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Professional Development Class

...a collaboration of Workforce Investment Solutions & Homeward Bound

Join in this
20-hour course,
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This course will
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build a Professional
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Register with
Dacienna Simmons:
dsimmons@doveinc.org
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217.362.7700 ext. 124
no later than
Friday, June 16, 2023
by noon

Location:

Homeward Bound Conference Room
788 E. Clay, Decatur, IL. 62521

Dates and time:

June 20 - June 22, 2023
Tuesday - Thursday, 12:00 to 3:00 p.m.
and
June 27 - June 29, 2023
Tuesday - Thursday, 12:00 to 3:00 p.m.



Attendance is mandatory.

The class will consist of:

- Resume building
- Interviewing tips
- Gaining access to registration on Illinois Work Net
- Eligibility for classes within Workforce Investment Solutions
- Receiving a certificate of completion at the end of successfully completing the course

Dove's Mission

Dove is an organization that engages religious institutions, volunteers, and advocates seeking to coordinate efforts to address unmet needs and social injustices. These needs are met through coordinated programs focusing on domestic violence, homelessness, education, volunteer and community empowerment, and individual emergency need fulfillment.

Dove works for justice, equality, and understanding among all people.

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Children's Clothing Room

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Dustin Depperschmidt, DeWitt County Coordinator



It has been one year!! 365 DAYS!! The process has been more rewarding than anything I could have ever imagined! Yes, of course, there have been challenging moments and, in those moments, positive growth and direction were born.

I am looking forward to my second year being trusted to lead this great organization. I am thankful that I have such great program leaders, staff, volunteers, board members, and community members who walked with me through the past year. I am excited about those

committed to continuing the walk in the upcoming year!

Thank you all so very much!

Darsonya Switzer (she/her)
Dove, Inc. Chief Executive Officer
Macon County Continuum of Care Chair



www.doveinc.org



BABES

Beginning Awareness Basic Education Studies

*Are you interested in becoming involved
in the BABES Program?*

*Would you like more information about becoming
a BABES Volunteer?*

Contact Barb Blakey bblakey@doveinc.org or
Sandy Laesch slaesch@doveinc.org

217.428.6616

**Volunteer Training is available to be a part of this
educational program for K-3rd graders in area schools.**

Since the school year is finished, I wanted to thank all the teachers that invited the BABES program into their classrooms. You Are APPRECIATED!

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

*To the BABES volunteers this year...
Thank you... Thank you... Thank you!*

In wrapping up this school year I wanted to take time to reflect on the importance of Beginning Awareness Basic Education Studies (BABES) program to the children in our community.

From the National Center for Drug Abuse Statistics

- 1-in-10 Americans over the age of 12 have Alcohol Use Disorder
- Alcohol causes 13.5% of deaths 20 -39 years old
- Among 12-17 year olds, 4.9% abuse prescription drugs

Every year, there are more than 4,000 alcohol-related deaths in individuals under the age of 21. This includes car accidents, homicides, alcohol poisoning and suicides. Adolescents who start drinking before the age of 15 are four times more likely to become alcohol dependent at some point in their lives.

The BABES program is a foundational start for students in making the right decisions, not succumbing to peer pressure, and knowing the adults in their life that they can talk to. With puppets and discussion with the children the BABES program reinforces what children have learned from parents, teachers, and law enforcement about the dangers of using alcohol and drugs.

It will be back to school before we know it. So, if you would like more information about volunteering for the BABES Program contact me through email slaesch@doveinc.org or call Barb Blakey at 217.428.6616.

Have a safe and wonderful summer!
Sandy Laesch, BABES Interim Program Coordinator

Children's Clothing Room



**Central Christian Church
650 W. William St., Decatur**

**Mondays & Wednesdays
1:00 to 3:30 p.m.**

Free clothing for infants through teens



To learn more about becoming a
Dove Member Congregation
please contact Barb Blakey,
Dustin Depperschmidt or Molly Tenuto
at 217.428.6616 or dove@doveinc.org

NEWS

from the Domestic Violence Program

We need volunteers for the Food Pantry!

