



DOVE TALES

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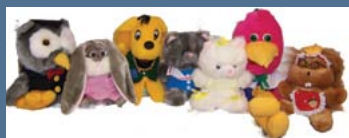
Dove's Mission

Dove is a coalition of religious organizations, volunteers, and advocates that seeks to coordinate efforts to address unmet human needs and social injustices

Dove works for justice, equality and understanding among all people.

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OLUNTEERS

APRIL 23-29
NATIONAL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK



BABES Program Volunteer Training

Wednesday, April 26
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Dean Simcox
Conference Center
302 S. Union, Decatur

If you are interested in the opportunity to make a difference in a child's life, contact Sandy slaesch@doveinc.org or 428.6616



Helping others make the right turns to a safer future for themselves and their families.

Domestic Violence Education & Volunteer Training

May 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, & 24

1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Dove, Inc. / Anna B. Millikin Home
302 S. Union, Dean Simcox Conference Room

Check the website for more information about the Domestic Violence Program. Contact Barb Blakey to begin registration process.

How to Register:

- Complete a phone interview before April 28, call 428.6616
- Attend registration meeting on Wednesday, May 3, NOON
- \$150 training fee, some scholarships available.

DOVE, INC.

Leadership Team

Christine Gregory
Executive Director

Tammy Wilcox
Assistant Director

Barbara Blakey
Director of Volunteers & Community Relations

Teri Ducey
Domestic Violence Program Director

Darsonya Switzer
Homeward Bound Program Director

Program Leadership

BABES •

Beginning Awareness Basic Education Studies
Sandy Laesch, Program Coordinator

Children's Clothing Room
Sandy Harmison, Coordinator

DAX • DeWitt County Assistance eXchange
Jennifer Tolladay, Coordinator

DeWitt County Food Pantry
Jennifer Tolladay, Coordinator

Domestic Violence Program
Teri Ducey, Program Director
Jennifer Tolladay, DeWitt County Coordinator
Mary Hughes, Moultrie County Coordinator
Susie Kensil, Shelby County Coordinator

Homeward Bound
Darsonya Switzer, Program Director

MAX • Macon County Assistance eXchange
Rev. Shane Hartman, Coordinator

RSVP • Retired & Senior Volunteer Program
Christina Gillaspie, Program Director
Sheryl Whisman, DeWitt County Coordinator

Letter from the Executive Director of Dove, Inc.:

Coordinating Efforts to Address Unmet Needs and Social Injustices.

Christine Gregory, Executive Director

Dear Friends,

The sun is shining, the birds are chirping, and spring rains have started to fall. This time of refreshing the world is a time for use to reflect and re-center and think about how we live in the world through faith. One of the best ways we can do this is to join our voices, talents and funds with others in support of the less fortunate. Dove works to coordinate our efforts to make sure that people in our area who are suffering have a place to go and people who care. Together our voices mean a great deal to a person in need.

We need you to also use your voice in service as an advocate for a resolution to the State Budget Impasse. Dove continues to feel the effects of the State's failure to appropriate for domestic violence programming in the "Stop-gap" budget for FY17. In non-payment for contracts to Dove the State of Illinois is already nearing the quarter million-dollar mark as of March. Using your voice to put pressure on our State elected officials to resolve their disputes so that we can continue to serve our community would be of significant service to our clients.

If you or your organization's members would like to learn more about supporting Dove's mission, please reach out to our Volunteer & Community Relations Director, Barb Blakey. Dove, Inc. is only as strong as its member organizations, volunteers and advocates. It is my sincere hope that you will be a part of making our home a community free of human suffering.

Sincerely,
Christine Gregory

**“Never doubt that a small group of committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”
~Margaret Mead**

BABES volunteers are selfless in the giving of their time to this 6 Lesson program. They enter their classrooms with smiles, cheery greetings, share important information, and listen to the children and what they have to say. Thank You!

April is volunteer appreciation month. I am thankful to be able to work with these dedicated volunteers Vicki Bradley, Patty Cain, Jackie Sharp-Evans, Bea Fisher, Chris Foster, Sally Lauer, Sally Mathieson, Linda Natereli, Meagan Neaville, Kathy Pepper, Pam Rhodes, Amy Scott, Becky Volle, Pat Wenda and Sheryl Whisman. Also thanks for offering to help Anna Mae Carlson, SuEllen Brauer, and Francie Johnson when needed.

