



# DoveTales

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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.

## Why?

“Why do they stay in that relationship?”

*“What is wrong with them?!?”*

“Do they like it?!!”

*“You would think they would leave if they didn't like it!!”*

“Why would someone stay with a person who constantly puts them down, calls them names, hurts them over and over physically, emotionally and even sexually?”

Sound familiar?? There is no easy answer to these questions. Sadly, these are thoughts and questions that some have about domestic violence victims. How wrong they are in their way of thinking!! I can guarantee we will never meet the victim who tells us they “liked it”!!

I would like to challenge your way of thinking – instead of asking and dwelling on “Why do they stay or why don't they leave”? – I would like to rephrase that question to “What are the barriers that are keeping them in that relationship?”

Think about when they first met. Things could not have been better. He/she was charming, affectionate, thoughtful, romantic, and respectful. Things gradually began to change when one began to notice another person from the opposite sex looking at them. They noticed a twinge of jealousy come over their

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**Please mark your calendar and join us at one or all of our Annual Candlelighting Ceremonies, in recognition of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October. All our events are open to the public.**

### Shelby County

Thursday, October 4, 7:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church, 201 N. Chestnut, Shelbyville

### DeWitt County

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

Christ Lutheran Church, 701 S. Mulberry St., Clinton

### Macon County

Thursday, October 18, 7:00 p.m.

New Vision Church, 550 N. Van Dyke St., Decatur

### Piatt County

Wednesday, October 24, 7:00 p.m.

1st Presbyterian Church, 214 S. Charter, St. Monticello

### Moultrie County

Thursday, October 25, 7:00 p.m.

United Methodist Church, 216 W. Jefferson St., Sullivan

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**RSVP • Retired & Senior Volunteer Program**  
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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,

In honor of DV Awareness Month, we will be sharing at a Candlelighting ceremony in each of the five counties we serve. Please stop by if you would like to help distribute posters or yard signs to promote awareness.

Rather than a letter this month I am sharing a poem by C. Brown of Seattle Washington, a DV survivor.

She can look like anyone

Disoriented. Lost.  
Beaten down physically,  
mentally,  
spiritually,  
emotionally

Probably thinking it was her fault  
thinking what's wrong with her.

Me

Women.

No visual to violence.  
Women of all ages. Self-destructive. Self-abused.  
Women of all backgrounds. Strong. Confused.  
A person who cuts herself  
because she doesn't like herself.  
Beaten up and thrown out of her kitchen window.  
You will never know  
Unless you listen.

She can look like anyone.

People close their eyes.  
Act like they can't see.  
But it's there.

People close their eyes. Tolerate it.  
But we shouldn't.

People close their eyes.  
Lack of understanding.

Fear of the unknown.  
Like the justice system,  
Blind to what it sees.  
Blaming the victims.

Stop!

It's up to all of us to call it out.  
It's up to all of us to support survivors.

To take action. Helping hands.  
The support to escape.  
If you mess with the least of them, you are messing  
with me.

33 years of DV. Now I'm FREE.

Freedom.  
It wouldn't look much different.  
Only those behind closed doors would see the  
change, who would believe them?

Freedom.  
I hope it can change.  
It wouldn't look pretty – but survivors, would be  
free!  
There could be love, respect, peace, an opportunity  
to thrive.

Faces of peace.  
Faces of happiness.  
Faces of love.

Would look more peaceful than the world we have  
now.

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. May you find peace and safety, and be part of the solution to the ongoing problem of Domestic Violence.

Sincerely, Christine Gregory



*We at Dove were thrilled and humbled to be chosen as the Greater Decatur Chamber of Commerce, 2018 Non-Profit of the Year! A few photos from the September event!*

# NEWS

from the Domestic Violence Program

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partner. Over time, one began having to justify their every move – where they were going, who with, when they'd be back, who they talked to, etc. As their partner began to want every minute of their time, they realized they were having to cancel plans with their friends, family members, or perhaps certain activities they had always enjoyed – all because their partner made them feel like they should be spending their time with them – not anyone else. Suddenly, they began to feel isolated and very alone.