The pantry normally operates on Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., though it will operate on **Friday, June 9 from 10:00 to 2:00 p.m.** due to a scheduling conflict. Volunteers help bag up food from the pantry to distribute to people in need in DeWitt county. There is some light lifting involved with this, though we do have rolling carts available to assist anyone who struggles to carry things. Once a month, we would love to have a volunteer willing to drive a truck to Bloomington to get food from the Midwest Food Bank to help stock the pantry, and volunteers to help unload the truck and put things away in the freezers and on the shelves.

This would be a great opportunity to get your kids involved to help give back to the community this summer!

If you are interested in helping with the food pantry, or in driving a truck or helping unload pantry items, please contact:

Dustin Depperschmidt
ddepperschmidt@doveinc.org

OR

Angie Williams
awilliams@doveinc.org
217.428.6616

Right now the pantry could really use:

- Peanut butter
- Nuts of any kind
- Cans of soup or soup mixes
- Vegetables (canned, fresh or frozen)
- Salt
- Seasonings of any kind
- Spaghetti sauce
- Spaghetti noodles
- Stove-Top Stuffing
- Hamburger Helper meals
- Fruit snacks
- Jello
- Fruit cups



Dove Food Pantry

Thursdays

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

803 W. Leander, Clinton

- This is a free service to anyone in DeWitt County.
- You can utilize the pantry once a month.
- When you arrive, you will need to show your ID.
- We also have diapers if you have a little one in your household - child must be living in the household.



At the Tuesday, February 21, 2023 Decatur City Council Meeting, the council approved "Resolution Approving Sub-Recipient Agreement with Dove, Inc. for Rent, Mortgage and Utility Assistance Utilizing CDBG-CV Funds."

Please watch for updates after receiving the final guidelines necessary.

Up to \$250,000 in funds could be distributed by DFA with a maximum of \$10,000 per approved household. This funding is for Decatur residents.

CoD and DFA CDBG-CG Funds Assistance

Covid Pre-Checklist

- Do you live in the city of Decatur?
- Has your income been affected by Covid? *This could include any of the following options:*
 - You missed work because you or someone in your household had Covid
 - You were in quarantine due to Covid and had to miss work
 - Your place of employment closed due to Covid
 - Your daycare or school shut down due to Covid
- Do you meet the Income Requirements? (see website doveinc.org)

If the answer was "YES" to all of the above, move on to the next questions.

- Have you received Covid assistance from the City of Decatur before. This could have been through either Dove, Decatur Township, or Salvation Army?
- Do you or someone in your household have a conflict of interest between the City of Decatur or Dove, Inc.? *This conflict of interest could include:*
 - Being related to an employee, agent, consultant, officer or elected official or appointed official of the City or Dove, Inc., by birth, marriage or adoption and resides within the same household. This would refer specifically to members of the Neighborhood Services Division of the City of Decatur and DFA of Dove, Inc.

If the answer was "NO" to the above two questions, you can move on with getting an application. Applications are available at doveinc.org or a DFA location.

Macon County DFA Locations:

Decatur Public Library, 130 N. Franklin, Decatur
Mondays, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Homeward Bound, 788 E. Clay, Decatur
Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Please check Dove's website for the most up to date schedule.

doveinc.org
DFA@doveinc.org or 217.619.9108



RSVP Volunteering Opportunities

Meals on Wheels is a home-delivered program that is always seeking those special volunteers to deliver meals to home bound seniors in Macon County!

But they are also looking for volunteers for their congregate Meals on Wheels program. They are looking for volunteers to organize board/card games at each location: The Senior Center, the Oxford House, and The Woods. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Kim at Catholic Charities at 217.428.3459, ext. 238.

Scovill Zoo needs volunteers to run the train! Anyone who is interested should reach out to Lizzie Van Ert at 217.421.7435 or email her at evanert@decparcs.com. A volunteer application and background check will need to be filled out—applications are located here: <https://www.decatour-parks.org/scovill-zoo/volunteer/>.

