



DoveTales

the newsletter of Dove, Inc.

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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.



Have a Safe and Happy 4th of July

Dove's Continues to Grow!

Dove looks different now than five years ago and will grow and look different to meet the challenges in the years to come.

Our programs serve those in need. And those looking to do quality volunteering can come to Dove and reach out to service in our communities. Secured funding has allowed staff positions to return, adding more support and opportunities to those we serve and work along side.

But as we take a look ahead, at the beginning of this new fiscal year and new year of service, we need the continued support of you, our member congregations, our funders and our volunteers. Together we can utilize our resources to help as many people as we can.

Please, come join us in our journey.

Dove, Inc.

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Children's Clothing Room
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Community Services Program
Sattin Schreiner, Community Engagement Coordinator

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MAX • Macon County Assistance eXchange
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RSVP • Retired & Senior Volunteer Program
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Letter from the Executive Director of Dove, Inc.:

Coordinating Efforts to Address Unmet Needs and Social Injustices.

Christine Gregory, Executive Director

Dear Friends:

Over the past 48 years, the religious organizations, volunteers, advocates, and staff of Dove, Inc. have been a positive force for collaboration on the tough issues facing the communities in the five counties which Dove serves. Individuals, families and children in poverty, or whose safety are in jeopardy, need the compassion and love which we have been asked to give our neighbors.

That is one reason I am excited to remain involved in Decatur's City Revitalization process, and excited to welcome Community Engagement Coordinator, Sattin Schreiner, to our Dove family. We also had the opportunity in the last month to welcome people from across the state to our community and have them learn about loving our neighbors from some of the organizations involved in the Macon County Continuum of Care to End Homelessness, for which Dove is the Lead Agency. Our rural counties have been blessed by neighbors banding together to provide food, safety, clothing, and neighborly love to one another. In short, we are living into the great commandment and planning to be present to walk beside you for many years to come.

If you or your organization's members are ready, please reach out to our Volunteer & Community Relations Director, Barb Blakey. Dove, Inc. is only as strong as its those who walk with us. It is my sincere hope that you will be a part of making our home a self-sustaining community free of human suffering.

**Sincerely,
Christine Gregory**



Volunteer News

› Our fiscal year runs from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. Time is almost up for you to get your volunteer hours recorded for this year. All hours must be submitted to our office by July 10, 2018 to be counted. Remember your timesheets are the only way for us to know and show what you have done for your community. All volunteers who submitted hours for the fiscal year are invited to our annual volunteer appreciation luncheon in September. Don't miss out. Get those hours in today.

›› Are you getting the Tuesday weekly email update? If not just give us a call and we can add you to the email list. It's fast and easy and the weekly update is packed with lots of information from volunteer opportunities to special events in your area that you or your family may enjoy. Don't miss out learning more about Dove Inc., RSVP, your community, and fun tidbits. Sign up today, call Sandy at 217.428.6616 to get on the list.

››› RSVP is partnering with Applebee's once again for our Flapjack fundraiser. This year's fundraiser will be September 8, 2018 from 8:00 a to 10:00 a.m. at Applebee's in Forsyth. Tickets will go on sale later this month and are available from RSVP staff and Advisory Council Members. Tickets are only \$5.00 each, in return, not only do you help support our program but you get a great breakfast of pancakes, bacon, drink, and fun!! Mark your calendars to attend this year's event, you don't want to miss out.

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.



National Night Out featuring the Lantern Parade

Tuesday, August 7, 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Hess Park, Decatur

Activities include:

- Press Conference at the Decatur Civic Center at 5:00 p.m. followed by the Caravan to Hess Park
- Food - hotdogs, snow cones, popcorn and more!
- Lantern Parade, an annual event featuring the children of Decatur who are part of the Decatur Park District Summer Programming!
- Bounce Houses for the kids
- Entertainment!

We will be sharing additional activities in the August Newsletter. Dove is excited to be small part of this wonderful annual community event.

Nation-wide NNO Information, click [here](#)



Welcome Sattin!

Dove, Inc. is thrilled to strengthen our relationships with the many area Decatur Neighborhoods, by bringing back the Dove Community Services Program.

Sattin Schreiner, a recent Millikin University graduate, began with the Community Services Program, as the Community Engagement Coordinator in June. Sattin has started reaching out to community partners and learning more about the many diverse neighborhoods.

The Community Services Program got a late start with this years' planning, but we are very happy to be a small part of this amazing community event, National Night Out! See info on the left!



Fundraising

Dine to Donate Night

Thursday, July 19, 4pm-10pm

Dove, INC

Join us at Texas Roadhouse on July 19, and no less than 10% of your food purchases will be donated back to Dove, INC.



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Barb Blakey,
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Dove, Inc. Member Congregations

Argenta Presbyterian Church
Central Christian Church, Decatur
Christ United Methodist Church, Decatur
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Prairieview Parish, Elwin, Macon and Zion Chapel
Saints James and Patrick Parish, Decatur
St. John's Episcopal Church, Decatur
St. Peter African Methodist Episcopal Church,
Decatur
St. Thomas Catholic Church, Decatur
Sharon United Methodist Church, Decatur
Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, Decatur
Trinity CME Church, Decatur
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Decatur
Unity Church, Decatur
Weldon United Methodist Church
Westminster Presbyterian Church, Decatur

News from Homeward Bound

Seeking Entrance into the Homeward Bound Program?

