



Summer 2023

Upcoming Events

Check Our Website For Details

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FRIDAY, JUNE 9

6:30 PM

HERITAGE PRAIRIE FARMS
ELBURN

SWEDISH DAYS PARADE

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

GENEVA

COME CHEER ON OUR FLOAT

GREAT WESTERN FREEDOM

4 RUN AND WALK

TUESDAY, JULY 4

8:00 AM - RUN START

8:10 AM - WALK START

LEROY OAKES
FOREST PRESERVE
ST. CHARLES

LAZARUS HOUSE

GOLF OPEN

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

11:00 AM

PRAIRIE LANDING GOLF CLUB
WEST CHICAGO

Recently, staff at Lazarus House participated in the “Pennies in the Cup” month-long challenge. Ryan Dowd, former Executive Director of Hesed House, created the concept behind this challenge. The idea is to create as many positive interactions with individuals to build up “pennies” for a time when there may be a tougher interaction in the future. The research behind this is that the human brain experiences negative events much more strongly than positive ones, and one negative interaction is equal in strength to five positive interactions. Hence, build up your pennies when you can!

*These “Pennies In the Cup” contacts within the shelter can be as simple as:
Compliments - “I noticed you got a haircut, it looks great!”
Questions that convey care - “You had an interview yesterday, how did it go?”
Using one’s name – “Good Morning, Jim!”



I can honestly say that I found incredible value in participating in this challenge. It enabled me to refocus on taking time every day to make sure that I positively interacted with as many of our guests as possible. I typically greet each guest using his or her name, exchange fist bumps and joke around, but this challenge helped me to focus on some of the more vulnerable guests within the shelter. I created time to sit down and ask questions, listen to their stories and then made a point to revisit them the next day asking questions or referencing the conversation from the day before.

Many of our guests have not had a great deal of positive interactions recently; this was just one small way that I could help change that for them. For me, it was habit-forming and created positivity for me as well. In addition, I witnessed our guests encouraging each other, even though they were not aware of the “challenge.” We do not generally have a great deal of conflict in the shelter, but when I had to address difficult situations, I noticed things were more easily resolved. Keeping peace in the shelter is important for the safety and well-being of all, just as it is important outside of the shelter setting as well.

So, I challenge you to spread positivity and kindness and earn yourself a few “pennies in the cup” with those you interact with each day at home, work, school or anywhere you may be. Let’s keep the positivity going! -Julie Purcell, Executive Director

The “I Had No Idea” Tour

“There is so much more at Lazarus House than I thought!” is a commonly heard phrase from visitors after taking a tour.

Please join us for an exciting, informative experience as you take a tour of Lazarus House, meet our staff, and learn about our programs. Come and see your gifts in action!

To Schedule Your Tour Today
email info@lazarushouse.net

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Fun in the Sun!

Find more details about fundraisers, go to the Events page of our website:
www.lazarushouse.net/events



Early bird registration is now open!

This competitive 4-mile race is part of the Fox River Trail Runners Circuit. The 2-mile scenic walk is suited for the whole family to enjoy.

Sponsorships are available!
Contact Karen, Event Coordinator
at karenw@lazarushouse.net



Scan the QR Code to register today!

Save The Date!!

GOLF FOR GOODNESS SCRAMBLE

SEPTEMBER 15, 2023
ALL LEVELS WELCOME!

This 18 hole scramble is played at Prairie Landing Golf Club in West Chicago. This day includes golf, lunch, dinner, awards and the drawing for awesome raffle baskets!



Seeking Sponsors & Raffle Donations

Contact our Event Coordinator at
KarenW@lazarushouse.net



Help Us Restock For the Summer!

As the warmer weather is upon us, more guests arrive and quickly go through our most needed items. You can support our guests by keeping our house filled with these items! Items needed are:

- * Paper towels
- * Toilet paper
- * Paper plates
- * Disposable bowls
- * 12 oz. Plastic and Styrofoam cups
- * Laundry soap
- * Nitrile gloves, large
- * Cases of bottled water

Thank you to all the generous donors that keep our shelter stocked with our essentials! We could not do it without your help!