Memorial Home Hospice needs volunteers to offer companionship, do light housework, read, or even look at photographs with their patients. Volunteers give caregivers time to run errands, catch up on some sleep or just a mental break. Volunteering for hospice families is completely hands off. Volunteers are not allowed to perform any patient care.

They also have volunteer opportunities for administrative work in their office. Copying, mailings, making calls, etc. Please reach out to Abbey Britton at britton.abbey@mshil.com for more information!

Good Samaritan Inn needs help with their new farmers market, Mercy Market, every Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Preston Jackson Park, 337 N. Water, in Downtown Decatur.

They need 5-10 volunteers each week and they will get a free shirt! Volunteers can work every week, or just once - whatever they want! They have a bounce house every first Saturday and we need 2 volunteers to watch it to make sure the kids are safe.

Some other jobs volunteers might do include:

- Working the SNAP/LINK or Information Booth
- Assisting patrons of the market with physical limitations
- Collecting trash
- Set up and take down of the booths and tables
- Putting up signage
- Giving directions to patrons interested in downtown businesses
- Working a Good Samaritan Inn booth including selling Mercy Gardens produce or Do Good Donuts, or making snow cones or cotton candy
- Taking pictures
- Getting Survey Responses ("Question of the Day" collection!) For more information, visit: <https://www.goodsamaritaninn.org/market>

Central Illinois Christians in Mission are regularly in need of volunteers at the mission each Tuesday and Thursday 8:30 a.m. to noon. If anyone would like to stop by to see what they could do, they are welcome and ask you to see Jerry Aldridge or Jerry Lillpop. CICM is located at 1000 E. Locust St., Decatur.

American Red Cross

Do you like to help people and save lives? If so, the Donor Ambassador role is for you! As a Donor Ambassador, you help to provide excellent customer service at local blood drives to enhance the donor experience.

A few of the Donor Ambassadors Duties:

- Give every arriving donor a warm welcome and assist them with initial intake according to the appointment priority system.
- Manage the hospitality experience by offering refreshments to donors, thanking them for their contribution, and alerting staff immediately if a donor shows signs of feeling unwell.
- Exhibit five key courtesies: respect, compassion, communication, collaboration, and competence.

Minimum requirements:

Be able to work one 6-hour shift per month for six months. Have great personal communication skills and be comfortable approaching new people.

Interested? Let's talk about this opportunity today. Please call Connie Dudgeon at 309.207.5266 or email connie.dudgeon@redcross.org

Dove Financial Assistance

Save the Date for DFA's next fundraiser for Macon County!



On July 25, we will be having a fundraiser at three Monical's Pizza locations. When it's closer to time, we will have a flyer with all of the information you will need so that DFA gets credit for your order and then

Monical's Pizza will donate 20% of the bill back to us! Keep an eye on our social media for information to come in early July!

June 1 began the cooling guidelines that we must follow for Warm Neighbors Cool Friends through the Energy Assistance Foundation. All this information is on our website, and the matched amount for qualified applicants is up to \$200 from customer payments in the past 45 days. As well as income guidelines, you must either be a senior, disabled, or have a medical condition exacerbated by heat (with a doctor's letter). Feel free to reach out with any questions!

I was excited that this past month I was invited to come and speak at the Sullivan Ministerial Association. I was able to share about all that Dove is doing in Moultrie County, including how

DFA can assist residents. I'm excited about the relationships that will begin to grow in that area so that we can come together to help as many people as possible in Moultrie County! I also had the privilege to attend a Health Fair in both Shelby County and DeWitt County to share information about Dove to those in attendance.

The community in Macon County has felt the need to come together to share information, resources and to network with one another. Our All In: Macon County Inter-Agency Council has continued to thrive and grow! Our next meeting will be on June 27, Noon at Central Christian Church. If you know someone that needs an invite to this, feel free to pass on the information to them, or connect them with either myself or Angie Williams and we will make sure they get connected into the group!

I would also like to thank everyone for both their financial donations and prayers for the work that DFA is doing! Without both of those things we would not be able to do our job and serve our communities. Each of you makes it possible for us to help people to overcome a hardship!

