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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.



Dove's Annual Garden Tea Luncheon Saturday, June 30, 2018

First Church of the Nazarene,
1220 Kleeman Drive and Highway 51, Clinton

Luncheon • 11:30 a.m.

This sit-down luncheon will include a delightful
dessert bar.

Tickets • \$15

Tickets must be purchased in advance at a
Dove Office, 803 W. Leander, Clinton or
302 S. Union Decatur,
or from DeWitt County CADV members.

Sponsored by:

DeWitt County CADV to benefit the
Domestic Violence Program

For more information:

Please contact 217.935.6619



Featured in the ticket price:

“A Victorian Ladies Beauty Secret”

will be presented by the The Tea Ladies, Inc.

seen here from the 2017 Event

1:00 p.m.

*Please dress in your
favorite tea party attire!
Gloves, hats, & fascinators
encouraged but not required!*

Dove, Inc.

Leadership Team

Christine Gregory
Executive Director

Tammy Wilcox
Assistant Director

Barbara Blakey
Director of Volunteers & Community Relations

Teri Ducey
Domestic Violence Program Director

Darsonya Switzer
Homeward Bound Program Director

Program Leadership **BABES •**

Beginning Awareness Basic Education Studies
Sandy Laesch, Program Coordinator

Children's Clothing Room
Sandra Harmison, Coordinator

DAX • DeWitt County Assistance eXchange
Jennifer Tolladay, Coordinator

DeWitt County Food Pantry
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Susie Kensil, Shelby County Coordinator
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Homeward Bound
Darsonya Switzer, Program Director

MAX • Macon County Assistance eXchange
Rev. Shane Hartman, Coordinator

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

Letter from the Executive Director of Dove, Inc.:

Coordinating Efforts to Address Unmet Needs and Social Injustices.

Christine Gregory, Executive Director

Dear Friends,

As we enter the season which in the Christian calendar is called “ordinary time” I can’t help but feel our five county area is on the cusp of extraordinary growth. What a community of Hope we live in! It was encouraging this past month to see so many area organizations come together for the Conversations on Childhood Maltreatment in May. And to support the City of Decatur’s Community Revitalization Efforts, a summary of which will go to the City Council in June. We have room to grow in order to help our community flourish, and the air is ripe with possibility.

As I write this, the Illinois State Budget is once again not resolved, and Dove is continuing to ensure that we are fiscally responsible and working to grow non-state resource funds to improve our stability. This too is an area where growth and possibility are a future we need to support. I urge you to stay abreast of these developments and stay involved in helping the State to resolve its issues for the long term through voting and advocacy.

Volunteering is one way in which you can make all the difference, whether directly with one of Dove’s many programs, or by working with RSVP to identify one of the 90+ members stations which calls to your skills and interests. Please spend time considering how your talents can benefit our community.

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 member organizations, volunteers, and advocates. It is my sincere hope that you will be a part of making our home a community of joy and hope for everyone.

Sincerely,
Christine Gregory



Volunteer Opportunities

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.

MAX is expanding hours of service. Rev. Shane Hartman is now working full time for the MAX program. Shane is working on 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. Give Charlie a call to learn more at 217.428.6616.

Summer is here! Are you ready to have some fun? Volunteers are needed at several children friendly stations such

as Scovill Zoo, Children's Museum of Illinois, or Macon County Conservation District at Rock Springs. Can you spare an hour or two to ensure that the train and carousal are available to visitors? Love teaching children about nature? Picking up and maintaining exhibits? There is something for everyone. Background checks are required. Call Sandy or Charlie to get started in your new adventure today.

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.

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.***

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.**

Save. The. Date!

**Chicago HUD Homeless Institute
Annual Meeting, Decatur, IL
June 26 & 27**

**June 26 - CoC Program Start Up Training: An
interactive overview of the CoC regulations targeted
to those with less than one year of experience**

June 27 - Workshops, tours, networking & more!

Institute registration links and hotel booking information to follow via e-mail soon!
For interim questions, please e-mail HUDIllinoisCoCGroup@hud.gov

Coordinated Entry:

Please contact the Homeward Bound office Monday-Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. for issues of homelessness 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

Announcing New Summer Hours

We have expanded our hours to reach out to serve the community better.

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 in the MAX office for MACON and DEWITT Counties. Below are the current Income Guidelines for Weatherization and Bill Payment Assistance. Families must show proof of income. A family's monthly gross income must fall between the ranges below, based upon family size, to qualify.

- 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

Family Size 30-Day (Gross) Monthly Income Range Must be between:

1	\$1,508 - \$3,016
2	\$2,030 - \$4,060
3	\$2,533 - \$5,106
4	\$3,075 - \$6,150
5	\$3,598 - \$7,196
6	\$4,120 - \$8,240
7	\$4,643 - \$9,286
8	\$5,165 - \$10,330



*Our Thanks to the AMEREN Volunteer Group
who once again, cleared and cleaned
our front landscaping and garden.
They both look beautiful!*

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

*To learn more about becoming a
Dove Member Congregation
or to schedule a speaker
for your congregation, please contact
Barb Blakey,
Director of Volunteers &
Community Relations
at 217.428.6616 or
dove@doveinc.org*



Volunteer Organizational League

The June Volunteer Organizational League (VOL) meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 12, 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.

**No RSVP needed
just show up!**

Happy Father's Day!



