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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.



Please keep us in mind as you make your 2019 goals!

...donate to Dove

...volunteer for Dove

...come to Dove's events

...learn more about community issues

...tell others about Dove

December 2018 ended with so many people to be thankful for - the coat drive collected 1957 coats to share with area clothing rooms - more than 410 Christmas Baskets given out to families in need - donations to support the clients at the Shelter and in the Homeward Bound Program & volunteers continue to serve in schools, clothing rooms, food pantry and out in the community with RSVP.

Many blessed Dove with their end of year giving. Thanks for that support of this new year.

For all these ways and many many more, we say thank you to our many friends across the central Illinois area.

We look forward to working with you in the new year!

News from Homeward Bound

The Macon County Continuum of Care Annual Point-in-Time (PIT) count volunteer training will take place Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at 788 E. Clay Decatur, IL. Please contact 217.362.7700 for more information.

The Macon County Continuum of Care Annual Point-in-Time (PIT) count will take place during a 24-hour period beginning at 12:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 24, 2019. Please contact Homeward Bound at 217.362.7700 for more information.

Coordinated Entry:

Please contact the Homeward Bound office, Monday-Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. for issues of homelessness or at 217.362.7700. After-hours, please call 217.619.5742.

Employability:

Homeward Bound has **PAID** employment training opportunities available for individuals who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Please call 217.362.7700 to learn more.

Life Skills:

Homeward Bound offers weekly life skills and budgeting classes for individuals who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Please call 217.362.7700 to learn more.

Needed items:

Homeward Bound is collecting the following for participants of the program:

- Diapers (all sizes)
- Baby Wipes

Homeless Advisory Council Continuum of Care (HAC/CoC) Meeting

**Thursday, January 10, 2019
1:30 p.m.**

The final plans for the annual Point-in-Time count will be discussed. Please join us!

Meeting Location:

Homeward Bound, 788 E. Clay, Decatur

Contact:

Darsonya Switzer, 217.362.7700, for further information

Welcome to the new hires to the Dove-Homeward Bound program:

Stephanie Gardner,

Case Manager

***Dominique Warnsley,
Employability Specialist***

Kelsey Wolfe,

Coordinated Entry/Outreach Specialist

Deanna Robinson,

Life Skills and Employment Specialist

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Tammy Wilcox
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Teri Ducey
Domestic Violence Program Director

Darsonya Switzer
Homeward Bound Program Director

Program Leadership

BABES • Beginning Awareness Basic Education Studies
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Children's Clothing Room
Sandra Harmison, Coordinator

Community Services Program
Sattin Schreiner, Community Engagement 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
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Susie Kensil, Shelby County Coordinator
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Homeward Bound
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MAX • Macon County Assistance eXchange
Rev. Shane Hartman, Coordinator

RSVP • Retired & Senior Volunteer Program
Christina Gillaspie, Program Director
Debra Hoffman, DeWitt County Coordinator



To our Dove Member Congregations:

**Please take a moment to help us make sure
our contact information is up to date.**

Please send us an email with:

- **the current staff members, title and their email addresses**
- **the current member delegate(s) serving as the liason between your congregation and Dove, Inc. and their contact information U.S. mail, email address and phone**

Your assistance is greatly appreciated!
dove@doveinc.org



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Our Bouquet of Thanks



On behalf of all the staff and clients of our program, I want to personally thank Janet Miller and all the ladies from Southside Country Club - for their overwhelming generosity for the wonderful toys for the child clients of our program! My heart was filled once again to see the love displayed in the hearts of you all again this year! Because of the love you all so willingly and graciously shared, so many children were able to have a very special Christmas! You all are certainly what makes Christmas so special. God bless you all!

Teri Ducey, Domestic Violence Program Director



I want to personally thank all the employees of HSHS St. Mary's Hospital for your generous donations to the clients of our program. It is because of special groups like you, that our clients will be able to have a special Christmas. The holidays for most of us are a time of sharing happy times with our family, friends and loved ones, however, that is not always the case for victims of domestic violence and their children. Thank you for helping make this time a year a little happier for so many of our clients.