Molly Tenuto
DFA Program Director

*Donation are needed
to keep this
emergency financial assistance
program thriving,
and supporting
families in need!*

*Please use mailing address:
302 S. Union, Decatur, IL 62522
or on Dove's website
doveinc.org*

*Please put DFA on
check memo line
or on the comment box.*

Dove Financial Assistance

Helping with emergency financial assistance

for families/individuals in need
for in-person sites: see below

Macon County Sites:

Decatur Public Library, 120 N. Franklin, Decatur
Mondays, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Homeward Bound, 788 E. Clay, Decatur

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

June 8, 19 and July 4, closed

DFA@doveinc.org or 217.619.9108

Shelby County Site:

Salvation Army Building, 133 E. Main St., Shelbyville

July 6 & 20, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

August 3 & 17, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

DFA@doveinc.org or 217.433.7435

Moultrie County Site:

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

June 13, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

July 5 & 19, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

DFA@doveinc.org or 217.433.7435

Piatt County Site:

First Presbyterian Church, 214 S. Charter, Monticello

June 7, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

July 12 & 26, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

DFA@doveinc.org or 217.433.7435

DeWitt County Site:

Dove, 803 W. Leander, Clinton

June 29, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

July 13 & 27, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

DFA@doveinc.org or 217.433.7435



For Macon, DeWitt and Piatt Counties:

217.619.9108 or DFA@doveinc.org

30-Day Residential Income Guidelines

FOR WEATHERIZATION AND BILL PAYMENT ASSISTANCE

Note: Families must show proof of income. A family's monthly gross income must fall between the below ranges, based upon family size, to qualify.

FAMILY SIZE	LIHEAP INCOME RANGE	WNCF INCOME RANGE
1	\$0 - \$2,265	\$2,266 - \$4,263
2	\$0 - \$3,052	\$3,053 - \$4,871
3	\$0 - \$3,838	\$3,839 - \$5,479
4	\$0 - \$4,625	\$4,626 - \$6,088
5	\$0 - \$5,412	\$5,413 - \$6,575
6	\$0 - \$6,198	\$6,199 - \$7,063
7	\$0 - \$6,985	\$6,986 - \$7,550
8	\$0 - \$7,324	\$7,325 - \$8,038

- Driver's License or other Photo I.D. and copy of current Ameren Illinois utility bill
- Applicant must reside at the address on the bill and have active service in his or her name
- Income eligibility, see guidelines, above
- Applicant can receive WNCF assistance only once per heating season, which is 9/1 to 5/31 each year and once per cooling season, 6/1 to 8/31
- WNCF matches customer payments (within the last 45 days) up to \$500 during heating season and up to \$200 during cooling season
- Heating grants are based solely on income guide-lines while cooling grants are intended for seniors, disabled or those with medical conditions exacerbated by heat (with a doctor's letter)

all in:

Macon County Inter-Agency Council

Please join us at the **all in** gathering!

4th Tuesday of the month ■ NOON to 1:00 p.m.
upcoming dates: June 27, July 25, August 22

Central Christian Church, 650 W. William, Decatur
Corner of Monroe and William Street, near downtown
Decatur. Please park in main lot, come in main entrance and
proceed to lower level fellowship hall

**For more information,
please call:**

*Molly Tenuto or Angie Williams
Dove, Inc.
217.428.6616*

*or email
mtenuto@doveinc.org
awilliams@doveinc.org*

Join us for networking and sharing
information:

- program coordinators
- direct service providers
- information sharers

The pandemic brought many changes
to our local nonprofit landscape. We
are excited to have the chance to meet
monthly again, to get to network and
learn more about services of our Macon
County Community.

4th Tuesday of each month, NOON

- We will keep the gathering to an hour.
- Feel free to bring your lunch.
- No membership fees.

News from Homeward Bound

Staff have been working to engage and house **17** individuals who have been literally homeless (in a shelter, on the streets or somewhere unfit for human occupancy, such as an abandoned building) for 90-days or more. **Three** of those individuals meet the chronically homeless criteria, which means they have a diagnosable disability AND have been homeless for at least 1 year or have been homeless 4 times in the past 3 years, totaling 365 days.