Shelter Guest Stories

Women and Children's Day Center — Our guests battle many things: insecurities, mental health, self-doubt, addiction, etc. For Daisy, her biggest battles are her mental health and addiction. Daisy has a history of masking her pain with substances. She got to a point where she realized this is not the way she wanted to continue living her life, and she knew that the only person that could make that change was herself. Daisy views Lazarus House as a new beginning. Daisy began weekly case management, attending classes at the shelter, and receiving substance use treatment. There has been many occasions Daisy has felt like giving up. In those moments, she speaks to her supports, self reflects, and asks herself "where will that get me?" Her ability to stop, think, and talk to her supports carries so much strength. Recovery is not an easy road. Recovery is messy, and there are going to be many twists and turns. Daisy is prepared and ready to fight this battle.

Men's Emergency Shelter — Billy was living in his family's barn before coming into our shelter. The barn had rooms inside but it would not keep the bugs or mice out. There were also many cats that he grew fond of and cared for. Unfortunately, they had many ticks on them as well. There was power in the barn but no running water or plumbing. Billy had to fill a bucket full of rainwater and he would use that water to take "showers." Billy realized that he couldn't sustain that type of living as winter was approaching, so he reached out to Lazarus House. While here at the shelter, Billy received many resources, including obtaining a phone, getting his taxes done, applying for disability and receiving basic life necessities. Billy stayed at Lazarus House for six months and in that time, an affordable senior housing option became available for him. Soon after, we were helping him move into his new place. Billy is very social and was excited to meet all his neighbors on the day of the move. The apartment complex has a community area where they have parties for holidays and even weekly events! We feel that Billy will be very happy in his new place, and he plans on getting his own cat too. (This time with no ticks!)

Center for Transitional Living — Jim, a man in his early 60's, has a heart and a voice that lights up any room. He stayed at Lazarus House after transitioning from another shelter in 2021. He entered into our Center of Transitional Housing program with little to no life skills, as he experiences some developmental delays and had never lived independently. Jim met with our employment coordinator and was able to develop a resume, apply for jobs online, and be coached on how to interview. Jim landed a position that met both his intellectual and physical abilities and he thrived, learning how to take public transportation to & from work and budget his money. Jim's health was a challenge, so with support, he became current on all of his medical appointments and medications. Due to his poor health, Disability was applied for with his Case Manager and granted, boosting Jim's monthly income, allowing him to transition into his own subsidized apartment, after completing the two year CTL program. Jim continues to call his Case Manager for a check in, come to Lazarus House for a shared meal where he can visit with staff and still attends one of our weekly groups that he enjoys. Jim & his resounding voice brought joy not only to he house, but to the people around him. Jim will always be a part of our Lazarus House community.

Homeless Prevention Services — Clara's story is a familiar one. She fell in love, got married, had a baby. Given the cost of daycare, staying home to raise her son made the most sense for her family's budget. They had a nice house in a nice neighborhood. The only thing that wasn't nice was her husband. As time went on, his temper and need for control led him to abuse Clara. Eventually, she left. That meant he kept the house and control of their finances. She couldn't get an apartment. She was alone. Luckily, she found Lazarus House. She and her son stayed with us for a few weeks and then entered into our Rapid Rehousing Program, so they can live on their own in her son's school district as she works towards self-sufficiency. Join us in cheering on Clara! It's never too late for a fresh start.

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OUTDOOR ELEGANCE / MUSIC / FARM-TO-TABLE / ORGANIC

LAZARUS HOUSE
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JUNE 9TH

Seats are filling FAST!
RSVP by May 24th
Email our Event Coordinator at
karenw@lazarushouse.net to reserve your seat!

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