



Summer 2025

Upcoming Events

Check our website for details
www.LazarusHouse.net

POSH PICNIC

FRIDAY, JUNE 13TH
 REVELRY 675 - BATAVIA

SWEDISH DAYS PARADE

SUNDAY, JUNE 22ND - GENEVA
 COME CHEER ON OUR FLOAT!

GREAT WESTERN FREEDOM 4

RUN AND WALK
 FRIDAY, JULY 4TH
 LEROY OAKES FOREST
 PRESERVE

GOLF FOR GOODNESS SCRAMBLE

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH
 EAGLE BROOK COUNTRY CLUB
 GENEVA

SIP & SUPPORT: WINE TASTING

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH
 THE WINE EXCHANGE IN STC

Looking Back

After nearly five years as Executive Director and fourteen years with Lazarus House, I'll be concluding my time with the organization at the end of May. Since announcing my decision to step down, I've been incredibly touched by the kind words and support I have received.

It's been an honor to lead this mission alongside such dedicated staff, volunteers, donors, and most importantly, our guests. Together, we've navigated immense challenges—especially during the pandemic—while achieving meaningful progress:

- Supported shelter guests through COVID-19 with hotel accommodations, testing, and safe shelter protocols
- Renovated the Emergency Shelter, adding a commercial kitchen, updated restrooms, and all new flooring
- Expanded capacity by transforming the Sanctuary space into a safe space for women and children
- Reimagined our major fundraiser into the more-casual, community-driven Posh Picnic
- Launched a new affordable housing program, providing fully furnished, independent shared housing spaces for guests
- Introduced *Bridge*, a housing program that helps guests secure apartments with Lazarus House acting as a supportive partner and advocate



I'm so proud of what we've accomplished together. Thank you for allowing me to be part of this incredible journey. As I prepare to turn the page to a new chapter, I do so with deep gratitude and a full heart. Lazarus House has been more than a workplace—it has been a community, a purpose, and a source of inspiration.

Thank you for the trust, the partnership, and the shared belief that every person deserves dignity, hope, and a place to call home. I can't wait to see how Lazarus House continues to grow and thrive in the years ahead.

With heartfelt thanks,

Julie Purcell

'I Had No Idea'

TOURS

Lazarus House

"There is much more to Lazarus House than a homeless shelter."*

"I had no idea Lazarus House provided all those different services!"*

*Common sayings after touring Lazarus House

Join us for a casual and informative tour of Lazarus House,
 meet our staff and learn about our programs!

Come see your gifts making an impact!

To schedule your tour:

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Upcoming events to support Lazarus House

To find more details about all of our fundraisers, please visit the Events tab on our website:

www.lazarushouse.net/events



Sponsorships are available!

Contact Ann Marie, Events & Fundraising Coordinator
at AnnMarieD@LazarusHouse.net | (630) 587-2144

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!

NEW 'Kids Dash' this year!

5-and-under: 50 yards 10-and-under: 100 yards

REGISTER NOW

4th of July



We have partnered with The Little Traveler in Geneva for 2025, providing an opportunity to give back while supporting a local business! The Little Traveler will donate 10% of purchases made on select dates (*Fifth Saturdays*) to Lazarus House. Shoppers will have to mention Lazarus House as their charity of choice at checkout.

May 31, August 30 & Dec 2nd (#GivingTuesday). Happy Shopping!

Our 8th Annual Golf for Goodness

Scramble will take place at

Eagle Brook Country Club

2288 Fargo Blvd, Geneva, IL 60134

Monday, September 8th, 2025

**Seeking Sponsors
& Raffle Donations**

Contact our Events & Fundraising Coordinator,
Ann Marie at AnnMarieD@LazarusHouse.net



8th Annual

**Lazarus House
Golf for Goodness
Scramble**

Monday, September 8th, 2025
10AM Shotgun Start



One-Time Donation

Other ways to

SUPPORT

Lazarus House



Monthly Giving



Lazarus House Guest Stories



Women and Children's Day Center — Mental health is a common struggle for many of our guests. Mary arrived at Lazarus House after spending the last year working to improve this struggle in her life. Mary fell into what seemed to be an inescapable depression after facing an eviction and consequently being shunned from her children. She lost the only place she could call home, but even worse, she lost those who mattered most to her.

