



Spring 2024

Upcoming Events

Check Our Website for Details

ST. PAT'S DAY PARADE

SATURDAY, MARCH 9TH, 2PM
MAIN ST.—6TH ST. TO 4TH AVE

TRIVIA NIGHT

MONDAY, APRIL 15TH
POLLYANNA, STC

POSH PICNIC

FRIDAY, JUNE 14TH
DINNER & DANCING
REVELRY 675, BATAVIA, IL

GREAT WESTERN

FREEDOM 4
THURSDAY, JULY 4TH
RUN/WALK
ALL NEW THIS YEAR!!

GOLF SCRAMBLE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH
PRAIRIE LANDING GOLF COURSE
STC

We have this
HOPE as an
ANCHOR
for the soul,

HEBREWS 6:19



I have the privilege of being a part of the service organization Rotary International. While reading their monthly magazine, I came across an article that really spoke to me. It was about a former leader who was going through treatment for a cancer diagnosis. She had been asked to speak at a large International event and with the support of Rotary and her oncologist, she was encouraged to still attend. Several days before, she lost all her hair, arrived in a wig and delivered her speech. *“At one of the lowest points in my life, someone didn’t count me out,”* she said, tearing up. “It was just such a message that I needed at that point in time. That I had value, that I could contribute and participate. I felt HOPE at a time when I thought that maybe HOPE isn’t what I was going to get.” Wow, does this apply to working here at Lazarus House. The italicized line above really made me rethink how I greet those who show up at the door. I shared this message with our team here, wanting to acknowledge the value of our opportunities to help make our guests feel significant, worthy and that they count. I feel grateful to be surrounded by caring individuals, whether staff, volunteers, or donors who choose to offer HOPE to others.

~Wendy Gruber, Associate Director

Thank you to all who made this past holiday season so special for our guests! Whether you were a part of our Christmas Tag Program, made a donation for our Christmas meal or dropped off much needed house items through a community drive or by yourself, we are grateful! Many of our guests wanted to say thank you as well!

~Thank you for making me a part of your holiday family this year. Simple acts of kindness create elaborate moments of joy! May you and your family be blessed this year! Thank you for giving.

~With the most sincere form of gratitude and blessed spirit, thank you for all you did for my children, me, and the countless guests here at Lazarus House. It was a truly memorable holiday that filled our hearts with joy and was a constant reminder of the generous hearts within our community!

~I want to express my deep gratitude for your generosity this Christmas. You gave your time and energy to pick out, wrap and deliver presents to someone you don’t know to share the holiday joy. Thanks for being so caring.

~Thanks and God bless you for your support of me during these hard times.

~I’m so very thankful. I’m not sure what I’ve done to be so blessed, but you are truly appreciated.

Thank You

I would like to extend a heartfelt Thank You for making my Christmas a memorable one for years to come. My Christmas was filled with love and gratitude. Thank You





DID YOU KNOW?

Lazarus House has an entire department geared towards preventing homelessness. While we love to be there to support people when they become homeless, I think

we can all agree, it is better when people do not need an emergency homeless shelter.

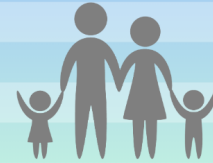
To that goal, we have four programs within our Homeless Prevention Services department that all seek to prevent homelessness in different ways. These programs offer one-time or short term rent/utility assistance, while the others focus on longer term support.

In our corner of the Lazarus House shelter building, our team of dedicated case managers meet weekly with clients in our Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program. Our PSH clients are like family to us here at Lazarus House. When you donate items like full-size deodorant and shampoo, we stock it in our Homeless Prevention Pantry that our clients get to “shop” before their case management meetings. These donations also assist clients in our medium-term, step-down rental assistance program. Those donations are a real lifesaver for our clients when they fall on especially hard times.

When a landlord is interested in one of our grant programs, to be used for one of their apartments, we are the ones who pick up the call. As the need for housing cost assistance grows, so do our programs. Though there is no way to know as an outside observer, many apartments throughout St. Charles, Geneva, and Batavia are subsidized through Lazarus House’s Homeless Prevention Services.

Want to learn more about these services and how you can help? Call and ask to schedule some time with me! ~Kajsa, HPS Manager

Lives You Have Helped Change



January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023

Individuals served in shelter



161

Nights of service provided



15,251

Nights of service for children



2,320

Meals provided



45,750

Homeless Prevention Households Helped



59



A Guest Story

Sean, a resident in our transitional living program, was unexpectedly granted custody of his teen son, Billy. Sean now found himself as a full-time parent, with a full-time job and was a part-time student at ECC working on a trade license. Sean was eligible for our HPS Rapid Rehousing program funded through a grant, and Lazarus House was able to secure a landlord who was open to working with this program. For the first time in this young boy’s life, Billy was going to have his own room and could not wait to decorate it. Because Billy’s dad was trying to be diligent about saving their money, there wasn’t a lot left over for decorating. Random Acts Matter, a local organization, provided a wonderful basket filled with wish list items for this father/son team and was also able to connect with a company who hosted a drive in their office for teenage room décor. Billy was beyond thrilled to receive all these wonderful items. By the grace of our community, we were also able to find all the necessary furniture donations. So on a beautiful fall day, with the help of many volunteers, we moved this family into their first home together. Sean’s comment, as the volunteers were leaving that day, was “thank you for helping to make an apartment into a home!”

Save the Date

LAZARUS HOUSE TRIVIA FOR A CAUSE



TRIVIA FOR A CAUSE



SUPPORT LAZARUS HOUSE TRIVIA NIGHT AT POLLYANNA BREWING ST. CHARLES

MONDAY, APRIL 15TH DOORS OPEN AT 6PM TRIVIA STARTS AT 7PM



\$30 DONATION TO PLAY EARN PRIZES

SIGN UP HERE

<https://lazarushouse.ejoinme.org/trivia2023>

All Trivia donations benefit Lazarus House, a 501(c)3 not-for-profit community shelter serving men, women, and children from Batavia, Geneva, St. Charles and western rural Kane County who are homeless or in crisis. For more information on Lazarus House visit www.lazarushouse.net or call 630-587-2144.



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SAVE THE DATE

ALL NEW

Freedom 4 Run & Walk

July 4, 2024

Details Coming Soon!

Meet the Board - Carolyn Chiovino

What inspired you to join the Board of Lazarus House? I wanted to learn ways I could be a better servant leader. I also wanted to continue to involve business leaders in having a better understanding of the word Shelter.

List 3 adjectives that, for you, describe Lazarus House. Reset, Safe, Pathway
If you could swap jobs with a staff person for a day, what would you want to try? Why? Cooking a full meal for the guests. Sitting with the guests while they are enjoying the meal. Having conversations that are light, noninvasive, food related.

If you had unlimited resources, what is the one thing that you would like to do to assist those experiencing homelessness? When guests leave the shelter, I would have resources that continue the reset process. I would have several workforce development buildings, strategically located, where guests can get additional tools on their pathway to independence, personal empowerment. All programs would be for free for as long as the guest would like.

What lasting lesson have you learned during your time at Lazarus House? I have learned that our guests are courageous just by knocking on the door for help. I have learned that all ages, all status, may be in need of a shelter reset. I have learned that a shelter must set clear parameters, clear goals and expectations. This what works for people to change their lives. Providing food and shelter is not enough to help a person be their best self. Lazarus House offers a pathway to personal success by ensuring counseling, healthcare, a positive clean safe atmosphere, excellent leadership and dedicated staff.



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