Leaving an abusive relationship is the most dangerous time for a victim. The abuser sees they are becoming independent and is losing control of them so they lash out even more. There are so many barriers that keep a victim in the relationship. Fear itself – knowing the abuser better than anyone, they know what the abuser is capable of doing. Many religious and cultural beliefs make a victim's decision to stay. Often, the victim does not feel they deserve anyone better; they feel it is their responsibility to change the batterer and to nurture the relationship. Statistics show that victims return to their abuser an average of 5-7 times before they leave for good. The number one reason they return is hope for change. The batterer is very good at making empty promises and pushing the right buttons.

In recognition of National Domestic Violence

Awareness Month, I challenge all of you to become educated – learn about the dynamics that surround a domestic violence victim and their children! How much do you know about this unjustifiable crime? Did you know that every 9 seconds a woman is being beaten or that 50-70% of men who abuse their partners also abuse their children, or that 23% of female victims are pregnant. Did you know that according to multiple studies that examine homelessness among mothers and children, that more than 80% had previously experienced domestic violence and that between 22-57% of all homeless women report that domestic violence was the immediate cause of their homelessness?

I am asking you all to make a determined effort to attend one (or all) of the five Candlelighting Ceremonies in October in recognition of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. (see page one) Take your stand against domestic violence in your communities. Let your friends, family members, co-workers, and neighbors know that domestic violence is a crime and should NOT be tolerated.

Teri Ducey, Director  
Dove Domestic Violence Program

**Piatt County News!**

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month! Gearing up for the month, the Piatt County Office Coordinator, Liz Mackey, will be handing out Purple Pumpkins to be displayed in downtown business windows. Businesses can decorate accordingly, and the best-dressed pumpkin will receive a gift certificate for a dinner at a local restaurant.

Monticello Presbyterian Church will host our Candlelighting Ceremony in honor of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month on October 24, 7:00 p.m. Monticello Police Chief Carter will be speaking on Domestic Violence and its effects on a community and its children.

As a prelude to Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Liz Mackey will have an informational booth at the annual Monticellocelebration. From 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Liz will be providing information to the public about the Piatt County Dove Domestic Violence Program, distributing literature and offering fun freebies for signing up for the Dove Newsletter.

Liz Mackey  
Piatt County Coordinator

# NEWS

from the Domestic Violence Program

## Moultrie County News!

Moultrie County Coordinator, Mary Hughes, attended the Attorney General's (Lisa Madigan) Advanced Illinois Victim Assistance Academy on September 11 and 12.

The goal of the Illinois Victim Assistance Academy (IVAA) is to forge a statewide commitment to helping victims of crime rebuild their lives by delivering comprehensive training to victim assistance providers and allied professionals in Illinois. The IVAA is an intensive course of study in victimology, victims' rights and services, and issues specific to working with victims of crime in Illinois. The IVAA is designed to improve the quality and consistency of victim services in Illinois. Through education, the IVAA builds the capacity of providers and law enforcement to serve those victimized by crime and encourages cutting-edge thinking about the ways we can help victims regain control of their lives.

This year, Dr. Chris Watson from Oregon, provided training on the Science of the Brain and Trauma. Cynthia Hora, Division Chief, Crime Victims Services Attorney, conducted the training and provided information on new laws in Illinois that affect victims. She is a key component in presenting and passing many of these laws in Illinois.

There were 45 participants invited who serve victims all over the state of Illinois. This was the 4<sup>th</sup> Academy that the Moultrie County Advocate was invited to attend. Mary shared, "I really enjoy the opportunity to meet and talk with advocates from all over the state of Illinois. The level of training always surpasses my expectations and gives me information to better serve all victims, and it is a great honor to be invited".

The Moultrie County Candlelighting Ceremony will be held at 7:00 p.m. on October 25 at the First United Methodist Church, 216 W. Jefferson St., Sullivan, IL. Our theme this year is "From Darkness to the Light".