**Walk-in applications
will be taken Monday
through Friday
between 8:30 a.m.
and 4:00 p.m. at the
Homeward Bound
Office, 788 E. Clay,
Decatur.**

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.

Needed items:

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

- Laundry detergent
- Towels

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

Thursday, July 12 • 1:30 p.m.

Dove, Inc. will present updates on the Macon County Coordinated Entry and Outreach efforts. Please join us!

Meeting Location:

Homeward Bound, 788 E. Clay,
Decatur

Contact:

Darsonya Switzer, 217.362.7700,
for further information

MAX

Macon County Assistance eXchange

Helping with emergency financial assistance for families/individuals in need

MAX Summer Hours

We have expanded our hours to reach out to serve the community better.
Through August 31. MAX will be closed September 3 - 7 and reopen September 10.

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 Offices,
788 E. Clay, Decatur**

Hours:

**2nd and 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.

NEW 2018-2019

Warm Neighbors/ Cool Friends
Income Guidelines

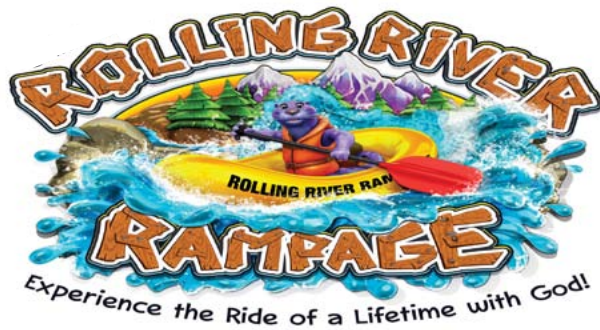
As of June 8, 2018, ONLY for Seniors (those 60 and over) and disabled with a Doctor's letter stating they need a/c for medical reasons. The matched payment is now \$200.00. Must show proof of income between:

Family Size 30 Day (GROSS) Income Range
Must be between:

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

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 paystubs.





JOIN US FOR VBS

When: July 29th—August 2nd; 6:00pm—8:00pm

Where: Clinton United Methodist Church

Cost: Free

All donations collected will go to:



The Write Stuff
for Kids

www.writestuffforkids.com

VBS Website: rrr.cokesburyvbs.com/clintonumchurch

Church Info: 308 East Main St.—Clinton, IL 61727—217-935-5869—www.clintonumcil.org



Volunteer Organizational League

The July Volunteer Organizational League (VOL) meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 10, noon, in the Dean Simcox Conference Center, 302 S. Union, Decatur.

To learn more call Charlie Gillaspie at 217.428.6616. Those who works with volunteers at their agency, business, or organization are welcome to attend. Bring your lunch and learn other ways to engage your volunteers.

Your gift will ensure that services can continue.
Please give generously.

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or donate online at www.doveinc.org or on Facebook



Volunteer Opportunities



The DeWitt County Food Pantry is looking for a few caring individuals who would like to help serve those in need in our community. Lots of volunteer opportunities to help with, from covering food pantry hours on Tuesday and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. when the regulars are unavailable, to helping with donation collection, or helping on days the trucks go to Midwest Food Distribution. There is something for everyone!!! Call Jennifer at 217.935.6619 to learn how you can be a part of feeding our hungry.

Peace Meal is seeking volunteers in DeWitt County, Tuesday through Friday is needed in Clinton. Delivery starts at 10:30 a.m. and takes less than one hour. Please consider helping local seniors receive a balanced nutritious meal by a friendly face. Call Deb Hoffman at 217.935.2241.

Macon County Assistance Exchange, MAX is expanding. Rev. Shane Hartman is now working full time with the MAX program. Shane is serving the community at different locations. More locations mean more opportunities to get involved and help

with this program. Help is need at various times and locations to assist clients with completing their paperwork required. See page 8 for dates, times and locations. Give Charlie a call to learn more at 217.428.6616.

Volunteers for Dove's Children's Clothing Room are needed. If you can spare 2 ½ hours in an afternoon to help hang clothes and to assist those who come into the clothing room, we would love to hear from you. Volunteers who would like to help on a regular basis or who would like to be on a 'call if you need me' list are needed. Please call Sandy at 217.428.6616 if you would like more information or would like to be added to the volunteer list.

Rock Springs Nature Center is seeking volunteer to help out at their Information Desk. Information Desk volunteers are an essential part of the Nature Center team. Volunteers greet the public, answer simple questions, and assist staff members with projects. Training is provided. For more information or to sign up, contact Jenny Garver, jgarver@maconcountyconservation.org, or call the

RSVP office at 217.428.6616. Greatest need is on Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

If you are looking for exciting and challenging new adventures then look no more. Love Life Community Radio station 107.9 (a local not for profit station) is seeking outgoing volunteers to assist at special events with flyers and informational distribution. They are also looking for a dynamic and creative office assistant twice per week from 10:00 a.m. to noon. This is a non-smoking environment. If you would like to get in on a station who values community relations this is for you! Call Charlie or Sandy at 217.428.6616.