A special thank you to our own, Karla Thornton, Dove Board Member, who helped organize this project!

Teri Ducey, Domestic Violence Program Director

We at Dove would like to thank one of our local celebrities, Rozanne Karr, for her very thoughtful and generous donation! Rozanne just celebrated her 95th Birthday! Rozanne celebrated her birthday by having family and friends come together for cake and punch at the DeWitt County Dove office and to donate baby items in Rozanne's honor for Dove. We thank this very giving and amazing young lady for thinking of us on such a big and fun day.

Jennifer Tolladay, DeWitt County Coordinator



DeWitt County Food Pantry

803 W. Leander, Clinton

Open
Tuesdays & Thursdays
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

If you would like to help out your community but are too busy to volunteer, we could always use items in our food pantry. We are always in need of:

- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Spaghetti and Sauce
- Side Dishes



Erica Alford of Unique Boutique Salon & Spa of Mt. Zion, stopped by with items for the Shelter! Thanks Erica and to everyone who donated!

MAX

Macon County Assistance eXchange
Helping with emergency financial assistance
for families/individuals in need

MAX Hours

Site:
Decatur First United Methodist Church
201 W. North, Decatur
Hours:
Monday - Thursday, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Site:
Dove Clinton Office
803 W. Leander, Clinton
Hours:
Tuesday Mornings, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Warm Neighbors Cool Friends

Site:
Homeward Bound Office
788 E. Clay, Decatur
Hours:
2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Site:
The Good Samaritan Inn
920 N. Union Street, Decatur
Hours:
2nd and 4th Fridays of each month,
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Site:
Prairie Avenue Christian Church
2201 E. Prairie, Decatur
Hours:
Wednesday Mornings, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

WARM NEIGHBORS ♥ COOL FRIENDS

WNCF is located with the MAX Program for Macon and DeWitt Counties. Below are the Income Guidelines for Weatherization and Bill Payment Assistance.

Must show proof of income between:

Family Size	30 Day (GROSS) Income Range
1	\$1,518-\$3,036
2	\$2,058-\$4,116
3	\$2,598-\$5,196
4	\$3,138-\$6,276
5	\$3,678-\$7,356
6	\$4,218-\$8,436
7	\$4,758-\$9,516
8	\$5,298-\$10,596

WNCF is back to heating bill requirements - power must be on/ bill must be current-no old bills. No help from DMCOG/Liheap/Pipp in the last twelve months. Must meet income guidelines. Must have proof of hardship and 60 days of pay stubs. No age limit and bill must be under \$750. The matched payment is up to \$350.





News from RSVP!

Happy New Year to our Volunteers!

We are blessed to have you join us in 2019. We hope your holidays have brought you many precious memories to carry you through the New Year.

As you gear up for another fun filled and adventurous year, please remember that timesheets are due every month for the previous month. We want to be sure we can tell your story of hope, love, and compassion, but we can only do so when you submit hours for us to record. Please remember that every hour you serve is important. If you need timesheets you can pull one from our website at www.doveinc.org

If you are 55 years or better, be sure to give us a call on how to become an RSVP volunteer and be the difference in someone's life today! Call 217.428.6616 and ask for Charlie.

MLK Day of Service

It is that time of year again to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with a Day of Service. This year in Macon County we are working to collect donations for the Education Programs at the Boys and Girls Club located in Decatur. The Boys and Girls Club makes education a priority and homework time is an important and required part for their members. Items can be dropped off at 302 S. Union St., Lower Level. Please have all donations into our office by January 22, at noon.