## DeWitt County News!

Happy Autumn everyone! We are enjoying our busy season in DeWitt County, going to open houses and health fairs. If you would like to know more about the services Dove offers, I would love to come give a presentation to any organization, group or agency who might be interested. I always enjoy getting to know members in the community and sharing information about our services. Some of the services we provide are:

- Individual and group counseling for adult and child victims of domestic violence, as well as assistance in obtaining an order of protection.
- Food Pantry - Open to ALL who live in DeWitt County; we have no income restrictions.
- DAX - A one-time financial assistance over a calendar year to be used for any financial emergency.
- RSVP - Retired Senior Volunteer Program - if you are an individual who is 55 years or older and would like to give back to the community, please contact Deb Hoffman about volunteer opportunities. I know she would love to have you as a volunteer!
- Warm Neighbor Cool Friends program - An Ameren program that assists with power bills. For 2018 Fall Guidelines, see page 13.

We are still looking to add new members to our Committee Against Domestic Violence (CADV). We meet once a month for one hour and plan and assist in small fundraisers and awareness events for the program. Please contact me at 217. 935.6619 for more information.  
Have a great fall everyone!!!

Jennifer Tolladay  
DeWitt County Coordinator

# NEWS

from the Domestic Violence Program

## Shelby County News!

Each year, as cooler temperatures arrive and Mother Nature paints the landscape in beautiful colors, the domestic violence movement adds the color purple to our communities. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month..... a time to mourn victims of domestic violence, celebrate those who survive, and honor those people who work to eradicate this crime. Please join us, here in Shelby County, for our annual Candlelighting Ceremony at 7:00 p.m. on October 4, at First Presbyterian Church, 201 North Chestnut Street, Shelbyville. Your support is invaluable to survivors of domestic violence as they rebuild their lives and the lives of their families. Please come to show your support for them and to thank those who bring awareness and hopes for positive change to this problem.

Susie Kensil, Shelby County Coordinator, spoke to the Shelby County Triad group in September at their monthly meeting. She shared information regarding domestic violence services and the upcoming Candlelighting Ceremony.



## Volunteer Organizational League

The next Volunteer Organizational League meeting (VOL) is October 9, noon, at the CASA office located at 141 S. Main St. #722, Decatur. Bring your lunch and come join the conversation with other volunteer managers. October's meeting will concentrate on organizing a Volunteer Opportunities Fair to be held in March.

### Contacts:

Charlie Gillaspie • Dove, 217.428.6616 or  
Jenny Garver • M CCD, 217.423.7708



Sunday, November 11, 2018 • 3:00 p.m.  
First Baptist Church, 1320 Arbor Drive, Decatur

Free Admission

Please bring canned goods or warm items to assist our neighbors in Decatur and Macon County.

Sponsored by  
First Baptist Church & Dove, Inc.

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

Dove, Inc. 302 S. Union, Decatur, IL 62522

or donate online at [www.doveinc.org](http://www.doveinc.org) or on Facebook



*Mark your calendar  
for the 2018  
Heritage  
& Holly  
Historic Home Tour*

*Friday*

*November 23*

*4:00 to 8:00 p.m.*

*&*

*Saturday*

*November 24*

*1:00 to 5:00 p.m.*

*Your ticket donation  
will support  
the many programs of  
Dove, Inc.*

*Watch for ticket sites in  
November!*



*one of the stops on the tour!*

Dove added a fundraiser last year, the Heritage & Holly Historic Home Tour and plans are in the works for this year. This Tour has been going on for 28 years touring historic homes in Decatur's Near West End. We are hoping that you will take this back to your congregation to ask if they might be willing to volunteer together and Adopt-a-Stop.

Volunteer Docents are needed at each stop on the tour to mark off tickets and be on hand on each floor or area which is available for view. Churches willing to Adopt-a-Stop will take a 2-4 hour block of time and supply 2-5 Docents to be at the stop together. Blocks of time are 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. the 24<sup>th</sup>, and can be split into shorter times by your group as needed. In exchange for your service each volunteer will receive a ticket to the full tour and be invited to our volunteer celebration after the event.