There are total **189** participants currently receiving housing and/or services.

The need for 1-bedroom units for single individuals is still dire!

Move-In Starter Kits

Please consider donating items for move-in starter kits for individuals and families moving from homelessness

HOME to housing. Join the Macon County Continuum of Care in supporting this effort. Donations will be accepted at Northeast Community Fund (NECF) and distributed in "starter kits" to agencies serving those moving into housing.

- cleaning supplies
- paper products
- bath towels
- kitchen towels
- sheets/blankets/pillows
- plates/glasses/silverware
- kitchen utensils
- pots/pans

These donated items can be delivered to:
Northeast Community Fund
839 N. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr., Decatur
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Coordinated Entry

Homeward Bound, on behalf of the Macon County CoC, continues to provide services and have staff available 24 hours to assist those in need of housing solutions. Please share the contact numbers with anyone you know who is experiencing housing instability issues, 217.362.7700 or 217.619.5742.

Dove- Homeward Bound is collecting the following items for participants:

- Dish washing liquid
- Laundry detergent

These donated items can be delivered to:
Dove-Homeward Bound
788 E. Clay, Decatur, IL 62521
Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

RSVP Volunteer Opportunities

RSVP Coffee Chat!

Thursday, June 22

9:00 to 11:00 a.m.



Decatur Macon County Senior Center
1430 N. 22nd St., Decatur

We have Meals on Wheels, Faith in Action, Central Illinois Christians in Mission, and Decatur Macon County Senior Center slated to interact with those who stop by!



Save the Date!

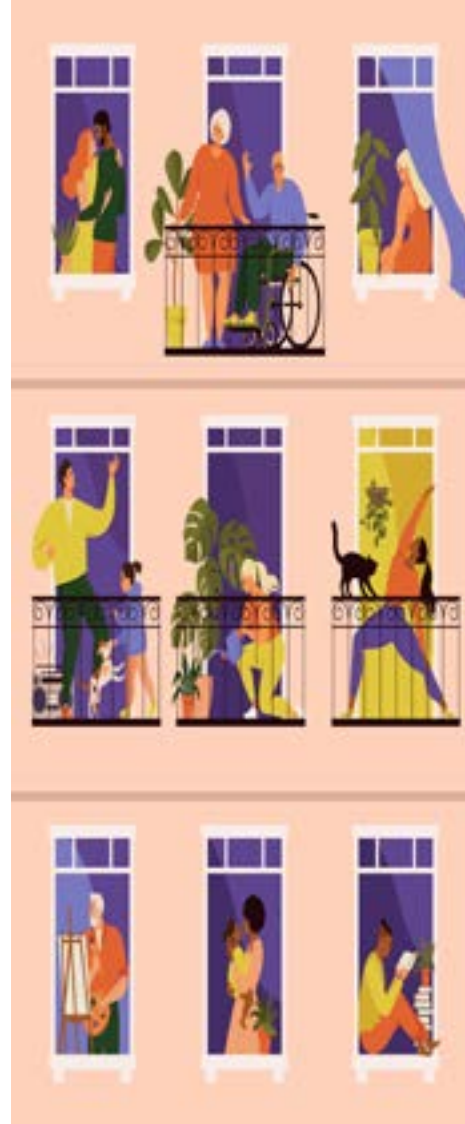
RSVP Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

Thursday, August 24
St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Decatur
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Watch for your registration information in July!

More Opportunities from Homeward Bound

*Come and make a difference at the next
Resident Council Meeting!*



The Resident Council meeting is an opportunity for residents to freely discuss topics to improve the quality of life within their development.

Please join us:

- Let your voice be heard
- We want to discuss your concerns and suggestions within your community
- Come share your ideas of improvements for your community, surroundings and housing needs.
- Ensure your views are acknowledged and addressed
- Let's talk safety

Date: Thursday, June 22, 2023

Location: Homeward Bound

Conference Room

788 E. Clay, Decatur

Time: 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.