Items on the Boys and Girls Club Wish List are as follows:

- Snacks - Fruit Cups, Cheese Balls, Crackers, Nuts, Fruit Snacks, Water Bottles (small)
- Microsoft Office subscription
- Books (Elementary – High School)
- Binders
- Flash Cards (Math, Sight Words, Phonics)
- Notebooks
- Sharpie Markers
- Markers & Crayons
- Pencils/Pens (Any)
- Composition Notebooks
- Paper (Wide Rule)
- Ear buds
- Construction Paper (Multi-Colored)
- Glue

In DeWitt County, Ms. Abbey Lesko-Youngberg's Special Education classroom was selected for her dedication to her students. Ms. Lesko-Youngberg's classroom Wish List is below and can be dropped off at the Clinton RSVP office at 803 W. Leander St.

- Pencils & Markers
- Mr. Sketch Markers
- Colored Dry Erase Markers
- Large Desk Calendar
- Colored Gel Pens
- Bean Bag Chairs
- Headphones
- Stickers
- Large pads of newsprint paper
- Post it Notes
- Board Games, Playing Cards & Dominoes
- Painters Tape
- Rolling Storage Carts
- Small blank mailing labels
- Paint Brushes & Washable Paint
- Clear Contact Paper

Please consider picking up an item or two while out shopping the after-holiday sales. Ensuring children have the items they need to complete assignments and projects is important to their development and will help them achieve their goals and make a positive impact on their education.



Our Bouquet of Thanks

27th Annual Coats for Kids!

1957 Coats
were donated and distributed to
participating clothing rooms for
families in need!

Thanks to each who made a donation!

And a few places who hosted a "mini drive" with
"big" results:

Bob Brady Auto Mall
Heartland Community MCC, Springfield
Tate and Lyle
and to the many we don't know about!

and the following RSVP Volunteers who kept all
those coats moving:

Jerry and Charlotte Aldridge
Chris Bryak
Bruce and Nancy Frey
Nancy Hall
Tim Laesch
Nick Lauer
Sharon Malti
Bob Miller
Rosella Young

and the sites who had volunteers/staff members/stu-
dents take items to the cleaners!

And the area clothing rooms which work year round
to serve area folks in need.

Participating Cleaners
who made sure the coats were clean and
ready to wear!

Classic Cleaners
Peerless Cleaners
Pride Cleaners and Launderers
Waite's Dry Cleaners and Launderers

Participating drop off sites

Decatur Public Library
Decatur Township Office
Decatur Transit
Good Samaritan Inn
GT Church
HSHS St. Mary's Hospital
Illiopolis Christian Church
Kroger
Land of Lincoln Credit Union
Longcreek Township
Regions
Richland Community College
Soy Capital Bank and Trust
St. Teresa High School
Texas Roadhouse
WAND TV



Valentine's Ball

Kiss for a Cause

Feb 8th
7-10 pm

Live Music by
Prestige
Entertainment

Appetizers &
Non-alcoholic drinks

Silent Auction
Great Giveaways
and More!

Grand Palace
Heartland Community
Church
3523 Brush College Rd
Decatur, IL

Tickets available on Eventbrite
\$25 Single
\$40 Couple

Photos by Sarah Jane Photography

For more info, call
Vickie Cooper 217-433-4471
Prissy Hood 217-454-0202

all proceeds will be donated to:

NEWS

from the Domestic Violence Program



This month we would like to take a moment to highlight a few of our amazing volunteers within the Domestic Violence Program, and some of the milestones that were reached in November.

Lesley Dowell (L) is a dedicated volunteer who is always around when we need her. She has recently dedicated herself to assisting with the legal advocates, be it helping with Orders of Protection or attending court hearings with our survivors to help support and advocate for them. Lesley also is a volunteer who doesn't hesitate to help cover the shelter when needed. It is my pleasure to share that Lesley has reached her second milestone and surpassed 100 hours of volunteer service within

our program. Thanks Lesley for all you do!

