



Fall 2026



Community of Partners



Upcoming Events

Check website for registration

Midday Masquerade

Afternoon Tea

at The Little Traveler

Friday, October 9 11:30-1pm

'The Big Top' Halloween Dinner & Cocktail Party

at The Graceful Ordinary

Saturday, October 31, 2026

Dine & Donate at California Pizza Kitchen

Wednesday, November 4, 2026

#GivingTuesday

Tuesday, December 1, 2026

I recently taped a podcast with a fantastic local husband and wife legal duo, Katie and Josh Feagans. This podcast, "Behind the Fox", is a labor of love for them and allows them to highlight different nonprofits in our community. It was an hour of genuine conversation about the work of Lazarus House, and I was grateful for the opportunity to highlight what we do here. As I think about our discussion, I realize that so many of my answers were not JUST about Lazarus House. Rather, almost everything we do here at Lazarus House is possible because of a relationship with a community partner.

Before someone even becomes a guest of Lazarus House, our Case Management team is working with the person directly to determine what supports they may need. Often, our team will determine the person needs help with a substance use disorder before they can enter Lazarus House. In that case, we are connecting that person with [Lighthouse Recovery](#).

Once a guest goes through the intake process here, we must have a TB screening as part of the requirement to be in a congregate setting. This means they walk right across the street to [Tri-City Health Partnership](#). If this guest does not have insurance, Tri-City will also support their medical and dental needs as well.

Beyond medical and dental are vision needs. Often a person coming in off the street has not had a vision exam in years-if at all. The gift of sight is lifechanging and can

dramatically impact a guest's employment and other health outcomes. The [Geneva Lions Club](#) generously works with our Case Managers to secure eye appointments and new glasses for guests in need.

Beyond the physical needs of our guests, there are often acute mental health supports needed, and we are proud of our partnership with [Ecker Center](#). Through this relationship, our guests receive evaluation, therapy, medication management and stabilization when necessary. Ecker Center therapists will work directly with our Case Management team to ensure we are supporting the guest within our program to become as independent as possible in their journey toward stable and independent housing.

None of the partnerships I describe would be possible without the backbone of Lazarus House—our volunteers. Lazarus House exists because 30 years ago (almost...stay tuned for more on that in the coming months!) a group of committed Faith communities stepped up to answer the call to help their neighbors in need. Today, more than 1,200 people provide more than 20,000 hours volunteer support to the guests of Lazarus House. Chances are, if you are reading this newsletter, you have supported us in making or serving a meal, providing the sandwiches we give out at the door, donating the water for hot days or the school supplies for our children. Perhaps you have sponsored an event, donated Uber gift cards to help our guests get to work and appointments, joined our monthly giving program or simply called to ask what we need. The success of our guests is because of YOUR investment and commitment, and partnerships like those above. So to all of you-THANK YOU! We love every moment of working with you and look forward to continued celebrations of the good work we ALL DO TOGETHER.

~Kristi Athas, Executive Director

For the full podcast, please visit <https://feaganslawgroup.com/behind-the-fox/>



Thank You To All Who Attended **BINGO NIGHT**

We're so grateful to everyone who joined us at Riverlands for an evening of great company, community and support!