To show appreciation to these BABES volunteers a Soup and Salad Luncheon is planned for in April.

Sandy Laesch
BABES Program Coordinator

We would like to say how much we appreciate our CADV Committee, Domestic Violence Volunteers and all the wonderful Volunteers that help us out with our food pantry. We would not run as smoothly as we do with out you!!

Jennifer Tolladay
DeWitt County Coordinator

I would like to give a very sincere and special thank you to all of our dedicated domestic violence volunteers. They have been such a crucial and reliable piece to the mission and service we provide. We have added some more 40 hour trained volunteers this year who volunteer regularly. The amount of dedication it takes to go through the initial 40 hour training is a statement in itself. Our volunteers covered several months' worth of 2nd shift shelter coverage and Saturday shelter coverage while we were between staff hires. We have a team of dedicated volunteers who come to the shelter every single week to provide assistance on every level multiple days a week. We have added some counseling services available to our clients and deepened our volunteer pool to assist with legal advocacy. Our volunteers are as good as they get, and they may never truly know just how big of a difference they make in the lives of the clients they serve and in the lives of the staff they support. From all of us in the Dove Domestic Violence Program, THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH. From the bottom of our hearts, you truly are the difference makers.

Jared Bohland
Client Services Coordinator



SERVICEUNITES
National Volunteer Week

April 23-29, 2017



POINTS OF LIGHT

The last week of April is Volunteer Appreciation Week. Volunteers are the lifeblood of any community. They always seem to be the busiest people in town, who are always available to try to help one more person or one more cause. In an organization such as Dove, volunteers are vital. In Shelby County, I have been blessed with an exceptional group of people who are always willing to do what they can to help the mission of our organization. From Candlelight

ceremonies to food for any occasion to fundraisers, they are only a phone call away. I always try to let them know they are appreciated, but sometimes when things are crazy I may forget!! Thanks, guys, you make it so much easier to do this work. And for all those who volunteer anywhere, thanks for caring about your world.

Susie Kensil
Shelby County Coordinator

“Those who can. Do. Those who can do more, volunteer.” - Author Unknown



Easter eXchange

Easter eXchange ideas

- Churches are given the option to donate to MAX instead of purchasing more Easter Lilies
- Small Groups, Mens' Groups, Womens' Groups, Sunday School Classes are making a donation to MAX
- Special Collections taken
- Recognition of members in honor of or memorial to



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MAX

Macon County Assistance eXchange

Easter is a time for giving. This Easter Season, and every season, finds many in the Decatur area in need. Help MAX help others.

The Max program finished 2016 in a great way. Thanks to generous support, we were able to help 1,290 families with around \$97,000 worth of financial aid. This aid came in the form of water bill assistance, dental vouchers, bus pass discount vouchers, vision vouchers, rental assistance, power bill assistance, and many more. We are proud to help so many in 2016. This would not be possible without the support of the local churches and volunteers.

~ MAX Advisory Council

mailing address: MAX
302 S. Union
Decatur, IL 62522

located at: Decatur First United Methodist
Church, 201 W. North, Decatur



**Kudos to the members of USW 7-838 who stopped by Dove in February with - about 100 coats! The coats were cleaned and shared and HOPEFULLY got area clothing rooms through the end of the cold winter weather! Thanks to all!
Happy Spring!**



*Happy
Easter*

NEWS

from the Domestic Violence Program

Susie Kensil, Shelby County Coordinator, spoke to the Shelby County Triad monthly meeting on March 21 and participated in the Shelby County Health Fair on March 22. Thanks to all of you for learning more about Dove and about family abuse.

Looking ahead!

We will be having the High Tea Event, in DeWitt County, this year, hopefully in June, with a new twist on it. More details to come later.

DeWitt County Dove is looking for individuals who are looking to make a difference in their community to end Domestic Violence. We have openings on our CADV Committee! Contact Jennifer or Megan at 935.6619.

D A X

DeWitt County Assistance eXchange

DAX Program still has funds available. Stop in to see Megan or Jennifer at the Clinton office, 803 W. Leander, to pick up an application or call the office at 935.6619 for more information.