Janet Broderick, (R), is one of our hardest working volunteers as well. Janet has filled a number of amazing roles, using her extensive backgrounds and trainings to make an impact in our program. She has helped with creating better tools to assist during crisis intervention with survivors who disclose suicidal or self-harm struggles. She has helped with shelter coverage and children's services on numerous occasions. Janet focuses her talents heavily on assisting with legal advocacy, as well as using her specialized training and licensing to offer volunteer therapy sessions to victims of domestic violence. Needless to say, there are some services that literally wouldn't happen if not for Janet's volunteering. It is my pleasure to share that Janet has reached her first milestone and surpassed 50 hours of volunteer service within our program. Thanks Janet for all you do!

Jared Bohland, Client Services Coordinator

Shelby County News

Thank you to the Shelby County Democrat Central Committee for your donation to our program during the holiday season. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

For me, the beginning of a new year is always an exciting time. A blank slate of pages in a calendar to be filled with new experiences, new hopes and dreams. It is a time to take stock and to plan changes we may want to make in our lives. If you, or someone close to you, are in an abusive situation or suffering the after effects of one, this may be a good time to reach out for help. Our office is available for counseling, legal advocacy, assistance with Orders of Protection, and assisting to find help with many other needs. Please contact us at 217.774.888 (hotline) or 217.774.3121 (business line). We would love to help you help yourself and your family.

Susie Kensil, Shelby County Coordinator

Moultrie County News

The Moultrie County Committee Against Domestic Violence would like to thank everyone who helped make our Santa's Workshop a great success!

Happy New Year to everyone, with thoughts of peace and safety for all!

Mary Hughes

Moultrie County Coordinator

Piatt County News

The Dove Piatt County Office received an amazing blessing in the month of December. Liz assisted in 0 Emergency Orders of Protection! In the county, there was only one no contact order issued. In the world of Domestic Violence, a quiet month, although somewhat worrisome when it comes to job security, is full of hope that Domestic Violence rates are down. We all envision a world where Domestic Violence is nonexistent, and a very quiet month is a reminder that maybe if we all work hard enough and educate others on how to live in healthy relationships, overturn power structures engrained in all avenues of life, and be strong and accepting of ourselves, that maybe one day Domestic Violence will be eradicated in Piatt County. Until then, the Dove Piatt Office will march on seeking social justice for all!

A few Christmas Baskets made their way down to Piatt County this season, and were greatly appreciated. I received pictures of the baskets delivered (thanks Mom, for helping me spread holiday cheer to Piatt County clients and their children!) and they were in short, a total blessing and received with enormous gratitude. This was my first time to work with the Dove family and sorted, stuffed and helped make the Christmas Basket mission successful. It was an amazing time, and next year is for sure something to look forward to.

Also, in the month of December, the Domestic Violence crew from Dove, Inc. attended a brilliant seminar on Domestic Violence and substance abuse in Springfield, IL. We all walked away from the day better prepared and possibly a little less judgmental of those stuck in the pit of drug abuse. The term of the day that I hope we all walked away with is 'harm reduction', which is a concept in which we celebrate the small victories, no matter how small they may be. For example, a person having 4 beers as opposed to their regular habit of 8. They are still drinking, yes, but forward progress was made, and that is something to celebrate and encourage. It was a great day and fantastic opportunity for the DV crew to also just spend time together in our element and learn and appreciate each other and what we do.

Liz Mackey, Piatt County Coordinator

NEWS

from the Domestic Violence Program

DeWitt County News

We at the DeWitt County Dove Office are geared up and ready to go for 2019! If by chance your New Year's Resolution was to become more active in the community, we are needing volunteers in a couple different positions. Call Jennifer at 217.935.6619, for information on getting started. We could always use help in our food pantry and we also are looking for new CADV (Committee Against Domestic Violence) members. The CADV Committee meets monthly for an hour and assists the DeWitt County Domestic Violence Coordinator to plan and execute fund-raisers and activities for program clients.

Many thanks to all the local organizations and individuals who graciously give to our DeWitt County Food Pantry, as we have plenty of food to pass out. Also, a big thanks to a local ladies' church group for supplying our diapers. We are stocked up if anyone is in need!

