a special kind of person to do what you do for everyone and I thank you from the bottom of my heart.” ~Mike S.**

Mike came to Humility of Mary Shelter, Inc. on August 1, 2013 and immediately enrolled in the Emergency Services Program. In working hard and meeting with his Service Coordinator, Mike progressed into the Transitional Housing Program on September 16, 2013. This program allows participants up to two years to continue working on their goals. Mike continued to excel and became eligible for the Permanent Housing Program through Humility of Mary Shelter. He received keys to his new apartment on February 7, 2014. Being a part of the Permanent Housing Program with Humility of Mary Shelter provides Mike the independence that he needs with the support of a Service Coordinator and supportive services.

The day before this picture was taken, Mike had an interview with a local company regarding a part time job. He was so excited to share that HE GOT THE JOB!! He starts on Monday. Congratulations, MIKE!!



### My Experience at Humility of Mary Shelter

I came to Humility of Mary Shelter on 8/31/13. I chose to stay here because of the help they gave me 2 years before. Since being here, I've received my GED (12/19/13), got a second job and started saving money.

I'm also in the Transitional Housing Program and have been offered Permanent Housing. I've been here at Humility of Mary Shelter for seven months and have had a lot of great things happen for me.

The staff here are great and really concerned for your well being. Anything you need they're there for you. I'd recommend Humility of Mary Shelter to anyone in need.

~Yolanda A.



“This is not a shelter that just beds you... it is a place where you can move forward.”

Me and my brother came to this shelter February 7, 2014 looking to get help; it was very cold outside, about 20 degrees. Humility of Mary Shelter staff helped my brother find work and helped us save money so that we can find a place to stay. No one wants to be on the streets. But if you need help, this is the place to do that. But they can not help you out if you do not want to try to help yourself out!

~ Kevin C.



Thank you Sister, your kindness is appreciated, not everyone may have the time to express their thanks.

~Left on the desk of Sr. Nancy by a client who had used the Computer Lab.

## What's New At Humility of Mary Shelter, Inc.?

We welcome:

Lindsay Fox - Service Coordinator for the Permanent Housing Program. Lindsay has her BA in Psychology from St. Ambrose University. She was born in Dubuque, IA, and has been living in Davenport since she was 3.



Jill Jacobs - Service Coordinator for the VALOR Program. Jill lives in the small town of Erie, IL. Jill is also a full time student working on her Masters in Psychology and an Air Force veteran.

HMSI Outreach Team

HMSI has developed a formal Outreach Team that works collaboratively with other agencies in our community to seek out and identify individuals who are chronically homeless. Outreach Team members meet weekly to collect data and identify new locations where individuals are sleeping (i.e. places not meant for habitation). The team goes out into the community twice each week, focusing primarily on Scott and Rock Island Counties. They provide small items that help meet basic needs, and offer resources and referrals that promote safety and well-being.

# HELPING with HUMOR

ComedySportz Quad Cities and Humility of Mary Shelter, Inc. have partnered once again to provide you with an evening of comedy for a cause, featuring a stand-up performance by comedian Chris Schlicting followed by a ComedySportz match!

Tickets are \$10, which in turn supports one bed for one night at Humility of Mary Shelter, Inc.

To purchase tickets call the Establishment Theatre box office at (309) 786-1111.

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Doors open at 5:15pm

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## CHALLENGE GRANT Deadline fast approaching

In April 2013 the Congregation of the Humility of Mary announced a challenge grant with a goal of raising \$250,000 for Humility of Mary Shelter, Inc. The Congregation will match \$100,000 of this goal.

Please consider using the enclosed donation envelope and mail your donation in by 4/30/2014 so that your donation is eligible for the match.

The heart of a Volunteer  
comes in one size only....



....big enough to change our world!  
Thank you to the HMSI volunteers  
for caring enough to make a difference.

We have openings for volunteers on our SleepOut Planning Committee, Speaker Bureau and our Development Committee. If you are interested in making a difference in the lives of others and joining the Volunteer Team at Humility of Mary Shelter, Inc., it starts with a simple Volunteer Application. Contact Melanie for details, 563/322-8065.

# UNIQUE

## ways to support HMSI

### Donations Needed

Shelter is always in need of the following items that we provide free to our ADULT participants: deodorant, bath soap, shampoo, conditioner, toilet paper, coffee, towels, dish soap, washcloths, sheets and blankets. We also accept new or gently used IN SEASON adult clothing such as socks, under garments, jeans, sweatshirts, long sleeve shirts, coats and shoes.

To see our full Wish List visit:  
[www.humilityofmaryshelter.com](http://www.humilityofmaryshelter.com)

In an effort to be good stewards of your donation, please refrain from bringing donations outside of our Wish List to the shelter.

We DO NOT ACCEPT - children's toys or clothing (we only serve adults), knick-knacks or household decorations, out of season clothing, books, magazines, sporting equipment, make-up or jewelry.

*Any furniture is by prior arrangement only*



Set up Goodsearch.com as your default search engine and Humility of Mary Shelter will earn one penny for every search you make! Searches can add up fast - be sure to set your charity to Humility of Mary Shelter—Davenport.

Keep your eyes out for your



# Birdies<sup>for</sup> Charity

pledge form

### CELL PHONE & SMARTPHONE COLLECTION

Has your company recently changed carriers or upgraded phones? Where are the old ones? HMSI works with Shelter Alliance and turns your donated cell phone into cash!!