Ending Our Fiscal Year

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 before the end of July 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.

Thanks for the Support

We want to thank everyone who took the time to stop and enjoy lunch at our IGA Fundraiser in May 4 in Clinton. We appreciate the support of our program and look forward to serving you lunch again next year.

Friendly Reminder

Be on the lookout for survey requests from volunteers and the clients you serve. We value your comments!

Don't Miss Out!

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.

Seeking Advisory Council Members

Are you interested in helping our program grow? Accomplish more? Or would like to understand more about what volunteers accomplish in the community daily? Now is the time to consider becoming an RSVP Advisory Council Member. Council members help determine activities required by funders for our Days of Service, fundraising efforts, event participation, and more. Advisory Council members help staff keep up to date on what is happening in the community, guiding staff and programming, and being our ever-important ambassador for the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program. You do not have to be an RSVP volunteer to serve, we welcome business owners, local Pastors, or agency personnel who understand volunteers and the many hats they may wear. The RSVP Advisory Council Macon County meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 1:00 p.m. while the DeWitt County Advisory Council meets the 3rd Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. New members start July 2018 but potential members are welcome to attend the June meeting to ask questions of current members and to learn more. Call Charlie for more details at 217.428.6616.

Domestic Violence Shelter Needs:

- Strollers - new
- Pack N Play - new
- Box Fans
- Gas Gift Cards
- Walmart Gift Cards
- Kroger Gift Cards
- Aldi Gift Cards
- 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

I want to congratulate the following for completing our Dove Domestic Violence Education and Volunteer Training:

Barb Blakey
Tobi Irvin
Liz Lehman
Alice Moorhead
Andrea Rolfs

This is a very intense training over a 3 week time period – and we thank you all for taking the time out of your busy schedules to attend and participate in these sessions.

Congratulations to Joyce Kirkland, Youth & Families Coordinator and Jared Bohland, Client Services Coordinator, for facilitating such an awesome training. This training was completely revised and updated with current materials, videos, etc. and was very well put together. Jared & Joyce worked very diligently at making this the professional training it is today! Watch newsletter for dates of the Fall 2018 training session.

We are in the interviewing process for the Piatt County Coordinator Position. We hope to find the perfect fit for this new opportunity as we expand our new office into Monticello, serving the Piatt County Community. During this transition, Vivian Reed, Legal Advocate Supervisor, will be available in the office at 121 N. State St., Suite 411, Monticello, IL 61856. The office phone number is 217.762.2123 and the hotline is 217.762.2122.

Teri Ducy
Domestic Violence Program Director

BABES



The school year is finished! We want to thank all the teachers who invited the BABES program into their classrooms and let them know that they are APPRECIATED.

*A teacher takes a Hand,
opens a Mind,
and touches a Heart.*

BABES Volunteers and I witness firsthand the dedication of teachers in Macon and DeWitt counties.

Thank you to Johns Hill Magnet School Principal, Mr. Rob Prange, for allowing us to invite the United Way Impact Tour committee for BABES program presentation, and 3rd grade teacher Sarah Pierce who took time out her class schedule to allow me and the puppets to present to her students for the committee.

Thank you to the 17 BABES volunteers who went into the classrooms this year to help the children in our community develop positive living skills. Without their dedication this program wouldn't exist.

Thank you also goes to our community for financial support of the BABES program.

- Exelon Generation Clinton Power Station for printing handouts and parent letters for the school year
- The Macon County-United Way of Decatur & Mid-Illinois for their financial support
- DeWitt County Mental Health Board's financial support
- Personal donations
- Everyone that helped and participated in the BABES program

Thank you... Thank you... Thank you

Back to school will be here before we know it so here is a great way to see if you want to be a part of the program. There is a BABES volunteer orientation set for Thursday August 9, 2018 from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the Dean Simcox Conference Center at 302 S. Union, Decatur. This is a great time to find out about the BABES program and volunteer opportunities with the program. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions, my email slaesch@doveinc.org or call 217.428.6616, ext. 126.

Have a safe and wonderful summer!

Sandy Laesch
BABES Program Coordinator

NEWS

from the Domestic Violence Program



Summer Camps!



The Macon County Domestic Violence Program staff have been busy planning our Summer Camps!

The camp will be held in June every Monday & Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to noon, for children ages 5-12, whose parents are clients of the program.

Some of the fun includes:

- Pawprint Ministries
- Paint & plant day
- Scovill Zoo & Express train ride
- Baking Day
- Children's Museum of Illinois
- and MORE!

Call 217.428.6616 for information

DeWitt County Dove Domestic Violence Program will be having our summer camp again this year! The summer camp will be in June on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to Noon, beginning June 4 through 28. This camp is open to all children whose parents are clients of the program. If you have a child who is interested in attending, please call Jennifer for more information so we can make sure we have enough materials.

There are several great events planned this year!!

Also, if anyone has any old or unwanted magazines, please feel free to donate them to the Clinton office for one of our summer camp projects.

Call 217.935.6619 for information

DeWitt County Food Pantry

803 W. Leander, Clinton

Open

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

The DeWitt County Food Pantry is open to all residents in DeWitt County who are in need of food.

DAX Program

The DAX Program, DeWitt County Assistance eXchange, has funds for individuals and families who have a financial emergency. Please contact Jennifer if you have any questions or need further information, 217.935.6619.