Volunteer Musicians are needed at several stops as well. Some of the houses have places which were designed for music and a festive atmosphere. There are pianos at some locations. Vocal or instrumental music of the Advent or Christmas season, or light praise music, will add to the festive nature of the Tour. In exchange for your service each volunteer will receive a ticket to the full tour and be invited to our volunteer celebration after the event.

Please consider helping to support Dove, Inc. and welcoming the season of advent by being a part of this fundraiser.

*If you are interested in being an  
Adopt-a-Stop church,  
please contact me,  
Christine Gregory,  
at 217.428.6616  
or by email [cgregory@doveinc.org](mailto:cgregory@doveinc.org)*



## *Volunteer Opportunities*

Please mark your calendar to help with the Backpack Food Program for the Blue Ridge School District #18, serving Farmer City, Mansfield, and Bellflower students. Next date - October 17. We will continue to package the food at 1:45 p.m. in the Ag Room of the Blue Ridge Senior High School in Farmer City. The Ag Room is located on the north side of the high school. If you have any questions, call Alice Jones 217.870.1484. NEW VOLUNTEERS are always welcome!

Event Specialist Needed for local community radio station, 107.9. They are seeking outgoing personalities who love to meet new people and share positive community attitude. One or two persons needed for flyer/information distribution during special events. The next flyer distribution date is October 12, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Walmart East. Two hour shifts available now. If this is something that you would enjoy, call Charlie or Sandy at 217.428.6616 so you can be added to the list.

In October and November, volunteers are needed for Coats for Kids Drive. Volunteers help collect coats, take to participating dry cleaners, pick up and then transport them to local clothing rooms for distribution to those in need. This year's Coat for Kids drive will be October 17 through November 30. Many hands make light of the work.

Call Barb Blakey at 217.428.6616 if you would like to participate in this year's collection and help give the gift of warmth.

Macon Resources Inc., our newest RSVP station, has many different opportunities to fit your passion from PR/Development volunteer, Day Training, Children's services, and garden/greenhouse volunteers. In addition, they are always open for more volunteers for special events such as their Golf Outing, Craft Beer Festival, and holiday dances. Must be able to pass background check and attend training. Call Charlie at 217.428.6616.

Central Illinois Christians in Mission - CICIM - needs a few great volunteers to help with loading/unloading/ pickups and selections of donated household items with referred clients. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call Charlie or Sandy for more information. 217.428.6616.

Land of Lincoln Honor Flight invites you to Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport to help welcome home Veterans who are taking the October 30 Honor Flight to Washington D.C. Come welcome home these heroes and show them the love and respect they deserve. Plan to arrive around 9:00 p.m., flight is expected to arrive about 9:30 p.m. For more details call Charlie at 217.428.6616.

# 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!

## Neighborhood Meetings

CONO  
4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday • 5:30 p.m.  
Decatur Public Library

Nelson/Lions Park Neighborhood  
Association  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday • 6:30 p.m.  
Prairie Avenue Christian Church

Clokey Park Neighborhood  
Association  
4<sup>th</sup> Monday • 7:00 p.m.  
Prairie Avenue Christian Church

Millikin Heights  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday • 7:00 p.m.  
Central Christian Church

Fans Field  
Neighborhood Association  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday • 6:30 p.m.  
Decatur Housing Authority

Old Kings Orchard  
2<sup>nd</sup> Monday • 5:30 p.m.  
OKO Community Center

GM Square  
Neighborhood Association  
1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday • 6:00 p.m.  
St. Thomas Church, Angela Hall

West End  
Neighborhood Association  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday • Quarterly  
Westminster Presbyterian  
Church

Greenwood Area  
Neighborhood Organization  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday • 7:00 p.m.  
Coates Park Building

Torrence Park  
Neighborhood Association  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday • 7:30 p.m.  
Fellowship Church

Contact Sattin Schreiner  
Community Engagement Coordinator  
for additional information about  
Community Services Program  
[dove@doveinc.org](mailto:dove@doveinc.org)

2018  
**RNNC Dayton**  
October 4-6



The Regional Neighborhood Network Conference (RNNC) is an inspiring three-day event hosted each year by one of 20+ Midwestern cities and 5 States: Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, Kentucky and Tennessee. It's a place where volunteers, corporations, governments, and community leaders gather to learn from each other and gain valuable ideas to help transform their own community.

