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Emergency shelter for adult men and women

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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.



Each year Lowe's Heroes volunteer program helps to improve the communities where Lowe's employees work and live. Together, each store team identifies a community improvement project that will make a difference in their community. While projects vary by location, Lowe's Heroes volunteers share a common goal to make their communities better places to live.



On October 6, 2011 Davenport and Moline Lowe's Heroes Jeff Sunny, Stacey Matthews, Brandon Tidwell, Ceasar Puglisi, Dave Robinson, Steve Grunder, Stacey Deshane, Stacey Glynn and Justin Shephard - remodeled our women's shelter kitchen. Thank you, it looks absolutely beautiful!





Kelly Thompson, Assistant Director for Humility of Mary Shelter accepts a check from Bud Helpenstell.

Last April, members of the board of the Amy Helpenstell Foundation visited Humility of Mary Shelter, Inc. to learn more about our programs. Staff and participants alike enjoyed speaking with the board members and appreciated their active interest in our work. This October, we were very honored to be awarded a grant for \$15,000 per year over the next three years. We are **grateful for the Amy Helpenstell Foundation's focus on supporting existing programs, providing a reliable source of funding, and developing strong relationships with local**

organizations. We look forward to continuing our partnership with the Amy Helpenstell Foundation for many years to come.

The mission of the Amy Helpenstell Foundation is to improve the quality of life in the Quad Cities area by funding educational programs and by funding grants for health, community development, youth development, and cultural activities.



CORRECTION

Thanks to your support, HMSI received \$6,213.28 from Birdies for Charity, an increase of 12.6%!

Every effort was made to make 2010-2011 Annual Report complete. We extend our sincere apologies to the following donors who were inadvertently left off our Donor Honor Roll:

Sister Carla Takes
Mr. Tom Wolfe

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Awarded since July 1, 2011

- VA Supportive Services for Veteran Families - \$242,655 to operate the VALOR program.
- In From the Cold of the Quad Cities - \$2,000 to purchase two new sets of bunk beds for the women's shelter.
- Emergency Food & Shelter Program - \$1,970 for units of service.
- Rock Island Gaming Grant - \$1,000 for cleaning and maintenance supplies.
- Amy Helpenstell Foundation - \$15,000 for units of service (renewable for three years).

To Whom It may Concern:



My name is Ronald M. Coons. I entered the shelter in August of 2011. I was there 6 weeks. I am a Vet and was homeless. Thanks to Denise (Property Manager at HMSI) for talking to Cathy, I entered the shelter and Cathy and Erin both helped me to get my VA Claim put to the top of the stack. I got it in August. It was something, I didn't think I would ever be in that state in my life. I'm 64. But I'm glad that I did. It gives me a different out look on what homeless Vets go thru.

But thanks to the programs and people above I am doing great! I'm buying a home in Fairfield, IA, and starting over and thanks to them life for me is good.

They need to be awarded for the work they do for Vets that are homeless and the programs that they offer are great and good ones.

Keep up the good work Cathy and Erin. I thank them both for all that they have done for me. And, have great respect for them both. They are fine people. They gave me lots of things for my home to get started over, and my self worth back.

Again, thank you both for all the help and things you did for me. May God bless and keep you both in your lives without end.

Thank you and God Bless,
Ronald M. Coons

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Listen for us on the
second Friday of every
month at 11:20 am!



Cindi Gramenz, our Program Director and certified trainer of "Nonviolent Crisis Intervention" led the quarterly staff training for Humility of Mary *Housing* in October. The staff of HMHI learned about violence prevention and intervention through the information and experiences Cindi presented after years of work with homeless men and women. The shared staff expertise is an example of the way Humility of Mary Shelter and Humility of Mary *Housing* support one another in our missions with homeless populations.

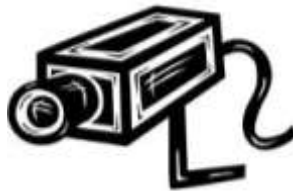
Thank you
DORIS & VICTOR DAY
FOUNDATION
for our new FRONT DESK

The countertops were replaced and expanded which created more work space.



HMSI was recently awarded money from the Scott County Housing Council

to provide upgraded security for shelter participants and staff. This system is in place in an effort to provide additional safety by having controlled access to the shelter during late night hours, identification badges for staff as well as panic buttons. HMSI currently has 8 security cameras throughout the building which provide 24 hour coverage to assist with identifying safety issues on the property as well as surrounding areas.



Weed and Seed

Humility of Mary Shelter, Inc. is a proud partnering agency in the Weed and Seed Initiative. With the focus on improving quality of life, the Weed & Seed Initiative is a two-prong approach: weed out undesirable activities through law enforcement and community policing, while building resources to improve the outlook of residents through neighborhood restoration and engaging youth through prevention, intervention and treatment.

