

# DoveTales

the newsletter of Dove, Inc.

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## National Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week November 12-20

"National Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week is held each year the week before Thanksgiving. This is a time for us all to start to think about what we are thankful for, a perfect time to share our compassion with our neighbors who are experiencing homelessness, and work toward a world where no one has to experience Hunger and Homelessness. ..." [HTTP://HHWEEK.org](http://HHWEEK.org)

**Friday,  
November 11!**  
"Box City"

Millikin University

Contact Jared Bohland, 428.6616,  
for more information about  
your youth group participating!



**November 18**

Salvation Army  
Community Center  
(W. Main & Church St.)

Stand Down  
10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
for area Veterans

Community Service Fair  
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.  
Open to the Public

See Page 6 for additional  
information



**Sunday, November 20, 3:00 p.m.**

Concert for Hunger & Homelessness Awareness  
Featuring Allegiance  
First Baptist Church  
1320 W. Arbor Drive, Decatur  
Sponsored by FBC and Dove  
Bring a warm item or canned food to share  
with community.

### 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.

**#END**  
HUNGER HOMELESSNESS NOW  
ENGAGE • DONATE • VOLUNTEER

# Dove, Inc.

## Leadership Team

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## Program Leadership

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Beginning Awareness Basic Education Studies  
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Children's Clothing Room  
Sandy Harmison, Coordinator

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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,

As I write this the weather is turning cooler, the days are getting shorter, and the leaves are turning and beginning to fall. A group of high school volunteers are in my office at Homeward Bound moving files into storage. Another group is sanitizing the play area and toys. A group of skilled craftsmen and women are giving the Domestic Violence Shelter client kitchen, bedrooms, common area and play yard a face-lift. I look around at the good people who make Dove run and find myself deeply humbled by their commitment to our community.

In November and December amidst the hustle and bustle of holidays we'll continue to band together to distribute Coats for Kids donations to area agencies, Stand Down for Veterans, and learn about issues of poverty, hunger, and homelessness at Box City and Hoard No More training. We'll be filling Christmas Baskets for hundreds of area families so that they can share in the air of celebration.

As we celebrate, I ask you please to also turn an eye to local and state politics. Voting is one of the most important ways in which you can give to community efforts. By choosing state and local policy-makers you are choosing what the future

holds for our community. The "stop-gap" budget expires this December and your vote can help solve the continuing budget crisis. Be informed when you vote. Visit <https://g.co/kgs/SVLNzV> and enter your street address where you are registered to see the full ballot. Then take the time to read up on or meet the candidates so that you can make an informed decision at the polls.

We also have 18 House seats and 1 Senate seat in the federal election to decide on. These people will help determine how our federal funding for local housing initiatives goes in the future. Your vote and your voice matter in this election.

If you or your organization's members would like to learn more about supporting Dove's mission, 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 free of human suffering.

Wishing you a very Happy Thanksgiving,  
Christine Gregory

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

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



## Hoard No More: A Community Training Event Friday, November 4

This event is FREE to the community.

Optional C.E.U's available. This activity is pending approval from the National Association of Social Workers

Hoarding is a growing concern. It's a silent problem that isn't something a lot of people want to talk about — especially if you have a loved one or a friend affected with the condition. The “Hoarding Disorder” can destroy one's sense of responsibility. Hoarders do not fully understand the safety issues they pose to others or the health impact of hoarding.

Hoard No More is for case managers, social workers, interventionists, organizers, home care and pastoral visitors and interested community members to learn about hoarding, its causes, and strategies for working with individuals. It will be a 4-hour event held at the Salvation Army Community Center at 229 W. Main Street in Decatur, IL. Registration opens at 7:00 a.m., with the program from 8:00 a.m. to noon. The event is sponsored by Dove-Homeward Bound.



Steve Conlan and Elaine Stephanos (Co-Founders of MoJo Life Coaches) are Clinical Therapists who co-authored the “Hoard No More Rescue Kit,” the “Clutter & Anxiety No More” Program, and the first ever PRIVATE online members-only website available 24/7, dedicated to helping people who struggle with the hoarding disorder.