## Regional Neighborhood Networking Conference

October 4-6 • Dayton, Ohio

The RNNC Conference brings together community leaders and volunteers from Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Ohio, and Tennessee, to network and share ideas and information in order to improve their communities. Participants get to choose from several workshops focused on health, wealth, education, or leadership, experience tours of neighborhoods and other sites in Dayton, and enjoy several keynote speakers.

[www.rnnconference.com](http://www.rnnconference.com)

## CONO Volunteer Awards

Tuesday, October 23, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

St. Thomas Angela Hall

Please bring a dish to share as we celebrate volunteers  
from different neighborhood groups!

[www.conodecaturil.org](http://www.conodecaturil.org)



**27<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Coats for Kids!**

**October 17  
through  
November 30**

**sponsored by**



The 2018 Coats for Kids drive will begin October 17 and we will be collecting good, used and new coats, for families in need, through November 30.

Participating Cleaners will make sure the coats are clean and fresh and ready for the clothing rooms to distribute. (All addresses Decatur, unless noted otherwise.)

**Participating Cleaners**

Classic Cleaner  
2474 N. Main

Peerless Cleaners  
519 N. Monroe

Pride Cleaners and Launderers  
2553 N. Main  
1804 E. Eldorado  
912 W. Eldorado  
2056 Mt. Zion Road

Waite's Dry Cleaners and Launderers  
1004 S. Main  
664 W. Eldorado  
115 Magnolia, Forsyth

**Participating Drop off sites**

Decatur Public Library  
130 N. Franklin

Decatur Township Offices  
1620 S. Taylorville Road

Good Samaritan Inn  
920 N. Union Street

GT Church  
500 S. 27th

Illiopolis Christian Church  
305 Anne Street, Illiopolis

Kroger  
Brettwood Plaza  
South Shores Plaza  
Airport Plaza

Land of Lincoln Credit Union  
2890 N. Oakland  
3130 E. Mound  
4850 E. Prosperity Place

Longcreek Township  
2610 Salem School Road

Regions  
2340 Mt. Zion Rd.  
350 N. Water  
1355 W. King  
333 E. Pershing Rd

Richland Community College  
#1 College Park

Soy Capital Bank and Trust  
560 E. Pershing  
455 N. Main  
4825 US Route 36

St. Teresa High School  
2710 N. Water Street

Texas Roadhouse  
US 51 North, Forsyth



## News from RSVP!

Our 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon was a great success. We are honored to be able to celebrate all that you do for our communities. Every year, it gets harder and harder for the selection committee to choose our Recognition of Service Excellence (R.O.S.E. Awards). This year's winners are, for the Woman-Patty Cain, the Man-Jim Beckhart, Couple- David and Barbara Banfield, and Station-Northeast Community Fund. Congratulations to this year's winners.

We would like to thank again Speaker Lt. Jonathan Butts with the Macon County Sheriff's Office, Entertainer Ken Honecker, Special guests Congressman Rodney Davis and Barbara Stewart with Corporation for National and Community Services, and of course our Advisory Council members, who work so hard to help pull together a great event to celebrate volunteers.

We would also like to give a special thanks to the Dove staff, several members give their time and talents to make our Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon into the successful event that it becomes, and we are so grateful for their help.

Lastly, but certainly not least, to our fantastic donors. From our host site Tabernacle Baptist Church, Grace United Methodist Church for sharing their dinner trays, Kroger in South Shores for the wonderful roses, Jeanne Hanson for being so generous in helping us cover the entertainment costs. And to our prize donors who ensure our volunteers feel appreciated and loved by our community with some fantastic gifts from Texas Roadhouse, Ted's Garage, Olive Garden, Coffee Corner, Shop on the Square, Wildflour Artisan Bakery & Café, Patty Cain, Deb Hoffman, and Dove, Inc.