I recently had the privilege of witnessing firsthand the amazing work of the volunteers who keep our local food pantry running. Last month, I was tasked with driving a truck to the Midwest Food Bank in Bloomington, and what I saw there was truly inspiring.

Upon arrival, I was met by a team of Midwest Food Pantry volunteers who guided me through the entire process. From checking in to picking out items and loading them onto the trailer, every step was



carried out with efficiency and care. I was particularly impressed by the organization and teamwork displayed by the Midwest



volunteers, who worked tirelessly to ensure that every cart was loaded with the appropriate items and that nothing was left behind.

Once the trailer was full, I drove it back to the office in Clinton, where I was greeted by an amazing team of volunteers who quickly got to work unloading and sorting the food. It was truly incredible to see how quickly they worked together to get everything organized and ready for distribution. And as they worked, the food pantry was open and serving our community, providing much-needed assistance to those in need.

I am so grateful to have been a part of this experience, and it has renewed my faith in the power of volunteers to make a real difference in the world. If you are looking for a way to give back to your community, I encourage you to consider volunteering at the food pantry. Whether you are



driving a truck, sorting food, or distributing items to those in need, every contribution makes a real impact. Thank you to all of the volunteers who make this work possible, and thank you to our community for your continued support. Together, we can make a difference.

Dustin Depperschmidt
Volunteer Resources Administrator

Neighborhood Services Program

Sharing News About The Neighborhoods!

Coming to the end of the BABES season once again, my heart overflows. It is no secret that BABES is a wonderful and important part of Dove's programming. With me being newer to the program, this becomes more evident each season we've been in the schools and it is solidified time and again as children show their interest and concern for the puppets with some children even sharing their own struggles at home. BABES is a safe place for children to relate, care and learn. BABES Coordinator, Sandy Laesch, is an excellent leader and example as her passion for the program shines through.

Out in the neighborhoods there is much going on with the business of Adopt-A-Street clean ups, canvassing for growth, preparing for gardens, and revitalization with the help of the city and area agencies coming alongside. There is something so rewarding about walking the streets of Decatur with like-minded people whether to pick up litter along the way, knocking on doors to get to know the neighbors and invite them to a meeting or event, planting gardens and more! There is life in serving and connecting with others in our neighborhoods!

Finally, with so much talk everywhere on issues of violence, once again a topic discussed at the CONO (Coalition Of Neighborhood Organizations) meeting this past month in wonder of how to stop violence from happening in our community. Let's consider narrowed down, violence begins in neighborhoods, no matter where they are. Cities including Decatur, have Stop The Violence campaigns and rallies in order to take a stand and to bring positivity and hope which is so important! But I wonder, doesn't the remedy lay within each one of us? We must not close our eyes or turn a deaf ear, right, and when we see something, yes, we must say something, but isn't there more? Doesn't there need to be hands reaching out to one another in solidarity and hope with a goal in mind like the future of our family, neighborhood and ultimately our world. It begins in a neighborhood, your neighborhood and mine. So, if you don't already have an active neighborhood group in your area, will you consider starting one? If so, Dove has a pamphlet of information that can help. Please reach out and see how we can partner in this vital effort for our city and ultimately beyond, doing our part to make a difference.

LeAnn Ellis, Coordinator

RSVP is pleased to announce a new partnership with CONO, Coalition of Neighborhood Organizations, in Decatur.

CONO is a group that meets monthly to talk about and try to address issues and concerns in the various neighborhoods in the city. The coalition is made up of individual neighborhood group members who participate in activities such as neighborhood cleanups, festivals, meetings, and an assortment of other activities to make the community a better and safer place to live.

If you are part of one of the neighborhood organizations, or desire to be, please reach out to LeAnn Ellis or Angie Williams at Dove to find out how you can be involved with CONO, count your hours for RSVP, or to learn more information on either.

awilliams@doveinc.org

lellis@doveinc.org



*Our sincere thanks to the
Dennis Lab School 4th graders,
the school personnel and the
Dennis Family.*

*Dove was the recipient of their
Project Based Learning --
inspirational art work &
toys for the Shelter Children's Area.*

*We had the chance to share about
all the Dove programs and attend
their project Showcase event.*

*Additional donations from:
Outreach Missionary Pentecostal
Church Youth - monetary donation*

*World Service Enterprise
Organization
Carlotta Witherspoon-Taylor
President / Founder*

Thanks to all!