Domestic Violence Shelter Needs

- BOX FANS
- TOILET PLUNGERS
- NIGHTLIGHTS
- PILLOWS, NEW
- RADIO/ALARM CLOCKS, ELECTRIC
- WHITE NOISE MACHINES (2-3 for 2nd/3rd shift working clients trying to sleep, as well as large families, to mask noise)
- TABLET (for Group use)
- 9V BATTERIES
- GAS GIFT CARDS
- NEW STROLLERS
- WALMART GIFT CARDS
- DISHWASHER DETERGENT 'PODS'
- SNACKS (HEALTHY)
- ADVIL, IBUPROFEN, ALEVE
- ANTIBIOTIC OINTMENT
- HYDROCORTISONE CREAM
- BABY MEDS (PAIN, STOMACH)
- NOSE / EAR SYRINGES
- CONTACT LENS MULTI-PURPOSE SOLUTION / CASES
- AFRICAN-AMERICAN HAIR CARE PRODUCTS & BRUSHES
- ORAJEL

*Please drop off any donations to the
302 S. Union offices,
M-F, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Thanks!*

DEWITT COUNTY FOOD PANTRY

803 W. LEANDER, CLINTON
OPEN
TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS
10:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.

THE FOOD PANTRY
IS AVAILABLE FOR
ANY RESIDENT IN THE COUNTY

Food Pantry is in need of the following items:

- Cereal
- Easy microwave meals for children with summer coming. (ex: Chef Boyardee bowls, easy mac, etc.)
- Mac N' Cheese
- Canned fruit
- Canned soups

*Thank you to Big D's
and Save A Lot
for their weekly contribution to our
food pantry!*

NEWS FROM HOMEWARD BOUND

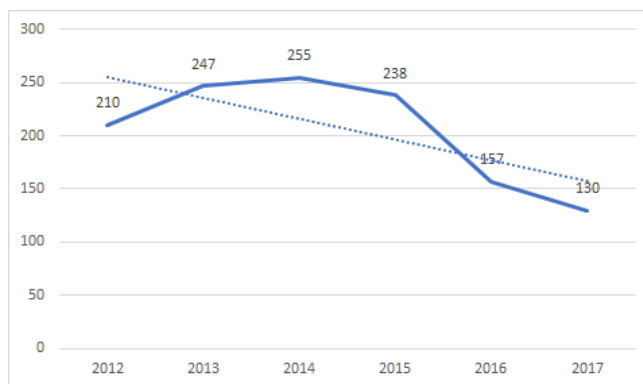


SEEKING ENTRANCE INTO THE HOMEWARD BOUND PROGRAM?

Walk-in applications will be taken on Wednesdays and Fridays between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. at the Homeward Bound office.

All others can call 362.7700 for an appointment.