### Short Stack for a Tall Cause

Thank you for your support! Volunteers and staff had a great time serving you at our Applebee's Flap Jack fundraiser in September. Funds help the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program to engage those 55 years of age or better to get involved with their community to keep them happy, healthy, and actively engaged in their communities.

### 9-11 Day of Service & Remembrance

Land of Lincoln Honor Flight received our 9-11 Day of Service and Remembrance donations and was blown away by your support of our Veterans. Not only did volunteers and community



members come together to provide snacks for Veterans and their guardians for the September 25 Honor Flight, their generosity was so great that snacks will be available for their October 30 flight as well. Thank you for helping us honor our Veterans. A special thanks to volunteers who wrote thank you cards for those Veterans and to Sarah Pearson's third grade class at John's Hill for their contribution of thank you cards as they were very much appreciated and welcomed. Be sure to check out the volunteer opportunity to see how you can be part of the greeting committee when the October flight returns home.

Charlie Gillaspie  
RSVP Program Director

# 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.

*We would like to welcome several new hires to the Homeward Bound program:*

*Dannika Young  
Coordinated Entry and Outreach Specialist  
Vernell Robinson  
Employability Specialist  
Cyrus Lincoln  
Case Manager  
Shantorria Lowery  
Case Manager*

### **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:**

Dove, Inc. 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:**

Dove, Inc. 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:

- Deodorant
- Toothpaste
- Conditioner
- Body Wash
- Baby Wipes

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

**Thursday, November 8  
1:30 p.m.**

National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week will be the topic of discussion. Please join us!

### **Meeting Location:**

Homeward Bound, 788 E. Clay, Decatur

### **Contact:**

Darsonya Switzer, 217.362.7700,  
for further information

## Mark Your Calendar

**Dine to Donate!  
Texas Roadhouse**

**Thursday, November 29  
to support the clients in the  
Homeward Bound Program**



*Our Sincere thanks to the Sustainability Committee, within ADM North America Shared Services Dept., members Juli Hamilton, Melanie Golladay, Jody Sears, Jocelyn Harner and Stephanie Tyler, seen here, and two other members, Marcia Millman and Erin Logan. From ADM employees, they brought a donation of household items they had collected for our Homeward Bound clients. "It is such a joy for us to be a small part of helping with the wonderful work your organization does. You'll be hearing from us again in the future." said Juli Hamilton.*

*Thanks for the dishes, bedding items, bathroom items, laundry detergent, buckets, cleaning products, pillows, lamps, coffee maker, books, silverware, hygiene items and boxes of many other items!*

*Homeward Bound Staff Nicole, Mary and Hilda seen here with part of this amazing donation!*



# MAX

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

## MAX Hours

Dates and Times through December.

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:  
 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Site:  
 The Good Samaritan Inn  
 920 N. Union Street, Decatur  
 Hours:  
 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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

As of October 1, 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.





# BABES



Thank you to BABES volunteers (above) for helping get folders, posters and stickers ready for the Red Ribbon Week Campaign, "Life is Your Journey. Travel Drug Free", October 23-31. A majority of BABES program schools are interested in participating.

Thank you to Thrivent Action Team (right) for their donation for the purchase of posters, ribbons, and other materials for this Drug and Alcohol Prevention campaign.



BABES is being presented to 1<sup>st</sup> grade students at Parsons, and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders at Argenta-Oreana. 1<sup>st</sup> grade students at Stevenson are receiving the BABES Bridge 4 Lesson program.

Halloween is right around the corner and the safety of our children is important. I want to again share a website that has valuable information about keeping kids safe...not only at Halloween but on the internet and many other situations. Please check out the National Center for Missing and



Exploited Children's website at [www.missingkids.com](http://www.missingkids.com) go to Child Safety & Prevention-Publications.