Archer Daniels Midland Company recently donated \$7,500 to Dove, Inc. The donation has gone toward updates to the Domestic Violence Shelter, Decatur. These funds, coming to us to make needed improvements, is a perfect highlight to National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, held each October.

Lowe's in Forsyth combined the generous donation of the ADM

Cares Grant, funding from Lowe's, the generosity of many of their vendors, and the amazing talents of their staff to do updates to the areas of the Shelter most used, by the clients and their children seeking services of the Domestic Violence Program.

Please, come and see these exciting changes to the Shelter!

*Ribbon Cutting  
Tuesday, November 1  
1:30 p.m.  
302 S. Union,  
Decatur  
Please join us!*

# Coats for Kids!

25<sup>th</sup> Annual Coat Drive for Kids!

Cosponsored by

**WAND-TV & Dove**  
through November 30



## Participating Cleaners

### Classic Cleaner

- 2474 N. Main

### Corner Cleaning Connections

- 1154 E. Prairie Ave.

### 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 & Launderers

- 1004 S. Main, Decatur
- 664 W. Eldorado
- 115 Magnolia, Forsyth

## Drop-off Sites

### Archer's Alley

- 1331 N. 22<sup>nd</sup> St.

### CVS

- 2990 N. Monroe
- 570 N. Fairview
- 1595 E. Cantrell Rd.

### Decatur Public Library

- 130 N. Franklin

### Decatur Public Transit

- Bus transfer site
- Administration - East Wood & Martin Luther King Jr. Drive

### Decatur Township Offices

- 1620 S. Taylorville Road

### GT Church

- 500 S. 27<sup>th</sup>

### Jerger Pediatric Dentistry, P.C.

- 2101 N. Main

### Kroger

- Brettwood Plaza
- South Shores Plaza
- Fairview 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
- 1685 S. Franklin

### St. Teresa High School

- 2710 N. Water Street

### Texas Roadhouse

- US 51 North

**Free appetizer when you donate a coat at Texas Roadhouse!**

## It's simple

- drop off a coat you no longer need - all sizes welcome
- participating cleaners will clean the coats
- clean coats will be delivered to participating clothing rooms
- wonderful volunteers keep it all working!

**Make it a warmer  
winter for everyone!**



Macon County Continuum of Care Presents A

# HUMAN SERVICES FAIR

NOVEMBER 18th, 2016 229 W. Main St. Decatur, IL  
1:00pm to 3:00pm Salvation Army Community Center

Cookout Provided by  
Fifth Street  
Renaissance  
Springfield, IL



**All in One Place. All on the Same Day.**

Come in and talk with the staff, make appointments, and get signed up to receive all kinds of services. Financial aid, health care, mental health, legal aid, child & senior services, and much more. Save yourself time and hassle by seeing many agencies under one roof.

**It only happens once a year!**

Information Contact Lucy @ (217) 875-1016 or John @ 428-4672

This event is part of the National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week

## Bob Evans® COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER

*Dine to make a difference*

## Homeward Bound/Dove

Sunday, November 20, 2016  
6:00 A.M. - 9:00 P.M.

Bob Evans will donate 15% of sales  
when you present this flyer\* to

**Bob Evans®**

3020 North Water Street in Decatur  
(Business 51 & Rte 48)

[www.BobEvans.com/BEkind](http://www.BobEvans.com/BEkind)

\*Flyer must be presented at time of check out.

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Dine at Bob Evans  
to support programs for  
area homeless individuals.

Flyer to use is also  
available on the website.

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



## Dove and Northeast Community Fund Christmas Basket Drive

### Christmas Corner

Angie Williams  
Christmas Baskets Coordinator

There are still plenty of time and ways to get involved with Dove and Northeast Community Fund's Christmas Baskets Program.