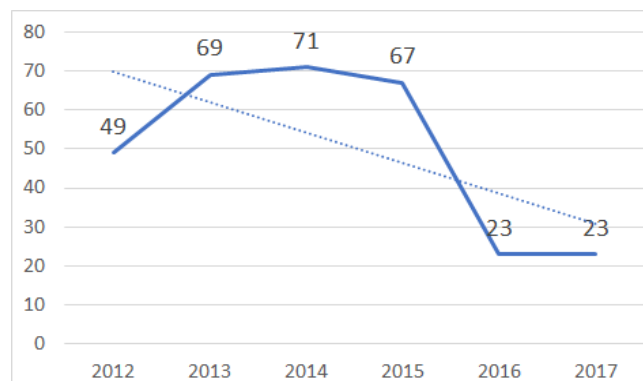
Homeless Individuals in Macon County

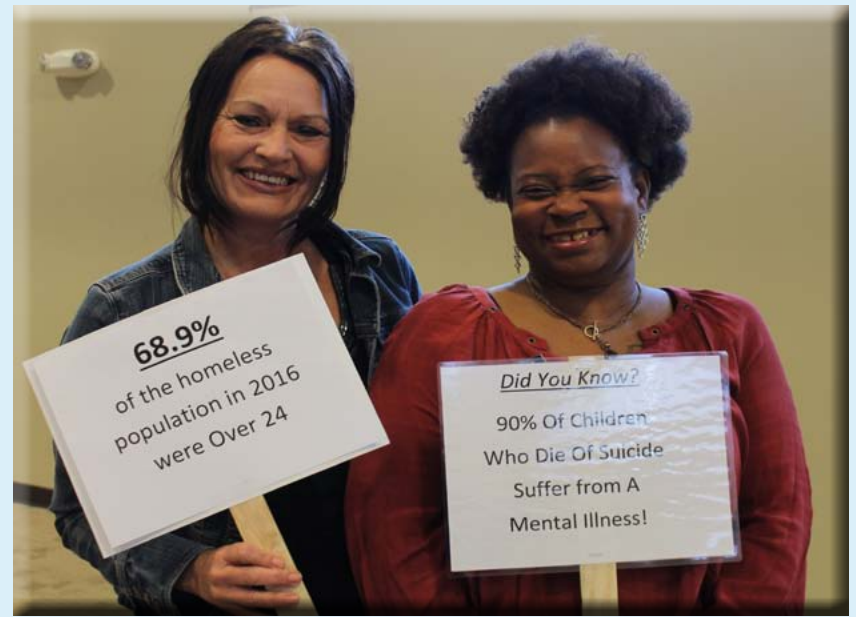


A COUPLE OF
THE SLIDES
FROM THE
PRESENTATION
AT THE 2017
COMMUNITY
BREAKFAST.

WATCH FOR
A NOTICE
WHEN THE
COMPLETE
RESULTS ARE
PLACED ON
THE WEBSITE.

Chronically Homeless Individuals in Macon County





THANKS TO ALL WHO COULD ATTEND OUR 2017 COMMUNITY BREAKFAST. THE 2017 POINT IN TIME SURVEY RESULTS WERE PRESENTED. PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE LATER FOR THE COMPLETE RESULTS.



RSVP NEWS

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteers are needed for the first recycling event of the year. This year, the event will take place at the Decatur Civic Center. There is a need on Friday, April 21, for three volunteers from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to greet and move the line along. There will be folding chairs, but the volunteers will probably be standing most of the time. If you cannot commit to the entire 4 hours, just let us know the hours you can commit to. Please call Charlie or Sandy at 428.6616 if you can help.

It is never too late to join one of our advisory councils in Macon or DeWitt County for RSVP. Council members meet once per month and help guide program activities tailored to enhance services available in our community. If interested give Charlie or Sandy a call at 428.6616.

The American Red Cross is seeking volunteers to help with weekly blood drives on Tuesdays from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. Greeters and Canteen servers needed. Give Charlie a call to learn more at 428.6616.

RSVP will host the Red Cross blood mobile April 6, at St. John's Church in Clinton. Shifts and hours for volunteers vary. Please Contact Sheryl Whisman at 935.2241 if you are willing to volunteer for one of the shifts or if you would be willing to donate sandwich materials or cookies.

The Decatur Senior Center will have their annual fashion show on April 29 at 2:00 p.m. There are many volunteer opportunities with this event. The Senior Center needs people to decorate, model, help with refreshments, and work in the gift shop before and after the show. If you are interested in any part of this event, please give Charlie or Sandy a call at 428.6616.

Central Illinois Christians in Missions are seeking a volunteer (or two!) with an up to date CDL license who would be able to help with trips across central Illinois. CICM works with many social service agencies including Dove. If interested in hearing more about their work, give Charlie or Sandy a call at 428.6616.

FREE TAX PREPARATION SITE

Vespasian Warner Public Library and AARP Tax program have teamed up with RSVP Volunteers to provide free tax preparation at the library located at 310 N. Quincy St., in Clinton.

Hours are on Thursdays, 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. and Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. to NOON, now through Saturday, April 15. Call for your appointment today at 935.5174.





LOOKING AHEAD - SAVE THE DATES!



AGE OUT LOUD: MAY 2017

MAY

How do you “age out loud?” In May, link to Dove’s blog to learn more. (And check weekly for the new post!)

Be sure to join RSVP volunteers at Clinton’s IGA for a fundraiser to benefit RSVP. Hint it involves pork chop sandwiches!! Friday, May 5, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 6, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. More information available by calling Sheryl Whisman at 935.2241. We want to thank the volunteers who have put this fundraiser together. We appreciate your consistent support of the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program.