It's almost time for the annual report mailing preparation. Help is needed on August 27, 2018. We start about 7:00 a.m. but you are welcome to come anytime during the morning to help! We will be serving Biscuits and Gravy to our volunteers that morning. Call and let us know if you are coming at 217.428.6616 ask for Sandy or Charlie.

Domestic Violence Shelter Needs:

- Strollers - new
- Pack N Play - new
- Gas Gift Cards
- Walmart Gift Cards
- Kroger Gift Cards
- Aldi Gift Cards
- Box Fans
- New Towels and washcloths
- New Pillows
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Hair Dryers
- African American Hair Products
- Hair Brushes, Natural and Nylon Bristles

Please drop 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

NEWS

from the Domestic Violence Program

Our program is happy to welcome back volunteer Janet Broderick! Janet will be available each Wednesday at the shelter to provide therapy, assist with orders of protections, shelter coverage, hotline, and overall direct services to our clients. We are so grateful to have her back with us!

Annette Russo has returned to the Domestic Violence Program! Annette will serve as our Contractual Art Therapist. She will be facilitating an Art For Therapy Group each Thursday afternoon from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. for adults. She will eventually facilitate a group for the children as well. We are very grateful to have Annette back, providing this valuable service to our clients, as a therapeutic way in expressing their feelings through art.

Annette Lane is our new Parenting Specialist. We wish Annette all the best as she takes on this new roll. Melissa Gillis has taken on the duties of Dove Office Manager and will start mid-July.

We are still in search for a Piatt County Coordinator. We have placed an ad in the Champaign News Gazette, and placed the opening on the ICADV (IL Coalition Against Domestic Violence) weekly email to programs for this positions.

Teri Ducey
Domestic Violence Program Director



Mary Hughes, spoke with folks from the United Methodist Church in Arthur on May 22, relaying all of Dove's services for victims.

Domestic Violence posters were also distributed in the community to encourage victims in need to call our program.

Mary Hughes
Moultrie County Coordinator



NEWS

from the Domestic Violence Program

BABES

Have you wanted to learn more about the BABES Program to see if it would be a good fit for your time and talents? If so, join us for this upcoming informational meeting:

BABES Volunteer Orientation

Thursday, August 9, 2018 • 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Dean Simcox Conference Center, 302 S. Union, Decatur

Those interested in the next Volunteer Training (whether you join us for the orientation or not) please sign up for the training to be held:

Monday, September 10, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Dean Simcox Conference Center, 302 S. Union, Decatur

And current Volunteers, mark your calendar for:

BABES Back to School Volunteer Meeting

Monday, August 27, 12:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Dean Simcox Conference Center, 302 S. Union, Decatur

*Contact Sandy Laesch for more information
or to register for any of these events,
217.428.6616 or slaesch@doveinc.org.*

The 12th Annual Domestic Violence Counts Report is in. On September 13, 2017, 1,694 out of 1,873 (90%) identified domestic violence programs in the US participated in the National Census of DV Services. The following are some of the figures that represent the information provided by these 1,694 participating programs during this 24-hour period.

- 72,245 victims were served in one day
- 40,470 adult & child victims of DV found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local DV programs
- 31,775 adult & child victims received non-residential assistance and services that included counseling, legal advocacy and children's support groups
- 20,352 hotline calls were answered (an average of 848 calls per hour or more than 14 calls per minute)
- In the past year, 531 of the programs surveyed (31%) laid off or left unfilled 1,077 staff positions nationwide. Most of these positions (62%) were direct service providers, such as shelter staff or legal advocates.
- On Census Day, 102 of the participating DV programs (6%) were impacted by, or still recovering from natural disasters, including wildfires, hurricanes, or flooding.

NEWS

from the Domestic Violence Program



Hello to everyone from the DeWitt County Office! We are having a great summer!!! We had a fun summer camp program in June. We made some creative Gnome Gardens, sun catchers and lots of fabulous art (see left).

We also decorated "cars" (see below) and watched a Drive-In Movie while we snacked on popcorn! All of the kids were so enthusiastic and made the planned days so much more fun with their creativity. I am already looking forward to next year's camp!

Jennifer Tolladay
DeWitt County Coordinator



*DeWitt County
Candlelighting Ceremony*

*Thursday, October 11
6:00 p.m.*

Christ Lutheran Church, Clinton

More details to come later.

DeWitt County Food Pantry

803 W. Leander, Clinton

Open

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

The pantry is open to all residents in DeWitt County who are in need of food. We also provide assistance with diapers.

DAX Program

Our DAX program still has funding if you know of anyone who has a financial emergency. So far, we have given out \$3036.44. You must provide proof of the bill (shut off notice for a utility bill, eviction notice for rent) and proof of some sort of income.

We also have the Warm Neighbors Program at Dove in Clinton. Contact Shane Hartman for details at 217.935.6619. He is in the Clinton Office on Tuesday mornings.