NEWS

from the Domestic Violence Program

Macon County News Kelsey Prober, Program Director

The program is starting off summer strong! We have a lot of families in our shelter and kids home from school.

Due to short staffing, our offices in DeWitt and Piatt counties will only be open on Mondays and Fridays, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The hotline will automatically redirect to the main office in Macon county, where there is always a staff member, if staff are not available in DeWitt or Piatt.

That being said, we are hiring for a DeWitt and Piatt County Advocate as well as a Legal Advocate. If you or someone you know is interested please look on our [website](#) .

We are in need of gently used or new strollers and bassinets. Donations can be dropped off at 302 S. Union Street, Decatur. (see complete list on the next page)

We are planning our Domestic Violence Awareness Month events. Be on the lookout for updates on our annual Candlelighting Ceremonies and other events in the month of October!

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence please reach out to the crisis hotline at 217.423.2238, anytime day or night staff will be available to take your call.

Moultrie County News Becky Comstock, Coordinator

Group Services are still being offered on Thursday nights at 5:00 p.m. We are currently working on finding a group, organization, church or individual to help provide meals for participants. For more information on group services or if you are interested in helping provide meals please contact Becky at 217.728.9303.



Dove staff, seen here with Carlotta Witherspoon-Taylor (L), who donated Mother's Day baskets to the staff member Moms in the Domestic Violence and Homeward Bound programs! Thanks for your thoughtfulness!

SANITATION SUPPLIES

- VINYL GLOVES (SIZE LARGE AND XL)
- CLOROX WIPES
- AEROSOL DISINFECTANT SPRAY
- PAPER TOWEL ROLLS

BABY / TODDLER

- TEETHING RINGS
- STROLLERS (CAN BE UMBRELLA TYPE)
- PACK AND PLAY FOR BABIES TO SLEEP IN

BATHROOMS

- AIR FRESHENER SPRAY
- FULL SIZE BATH TOWELS (NEW ONLY)

BEDROOMS

- BEDSHEET SETS- TWIN SIZE (NEW ONLY)
- PILLOWS (NEW ONLY)
- NIGHTSHIRTS- WOMENS, ALL SIZES (NEW ONLY)
- SWEATSUITS- UNISEX, ALL SIZES (NEW ONLY)

GENERAL

- GAS GIFT CARDS
- WALMART GIFT CARDS
- ALDI GIFT CARDS FOR SHELTER FOOD

KITCHEN

- DISH SOAP
- DISPOSABLE CUPS
- DISPOSABLE (PLASTIC) EATING UTENSILS
- DISPOSABLE PLATES & BOWLS (PAPER)

MEDICINE ROOM

- PEDIATRIC MEDICINE DROPPERS AND/OR SYRINGES (NEW, UNUSED)
- NOSE / EAR SYRINGES

ADULT

- ANTIBIOTIC OINTMENT OR CREAM
- ALEVE
- BENADRYL (OR GENERIC)
- NON-DROWSY ALLERGY MEDS (ZYRTEC/ CLARITIN/ETC.)
- HYDROCORTISONE CREAM
- MELATONIN TABLETS
- LICE TREATMENT KITS
- MONISTAT / VAGISIL

BODY TOILETRIES

- BODY WASH
- VASELINE
- HANDHELD PERSONAL MIRRORS

HAIR

- SHAMPOO & CONDITIONER
- HAIR GREASE
- HAIRBRUSHES – NATURAL OR NYLON BRISTLES
- HAIR GEL
- HAIR SPRAY

MOUTH

- TOOTHPASTE
- DENTURE ADHESIVE (POLIGRIP OR OTHER)
- DENTURE CLEANER
- MOUTHWASH (ALCOHOL FREE)

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