We still have plenty of coats in all sizes available, so please come in on Tuesdays or Thursdays between 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. to pick one out.

DeWitt Assistance Exchange - the D.A.X Program, is running strong and we have available funds if you or someone you know is in need of emergency financial assistance.

Our Ladies Empowerment Group is a new group that will begin meeting each Monday at 5:00 p.m. We will discuss positive ways to empower ourselves and each other. This is open to all women who are survivors of Domestic Violence. We look forward to having a large group to share our support with one another.

Jennifer Tolladay, DeWitt County Coordinator

As we close out 2018, and enter into a new year, it is a special time of reflection.

"The New Year represents a time to wipe the slate clean. A time to start over and build something even better. A time to grab onto second chances and turn them into blessings. So leave behind all the regrets, all the "could have's" and all the "should have's" and make a new beginning. Don't worry about what you didn't get done, and what you didn't accomplish this past year. Go into the New Year with gratitude and a positive attitude. Make 2019 your year!"
-Charity M. Richey-Bentley

On behalf of all our staff, volunteers and clients, I want to thank all who contributed in any way over this past year to our program. Whether it was a financial donation, in kind donation, or any particular item for our shelter and the clients we serve, we are so very grateful. Your continued support is unwavering and so deeply appreciated. It is through the support of those generous folks like you, that we are able to continue to fulfill our Mission - of addressing unmet needs and social injustices. May each of you have a prosperous New Year in 2019 that is filled with countless blessings!!

Sadly, the year did begin with a tragic domestic violence incident. 38-year-old David W. Murray died as a result of being stabbed to death. His 22-year-old girlfriend, Billiejo L. Soyster, has been arrested, and is being held in Macon County Jail, facing a preliminary charge of first-degree murder.

Domestic violence continues to plague our community. I am reaching out to everyone, to make your own conscious determined effort at taking a stand against this unjustifiable crime!!! Let it be a priority of our many other resolutions for this new year to personally learn about domestic violence, the signs of abuse, and how to offer help to those who are suffering from abusive relationships. Do you know about Dove's Domestic Violence Program? Do you know that our program serves 5 counties - with offices not only here in Decatur, but also Monticello, Sullivan, Shelbyville and Clinton? Do you know their 24-hour hotline number?

Do you belong to a group/organization/club/committee/church that would like someone to come speak about domestic violence - what the warning signs are and the services provided by our program?

Here is a listing of our hotline numbers in all our offices. If you need more information, have questions, or would like to schedule a presentation, please call Teri Ducey, Program Director, at 217.428.6616.

Decatur Office - 217.423.2238
Clinton Office - 217.935.6072
Monticello Office - 217.762.2122
Sullivan Office - 217.728.9334
Shelbyville Office - 217.774.4888



Thanks for the support for the 2018 Christmas Basket Drive!

Thank you to all who helped out with the 2018 Christmas Baskets.

Whether you collected toys, hats and gloves, donated your time or money to help assembling the baskets, or adopted a family for Christmas, we appreciate you SO much more than you'll ever know. This year, Dove staff spent 329.5 hours and volunteers spent 216.75 hours helping to sort, shop, and assemble baskets during Baskets Week.

I'd like to give special thanks to Dove staff members, Melissa Gillis and Sattin Schreiner, who were SUCH a huge help during the entire Christmas Baskets process. Their positive attitudes and amazing organizational skills made this year's basket program go much more smoothly, as well as domestic violence victim advocate, Jamie Houchins, who showed up nearly every day to assist with baskets in whatever way we needed at the time. Heartfelt thanks to Tammy Wilcox, Director of Dove, and Barb Blakey, Director of Volunteers and Community Relations, who were both around constantly to assist in whatever needed to be done, as well as to Domestic Violence Client Services Coordinator, Jared Bohland, for helping pick up a load of gifts and donations in his truck, and to Sandy Laesch, BABES Coordinator, for helping to write and submit a grant to Thrivent, and for also showing up almost every day we were assembling baskets, to help out.