Dine & Donate

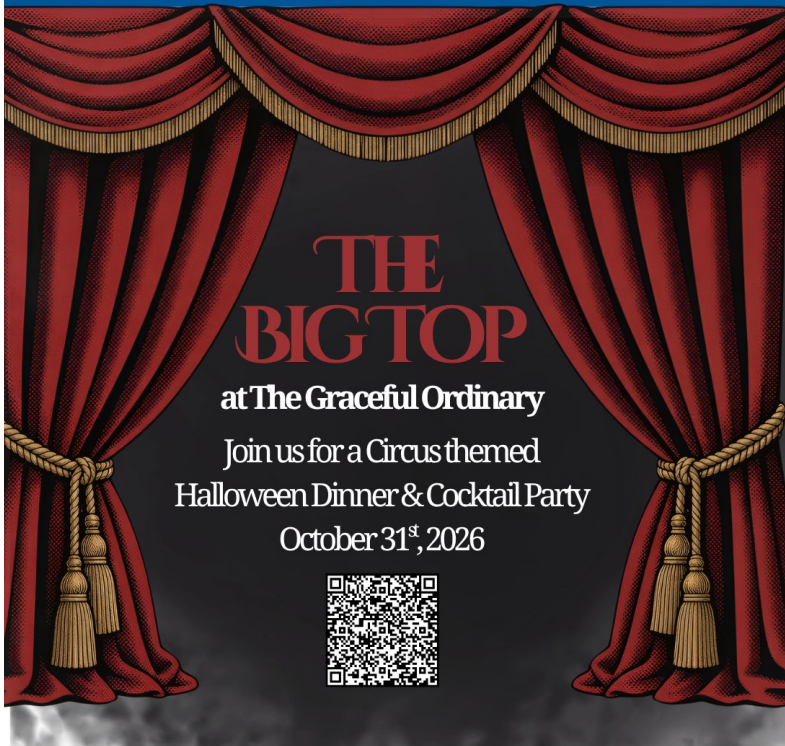
Wednesday, November 4th



california
pizza kitchen

Geneva Commons Location

Enjoy a delicious meal anytime on
November 4th and a portion of your bill will
be donated to Lazarus House!



OVERNIGHT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Lazarus House is looking for overnight volunteers. Currently, we have more than 10 overnight spots per month to fill. We are seeking individuals 18+ to come in once a month OR to fill in as needed.

Lazarus House trained Operations Staff are present & awake the whole night. Our overnight volunteer sleeps in a private room during their shift, only to be called on by Staff to be present should staff need to handle a quick emergency on site.

Overnighters can arrive between 9-10pm then wake and leave anytime after 6am to end the shift.

INTERESTED??

Contact Megan | (630) 587-2144
volunteer@lazarushouse.net



CAN YOU HELP?

- OPENINGS EVERY MONTH -

5th Mondays
1st, 2nd, 3rd & 5th Tuesdays
4th & 5th Wednesdays
1st, 2nd & 3rd Fridays
2nd, 3rd & 4th Saturdays
1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays

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127 Days Is (Much) More Than a Number

The average guest stayed at Lazarus House for 127 days during Fiscal Year 2026. Those days mean time to find employment, address barriers to housing, save money, connect with community resources and work alongside a case manager toward individualized goals.

Most importantly, these are days when a neighbor is safe, supported and met with grace to figure out what comes next.



“The program truly works - any feedback would be best served with high praise for all those that lend a guiding hand”

~Emergency Shelter Guest & Transitional resident upon returning to independent living

“I want to thank Lazarus House for everything. I was able to accomplish becoming the version of myself that STANDS STRONG”

~Emergency Shelter Guest upon returning to independent living

“My overall experience from top to bottom was by far the most humbling and gratifying thing I’ve ever experienced on a very human level. I’m so glad I was able to give back a little by helping around the shelter during a difficult time in all our lives.”

~Emergency Shelter Guest upon returning to independent living



FY26 IMPACT
AT A GLANCE

Because of **YOU**, these successes are possible. Thank you for caring for your neighbors!

152
INDIVIDUALS



80
MALES



48
FEMALES



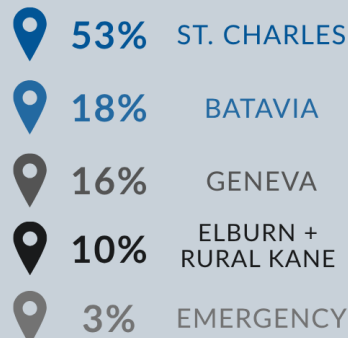
24
CHILDREN



17,966
NIGHTS OF SERVICE

AVERAGE STAY
127 DAYS

NIGHTS OF SERVICE
BY CONNECTION



25
HOUSEHOLDS
(81 INDIVIDUALS)

25 HOUSEHOLDS
AVOIDED
HOMELESSNESS
THROUGH ONE
TIME ASSISTANCE

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