If you are interested in becoming involved in the BABES (Beginning Awareness Basic Education Studies) Program and would like more information about becoming a BABES Volunteer, contact me. My

email is [slaesch@doveinc.org](mailto:slaesch@doveinc.org) or call 428.6616 ext. 126.

There will be another training in January 2019.

Sandy Laesch,  
BABES Program  
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 perhaps you 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
- Cereal for children
- Any kind of meat in a can
- Meal packages like Hamburger Helper, Chicken Helper, etc.
- Toiletries and Hygiene Products
- Paper Towels/Toilet Paper
- Diapers/Wipes

### DAX Program

The DAX program still has funds available for anyone seeking help with a one-time financial emergency. Come into the DeWitt County Dove office for an application and more details. 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.

# 2018 Christmas Baskets

Are you part of a group that enjoys doing things to help others? Maybe you're in a college sorority, or part of a community service group, church or youth group, or are part of a group of coworkers who likes to assist in projects for the greater good. If you are, maybe partnering with Dove and Northeast Community Fund's Christmas Baskets Program would be right up your alley. There's much that can be done when it comes to partnering with us – whether you want to volunteer during Baskets week or help deliver Baskets to people on the last day of the drive, or if you want to take up a collection of items, money, or even sew Christmas stockings.

Things that you might consider collecting for the program could be:

1. Wrapping paper – new, unused rolls, as well as partial rolls that aren't

- wanted/needed
2. Hats and gloves – all new and unused please! (We give these out to all ages, from infant to adult, for males and females)
  3. Hygiene supplies – each family receives a bag of hygiene items like shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc. – all new and unused please!
  4. Toys and clothes (all new) for all ages and sizes
  5. Books (new) for all ages
  6. DVD movies (new) – those discount bins at stores are great places to shop for these! (no violent or R-rated movies, please!)
  7. Stocking stuffers and candy – kids LOVE getting candy in their stockings!

If you're interested in making Christmas stockings, there's a pattern that we can send to you, or that can be picked up at our office in Decatur. Every person in each family getting a gift Basket also receives a stocking, so we need as many of them as we can get. You can make them as simple or as fancy as you'd like. This is far from a complete list of options and if you have other ideas, we'd be happy to talk to you about them.

Please call Angie at 217.428.6616 if you have questions, or if you want to discuss other ways to be involved.

## Keep in mind -

Some dates to mark on your calendar if you're interested in volunteering or donating:

- We would like to have all donations in by Tuesday, December 18. Before December 14, the above listed items can be brought to 302 S. Union at either the front or back entrance of the building, after the 14<sup>th</sup>, please deliver to the basement of Decatur First United Methodist Church at 201 W. North Street. Any and all food donations should be delivered to Northeast Community Fund at 825 N. Water St.
- We will need volunteers to sort, count and shop on December 17, 18, & 19 (Monday – Wednesday)
- Volunteers to begin assembling baskets on December 19 & 20 (Wednesday & Thursday)
- Volunteers to help clean up and move things back to 302 S. Union on Friday, December 21
- Volunteers to deliver baskets to families on Saturday, December 22, between 8:30 and noon

## 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](http://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](http://doveinc.org)

# Our Bouquet of Thanks

from the Domestic Violence Program



*Representatives from Akorn brought a donation of \$1600 to Dove! These funds were raised at their annual company picnic, this year Dove was their chosen organization.*

*L-R Vickey Shain, Administrative Assistant, Teri Ducey, Dove and Carmen Rivera, Director, Supply Chain*

*Thanks to all who made this possible!*



*Purses and Goodies! Thanks to Cindy Thomas (R), Kathy Crutcher (L) and their friends who collected purses and filled them with items for the clients in the Domestic Violence Program. Staff member, Mary Kay Ellis, in the middle. Thanks to all for these special gifts to share!*

**Mark Your Calendar**

**Dine to Donate!  
Texas Roadhouse**

**Monday, October 22  
to support the clients in the  
Domestic Violence Program**