Our Sincere Thanks to the following:

To First United Methodist Church, for graciously hosting us during baskets week every year, and being patient with the steady stream of people ringing the doorbell to bring in donations or volunteer their time.

To Central Illinois Christians in Mission, for always bringing their truck and helping us move to First United Methodist and then back to Dove when we're finished.

To Patty Cain, for always being there to help take care of sorting, matching, and counting all the hats and gloves that we receive. She always goes the extra mile, arriving early and staying late, and even taking things home to work on after we're done for the day and bringing them back the next day.

The RSVP program, for calling all of the families who were getting baskets delivered and reminding them of the date and time their baskets were going to be arriving. Special thanks to Charlie Gillaspie for ordering pizza for those of us who were working on baskets on Tuesday, December 18.

To Rev. Jason Butterick, Dove's Board President, for completing the delivery routes.

To Northeast Community Fund, for partnering with us in this annual venture, and for collecting gifts year-round for the project.

To Pizza Hut, for sending over several pizzas on the

final day of baskets, for those of us who were working on them that day. Thank you so much!

To Thrivent, who approved our grant request for funds for basket items such as bags, Ziploc bags, batteries, and other needed materials.

To Pepsi, for donating several cases of soda for volunteers to enjoy while working on baskets.

An extra special thanks goes out to Mr. Jim Rucker, who donated hundreds of toys, clothes, blankets, and more to the program this year. We could not have done it without you!

Another HUGE kudos goes out to Project Linus, who made and donated over 700 blankets for the kids. Thanks to this group, almost every child received a blanket this year. Thanks for all your hard work.

To my parents, who put in a lot of time during baskets week and the weeks ahead of time helping get things sorted, and who help keep me sane during the busiest time of my life every year.

There are so many other groups and individuals who helped out, more than I could ever list, and I am always mind-blown by the generosity and compassion of the community at this time of year, and always. God bless you all.

Angela D. Williams
Christmas Baskets Coordinator



Volunteer Opportunities

Dove's Children's Clothing Room

The room is in dire need of additional volunteers.

A volunteer at the clothing room gathers donations from the drop box behind the church, sorts those donations, hangs clothes when appropriate and assists clients with their choices. There is no exchange of money.

The clothing room opens at 1:00 p.m. and closes at 3:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and is located at the Prairie Avenue Christian Church, corner of 22nd and Prairie Avenue.

Please give Sandy a call at 217.428.6616 if you think you may be interested in helping. She will be glad to take you to the clothing room and show you around or accompany you on your first volunteer shift.

Tax Preparers and Greeters

RSVP partnered with AARP and the Vespasian Warner Library in Clinton to offer free tax preparation in DeWitt County. This will be the third year to offer these services to the community.

Registration and training will start in early January and we want to be sure to have enough greeters and preparers to meet the increasing demand for this free service.

Services are offered twice per week during the tax season, Thursday's from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 or 5:00 p.m. and Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. to noon, beginning February 2 through April 13, 2019. Volunteers typically do not work both days of the week. All training is provided.

Call Deb Hoffman at 217.935.2241 ASAP to be included in the training. Help us keep this FREE tax preparation service available for residents. Hurry! The first training is January 10, 2019!!

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.

Community Services Program

Sharing news from the Neighborhoods!

CONO

4th Tuesday • 5:30 p.m.

Decatur Public Library

As of January 1st, Sattin Schreiner is now serving as the CONO President. She is looking forward to collaborating with all of the neighborhood organizations and is excited for the future of CONO!

Thanks to Sue Lawson who has faithfully served as CONO President for many years!

Please note, many of the neighborhood groups do not meet in the winter months. Please check with your neighborhood contact to see if your group will be meeting.

Please contact Sattin Schreiner,
Community Engagement Coordinator,
for additional information about the
Community Services Program
dove@doveinc.org.