When Mary came to Lazarus House, she felt lost. She dwelled on the past, wondering what she could have done differently for another outcome. After a couple of weeks, Mary started to open up to staff. Little by little, Mary regained her motivation and confidence. There were some bumps along the way, but Mary finally found housing and has been independent ever since! We so admire Mary's persistence. She shared that "everything happens for a reason," and that "there truly is light at the end of the tunnel."

Men's Emergency Shelter — Louis came to Lazarus House when he faced challenges with affording his rent and was at risk of eviction. Gratefully, he was able to leave before receiving an eviction. Louis is a veteran, but had never explored the benefits available through the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. As soon as Louis arrived at Lazarus House, we were able to connect him with those resources that he deserved. While he was at Lazarus House, Louis worked hard on his employment and saved every penny he earned.

With encouragement and ongoing support, Louis was able to follow through on the affordable housing for which he was eligible. His Veteran status also enabled him to receive additional financial support that helped greatly with his move. Louis has remained a part of the Lazarus House community, where he is always welcome for meals and camaraderie. We are incredibly proud of his perseverance and grateful for his service. Today, we celebrate Louis and his new home with heartfelt joy!

Center for Transitional Living — Angie came to our emergency shelter after losing the apartment she could no longer afford. Her path was shaped by past abuse and a recent PTSD diagnosis, yet she remained determined to rebuild her life.

Adjusting to communal living was difficult, as being around a lot of people caused Angie great anxiety, but she stayed. She committed to working hard on her mental health and sobriety through Lighthouse Recovery. Employed as a part-time bus monitor for children with special needs, she also spent several hours each week volunteering at a local animal shelter. Her dedication earned her a spot in our two-year transitional housing program. With space to heal, Angie began to thrive.

A major hurdle came when she needed 15 teeth removed to prepare for dentures. The experience caused intense anxiety, but a compassionate dentist guided her through the seven visits. Receiving dentures transformed her confidence. With a new smile and renewed spirit, Angie secured a full-time role as a paraeducator supporting children with severe disabilities—a job she embraced wholeheartedly.

After a year of hard work and growth, Angie was presented with a rare opportunity: a place in Lazarus House's Rental Housing Support program. She moved into her own apartment with income-based rent, finally finding a stable and affordable home.

Her journey is a powerful reminder of what's possible with support, opportunity, and determination.

Homeless Prevention Services — Rachel and Dan arrived at Lazarus House with their two children, Julia and Michael after losing their home that they could no longer afford. Being a family in a homeless shelter is already a struggle, but for Rachel and Dan it was even harder. Both Rachel and Dan have profound hearing loss and use American Sign Language as their only mode of communication.

This family had now found themselves in an unfamiliar shelter, where they couldn't communicate very well with many people because of their deafness. Luckily, their assigned case manager had taken years of ASL classes. This was such a positive coincidence that profoundly impacted their stay at Lazarus House. After months of job searching with no luck, Rachel was awarded SSI. This was a great financial addition to the social security income that Dan was already receiving.

Things fell into place when this family was accepted into a rental housing support program. Their kind and generous landlord bought a new mop, kitchenware, towels, cleaning supplies, and more for this family to start fresh in their new home. Rachel came to my office on their last day in shelter, and pointed at the picture frame in my office that says, "Yes girl, you can". She said, "That quote has made me stay optimistic. I'm so relieved that my family and I persevered through the hard things. Look where that's gotten us today!"

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The poster features a light blue background with purple hydrangea flowers in the corners. In the center, the text "Lazarus House" is in a purple serif font, followed by a decorative flourish, then "5th Annual" and "POSH PICNIC" in large purple serif letters. Below this, the date and time "June 13 | 5:30PM" are displayed. To the left, under the heading "Our Signature Event Features:", is a list of activities. To the right, the text "Register or sponsor today!" is above a QR code. At the bottom right, the venue "Revelry 675" and address "675 S. River Street, Batavia, IL 60510" are listed. The background also shows a picnic table with a checkered cloth and some food items.

Lazarus House
5th Annual
POSH PICNIC
June 13 | 5:30PM

Our Signature Event Features:

- Outdoor Patio with Live Music
- Plated 3-Course Dinner
- Cocktail Hour
- Keynote Presentation
- Live Auction
- Complimentary Drinks
- Performance by Fred Astaire Dance Studios

Revelry 675
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Register or sponsor today!

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