Senior Corps week is May 15 – 19 and RSVP staff will be out visiting stations to show our appreciation for all that RSVP volunteers do.



We know all volunteers are worth a “mint” to our communities and we thank you for all you do. Look for RSVP staff to drop by your stations to celebrate you! You all mean so much to this community and we intend to show you!

Charlie Gillaspie
RSVP Program Director

MAYOR’S DAY

Every day, in counties and cities across America, national service is tackling tough problems and strengthening communities. On April 4, mayors and county officials across the country will thank those who serve and recognize their impact on the Mayor and County Recognition Day for National Service. RSVP has several elected officials who have registered to do the same including State Representative, 96th District, Sue Scherer; City of Decatur Mayor Julie Moore Wolfe; Mayor Roger Cyrulik in Clinton; as well as DeWitt County Board Chair, David Newberg. We thank them for their support in our communities and share their gratitude of all of our National Service volunteers including Senior Corps members from RSVP, SCP, and FGP as well as AmeriCorps VISTA members serving in our communities.

CHILDREN'S CLOTHING ROOM

OPEN
MONDAY - THURSDAY - 1:00 TO 3:30 P.M.



*located inside of
Prairie Avenue Christian
Church
2201 E. Prairie, Decatur*

*Good, used, free clothing!
Sizes from infants to teenagers.*

For ease of making a donation of children's clothing, a shed is located south of the church in the parking lot.



YOUR GIFT WILL ENSURE THAT SERVICES CAN CONTINUE.

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY.
DOVE, INC., 302 S. UNION, DECATUR, IL 62522
OR DONATE ONLINE AT
WWW.DOVEINC.ORG

MAX

MACON COUNTY ASSISTANCE EXCHANGE
LOCATED INSIDE OF
DECATUR FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH
201 W. NORTH, DECATUR

OPEN MONDAY - THURSDAY
1:00 TO 3:00 P.M.

HELPING WITH EMERGENCY FINANCIAL
ASSISTANCE FOR
FAMILIES/INDIVIDUALS IN NEED.

WARM NEIGHBORS  COOL FRIENDS

WNCF is located in the MAX office for MACON and DEWITT Counties. Below are the 2016-2017 Income Guidelines for Weatherization and Bill Payment Assistance. Families must show proof of income. A family's monthly gross income must fall between the ranges below, based upon family size, to qualify.

Family Size 30-Day (Gross) Monthly
Income Range Must be between:

	1	\$1,485 - \$2,970
	2	\$2,003 - \$4,005
	3	\$2,520 - \$5,040
	4	\$3,038 - \$6,075
	5	\$3,555 - \$7,110
	6	\$4,073 - \$8,145
	7	\$4,591 - \$9,183
	8	\$5,111 - \$10,223



**Join Macon County CASA
and
Child 1st Center
In recognition of
Child Abuse Prevention
Month**

**April 3rd
4:30 PM – 6PM**

**Courthouse Wreath Lighting
Ceremony 4:30PM.**



You are invited to join us immediately following for a networking Social Hour at Locals 101 Bar & Grill



Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN
MACON COUNTY, ILLINOIS



*sharing from one of our
community friends*



**Join Lawrence Trimble
Director of Student Services
Decatur Public Schools and a distinguished
panel for a Community Discussion**

***“Trauma Informed Systems;
Children Aren’t As Resilient As We Think”***

**Madden Auditorium
Decatur Public Library.**

**April 4th
5:30 PM to 6:00 PM Social
6:00 to 7:30 Program**



*sharing from
one of our
community
friends*



Learn to Run!



WHO: Individuals with little or no running background who want to learn to run in a supportive, group environment

WHAT: Our 4th annual, free, 10-week program to help you complete a gradual, non-competitive transition from walking to running. Experienced local runners and athletic trainers from AthletiCare will be there to support you every step of the way!

WHEN: April 3 – June 8th
Monday – Thursday, 5:30 – 6:10 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday, 8:30 – 9:10 a.m.

Choose 3-4 days to run/walk with us, and 3-4 days to rest!

WHERE: The best & most beautiful trails in our Decatur Park District.
A new location & adventure each week!

Like us on Facebook@ Learn to Run Decatur, IL

**To sign up, or if you have any questions, please email us at
LearnToRunDecatur@gmail.com**