BABES



BABES Volunteers are back in the schools and looking forward to this new semester with the students! Watch for future volunteer training so you can be a part of this amazing program!

Domestic Violence Shelter Needs:

- strollers - new
- Pack 'n Play - new
- gas gift cards
- Walmart gift cards
- Kroger gift cards
- Aldi gift cards
- African American hair products
- journals
- art supplies
- alarm clocks
- box fans
- towels and washcloths - new
- pillows - new
- paper towels
- toilet paper
- hair dryers
- new potty chairs
- potty chair rings
- hair brushes - natural and nylon bristles

Please drop off any donations to the
Shelter, 302 S. Union, Decatur
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Monday - Friday

DomesticShelters.org

Another way to donate to the Shelter is from this website. Purchase what you want and it is sent directly to the Shelter.

**You can also find this link on the website
doveinc.org**



Evyyonne Hawkins delivered a donation from the Richland Community College Black Student Association for the Shelter, seen here with Barb Blakey.



RSVP Program Director shares our sincere thanks to the RSVP members gathered at the Holiday Event in Clinton in December. A bit of breakfast and a bit of fun before the Christmas and New Year Break!

Millikin vocal studio to present love-themed cabaret to raise awareness and support for Dove, Inc.

For as long as he can remember, Dr. Justin John Moniz has been using music as a vehicle for conversation—an opportunity for social impact. In his second year as Millikin University’s Coordinator of Vocal Studies, Moniz is now challenging his students to do the same.

On Sunday, February 3, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., the studio of Dr. Moniz – more commonly recognized on-campus as StudioJJM – will present an original cabaret entitled, *Can’t Help Falling in Love*. Held in Millikin University’s Kaeuper Hall, the program will feature twenty undergraduate music and theatre majors, sharing individual stories about the unique power and challenges of love. The cabaret was carefully programmed to include stories of love in all forms—pieces with the word ‘love’ in the title, and not just songs about love. The program includes solos, duets, and trios, from hit musicals including *The Color Purple*, *Side Show*, *Brigadoon*, *All Shook Up*, and *Purlie*, among many others.

“The studio has been rehearsing this program since August and we’re very eager to get it on its feet and share these powerful stories with our community,” said Moniz. “So often, love has such a positive connotation. Sadly, that’s not always the reality. There is good love, bad love, and, of course, the unhealthy kind of love. Through our programming, we have ventured to shed light on much of the good, but to also bring awareness to the type of love that results in more problematic situations—those of ongoing violence and domestic abuse.”

While admission to the February 3rd performance is free to the public, a \$10.00 suggested donation will benefit Dove.

“Dove’s Domestic Violence Program offers a number of services including use of a residential shelter, counseling, legal advocacy, aid for children, and a number of



*Dr. Justin John Moniz, Coordinator of Vocal Studies
Photo Courtesy of Millikin University*

community education initiatives,” said Moniz. “We have chosen to use this musical event as a vehicle for conversation—to raise awareness and support for a local cause which we feel passionately about. I personally believe in empowering artists to use their voice to tell a story, inspire a cause, raise awareness, and make a difference. This is what it’s all about. It’s who we are. It’s Millikin. And it’s undeniably performance learning in its grandest form.”

Following the 7:00 p.m. performance, select members of the studio and campus community will lead a talk back moderated by Dr. Moniz. Attendees will have the opportunity to engage in important discussion surrounding the issue of domestic violence.

The company includes Cecilia Antonelle, Patricia Bales, Nicole Barth, Shelby Barros, Kiana Beverly, Paige Boomer, Jorie Clark, Piper Charlton, Kylie Deeds, Sami Dickerson, Maura Fawley, Rhealee Fernandez, Thomas Ferro, Aly Gabriel, Chloe Hayes, Will Koski, Dalton Krum, Nate Lee, Sarah Obert, and Cydney Washington. The performance will be led from the piano by Dr. Justin John Moniz, and accompanied by a small rhythm section comprised of Millikin University School of Music faculty.