# Night at the Shelter



## ★ What is *Night at the Shelter*?

**Night at the Shelter** is our year round fundraising campaign that is designed to involve the community and encourage you to assist in our mission to help the homeless in the Quad City Area. Our goal is to find a sponsor for 82 beds each night of the year.

## ★ Do the Math...

$$\begin{array}{r} 82 \text{ beds} \\ \times \$10 \text{ per bed} \\ \hline \$820 \text{ Night at the Shelter} \end{array}$$

\$820 a night for the full year will raise \$299,300. This amount allows us to fill our funding gap in Community Gifts. This is why your financial contributions are so important.

## ★ Why should you donate?

Because your generosity can offer hope to a homeless man or woman, giving that person in need a reason to dream and achieve. You can give and receive the satisfaction of knowing that you made a difference. It starts by finding a way to give that's right for you.

## ★ How can you help?

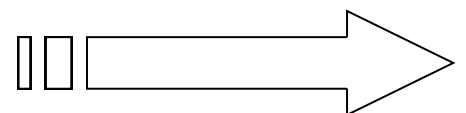
Be one of the 365 area groups that supports the shelter by sponsoring a full night. You can make this a teambuilding exercise by:

- ◆ Having a "Casual For A Cause" day where staff are allowed to wear casual attire to work for a minimal cash donation. For example employees can wear jeans for a \$5 or \$10 donation.
- ◆ Having a contest between departments to see who can raise the most funds for the cause, with a prize for the winning department.

## ★ What are the benefits to your business?

- ◆ Business name will be featured on our website and Facebook page (👍 like us and share our posts).
- ◆ Business name included in quarterly press release.
- ◆ Make it meaningful by sponsoring a specific date that is special to your business. For example: the date that your store opened, the birthday of your Employee of the Month or the date of the winning team's choice.
- ◆ Opportunity to fulfill a community involvement requirement.

*To read stories written by community members on why they support Humility of Mary Shelter, Inc. continue reading on page 7*



**M**y siblings and I grew up in the Quad Cities, attended schools here, purchased homes and raised families here. So when a business opportunity presented itself in 2006, we (two siblings and a brother-in-law) purchased LifeStyles Furniture. The Quad Cities is our hometown. This is our community and we are a local family owned business. Every year Ekornes, Inc. invites their retail store owners to participate in a charity promotion (starting late November and ending in January of the following year) where customers receive a \$200 discount on their Stressless furniture for a \$50 donation to a designated charity. LifeStyles Furniture can choose a local or national charity. In 2013, we chose Humility of Mary Shelter.

We all have heard the infamous phrase, "There's no place like home" spoken by Dorothy in the Wizard of Oz. How true that is - unless you don't have a home. Humility of Mary Shelter provides that "home" to many in our community who are less fortunate. We choose to participate in this charity promotion because it gives back to our community. Our customers purchase home furnishings while supporting a local business and their charitable donation "furnish" monies to support this very important community service. Ekornes, Inc. and LifeStyles Furniture benefits from the sales, the customer benefits from the discount and the homeless benefit - a definite winning combination.

Vicki Adair, Vice President

LifeStyles  
Furniture

**LifeStyles**<sup>™</sup>  
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*Your Life. Your Style.*

## ★ *Night at the* ★ ★ *Shelter* ★

I have been a long time supporter of Humility of Mary Shelter. I started out by collecting clothing, bedding and hygiene products. Here are a few other ways to support the Night at the Shelter campaign.

1. Sixteen years ago, my young son-in-law died of complications of cancer treatments. I wanted to find a way to honor him. So, I supported an entire Night at the Shelter in his memory. I chose the anniversary of my son-in-law's death as our night and my daughter provided pizza and a beverage for the participants at the shelter on that night. We also had the opportunity to post a snap shot of my son-in-law in his Navy uniform so the participants could get an idea about the person whose memory we were hosting this evening for.

2. Every December the ladies from my church have a luncheon in a local restaurant with a gift exchange for Christmas. None of us need another thing to dust or put in the garage sale. So I suggested that we each donate \$10 to pay for one bed for one night at the shelter. We have continued that commitment for several years.

3. A couple years ago, I was chatting with the Religious Education Coordinator about a student project for Lent. We decided to encourage the kids to "rent themselves for a day" (baby sit, yard work or cleanup). They suggested a \$10 donation for their work. The classes challenged each other and the winning class celebrated with an ice cream party. An anonymous donor matched every dollar that was earned by the students. I believe the students raised enough money to support the whole shelter plus!! They chose the Feast Day of our church's Patron Saint as their special date.

~Sandi Frericks, Blue Grass Resident

Add QUALITY to your special event or day by supporting the homeless individuals staying at Humility of Mary Shelter, Inc.



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# SAVE THE DATE



at Modern Woodmen Park  
in Davenport

## 2014 Integrity Award

The Quad Cities  
Better Business Bureau will honor  
Humility of Mary Shelter, Inc.  
and other winners during a ceremony  
on April 10, 2014.

Established in 1993, the Better Business  
Bureau Integrity Awards give public  
recognition to businesses and organizations  
for their outstanding commitment to fair,  
honest and ethical marketplace practices.

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