Since Humility of Mary Shelter, Inc. is located in a neighborhood that has been identified as needing assistance with **"weeding out" undesirable activities**, a representative from the shelter attends Weed and Seed meetings on a monthly basis.

Also, each neighborhood identified in the Weed and Seed Initiative has a N.E.T.S. (Neighborhoods Energized To Succeed) officer. This officer uses a hybrid combination of community policing and problem oriented policing to effectively reduce crime and improve quality of life in identified neighborhoods. Together, the identified neighborhood and N.E.T.S. officer work in cooperation to have positive outcomes in the neighborhood.

V.A.L.O.R.

(Veterans Accessing Long-term Opportunities & Resources)



Kevin Molloy (left) and Pam Walker (right), Service Coordinators and Rick Allen (center), Lead and Intake Coordinator for VALOR

We are very honored and excited to announce that HMSI is one of only 85 programs across the nation to receive a grant from the VA's new Supportive Services for Veteran Families program.

This grant will allow us to open the VALOR program, which will serve very low-income Veterans (singles or families) from Scott or Rock Island Counties who are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming so. An Intake Coordinator and two Service Coordinators will assist program participants to rapidly return to permanent housing, or to maintain their current housing, while helping them address the issues that led to their housing crisis.

The VALOR program is a natural extension of our successful Veterans Transitional Housing program. The VALOR staff has secured office space at 1212 West 3rd Street in Davenport and started accepting referrals on November 15th. To make a referral to the VALOR program call their office at 563/345-6191.

Hands that serve - hearts that care



We'd like to thank our volunteers for all their kindness, dedication and hard work. Without you, there are so many things that would go undone.

We currently need help in our laundry room. Volunteers wash, dry, and fold all of the bedding and towels used in shelter. Hours for volunteer opportunities are very flexible.

Other volunteer opportunities include professional services such as electricians, snow removal and concrete contractors.

Anyone who is interested, please contact Denise at 563/322-8065. Thank you for all your help!

Thank you Dan from

Healthy Habits

in Moline, Illinois

Our participants are rolling with bikes thanks to you.

Because of your donation they have the ability to seek housing, employment, and meet medical needs. We appreciate your gift of nine bikes and one 3-wheeled bike.



Night at the Shelter ☾

is our year round fundraising campaign that was developed to maximize our efforts and to encourage community support.

It is a simple idea that will make a huge impact on the services that we are able to provide our clients.

Here is how it works –
currently our shelter has 70 beds

70 beds x a \$10 gift from the community = \$700
\$700 = 1 Night at the Shelter

Do it as a family instead of exchanging gifts, invite your co-workers to join you in a Night at the Shelter, or lead your group to support 70 beds. In addition, you can pick a date in honor of a special event or in memory of a loved one.

Call Melanie 563/322-8065
for more information.

Jail Outreach

staff have now begun to provide outreach services to the Scott County Jail. The Grant and Per Diem Program as well as the VALOR program will have representatives that will undergo volunteer orientation at Scott County Jail in Davenport. These volunteers will have limited access to veterans who are currently incarcerated. The goal of the program is to identify veterans who would benefit from these programs and help to keep these veterans from being homeless and/or repeat being incarcerated.

In an effort to identify, educate and provide services to homeless veterans in Scott County, HMSI





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In July of this year, TR signed up for the Service Coordination program offered by Humility of Mary Shelter at the Family Resources Domestic Violence Shelter. She had recently moved to the Quad Cities from Chicago in order to give her children a better life, but was struggling. Moving into communal living can be a very difficult transition, and TR and her family were not without their share of problems. Between new schools, a lack of employment, behavioral issues and an adjustment to shelter rules/guidelines, TR and her children almost left Shelter on more than one occasion. TR realized that the best choice she and her family would have at a better life would be with the resources that both Family Resources Domestic Violence Shelter and Humility of Mary Shelter could provide. Her children began attending the children's groups, and both she and her children met with the Youth Advocate to work on parenting skills, acceptable behavior and rule setting. TR herself began working towards goals, such as, applying for low-income housing and housing assistance programs, creating a resume, and getting information on completing her GED assessment test. Another guideline of this program is to actively work on addressing Domestic Violence prevention by attending the Support Group offered each week. TR attended each of these groups, and often contributed very meaningful comments. Just over a month before TR's time at shelter was to be complete, she was accepted into the Salvation Army's Transitional Housing program and moved into one of their apartments. This was the first apartment of the family's very own in nearly two years and TR was overwhelmed with happiness. She and her family moved in at the end of September and have been doing well in their new home, as of this newsletter. She has identified completing her GED and possibly enrolling in a culinary arts program as two of her goals during her stay at Salvation Army. TR has said that her children are adjusting well. We wish TR and her family the best of luck and well wishes in their new home!