Consider donating items or money. We are still in great need of the following: full-sized bottles of shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothpaste, and toothbrushes, as well as boxes of gallon sized Ziploc bags in order to make the hygiene bags for families receiving baskets.

Are you interested in adopting a family for Christmas? This is such an awesome opportunity for those who choose it. You get to be in touch with the family you're adopting, to find out who they are and what kinds of things they're in need of. You get to deliver their Christmas right to them yourself. Each year I look forward to adopting families out, and each year we have at least one or two people or groups who enjoy this option so much, they return and do it again the next year.

We do ask that you give at least the equivalent of what we give in baskets – the food, plus a gift for each child, and hats and gloves and a stocking for each member of the family. Anything more than that is definitely appreciated. Is this something that you, your family, or a group you're involved with is interested in?

We're also in need of volunteers the week of baskets. We will move everything to First United Methodist, 201 W. North St., on the morning of

December 15, and will be there from about 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. that day and the next. This year we're going to have Saturday, December 17, for families and students to come volunteer. We'll be filling baskets Monday, the 19<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, the 20<sup>th</sup> during those same times.

We'll need a lot of help with delivering baskets to people on the morning of Thursday, December 22, if that's something you'd like to try, or if it's something you have enjoyed in the past. If you have a truck, please bring it – some of these baskets are large!

If none of these are things that work for you or your schedule, consider attending Making Christmas Bright, a fundraiser we're partnering with Pizza Hut for on December 6. If you bring a copy of our flyer, or if you show a copy of it on your phone, Dove's Christmas Baskets will get a portion of each order that day. You don't even have to go to a specific Pizza Hut. If you give our voucher or online code (DOVE), you can go to any Pizza Hut in the United States and you will be supporting us.

The Pizza Hut at 975 W. Eldorado will also be collecting toys for the kids that night from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Bring your kids and enjoy a fun night out while helping support kids who are less fortunate. A very special guest will be in attendance and he's going to be making his own lists and checking them twice!

The next few weeks are going to be a flurry of activity, and I hope to talk to you about how you can get involved and help out. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me at 428.6616.



— WE'LL MAKE THE PIZZA —  
**YOU MAKE THE  
DIFFERENCE**

— BRING IN THIS FLYER AND —  
**UP TO 20% OF YOUR PURCHASE\***  
WILL GO TOWARDS A GREAT CAUSE

— PROCEEDS GO TO —  
**Making Christmas Bright**

**WHEN:**  
Tuesday, December 6, 2016 ALL DAY!

**LOCATION:** Decatur, IL  
975 W. Eldorado St. 217-422-8777

**ONLINE ORDER  
COUPON CODE: DOVE**

**ORDER ONLINE AT PIZZAHUT.COM**

\*Restrictions apply. Check store for details. This offer is valid for **Take-In, Delivery or Carryout** (where services available) only for specified dates and times and at specified locations.  
Fundraiser donation good on regular priced purchases only. Not valid on alcohol, tax and delivery charges. Coupons or other offers not valid. ©2015 Pizza Hut, Inc.

**RESTAURANT  
COUPON CODE:  
1051**



## News from Homeward Bound



### Seeking Entrance into the Homeward Bound Program?

Walk-in applications will be taken on Wednesdays and Fridays between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. at the Homeward Bound office.

All others can call 362.7700 for an appointment.

### Update on the Macon County Continuum of Care

Darsonya Switzer  
Homeward Bound Program Director

The MC/CoC Homeless Advisory Council is once again teaming up with Dove, Millikin University, Good Samaritan Inn, the Salvation Army, the Coalition for Veterans' Concerns, D&O Properties and a number of other social service agencies to hold the National Hunger & Homelessness Awareness events. Box City will again take place on the campus of Millikin University. Please look for the flyer, which will have complete details of events for participants joining us for the night. Visit [www.doveinc.org](http://www.doveinc.org) or follow Dove, Inc. on Facebook to learn more!

Also, the Council has a very special week planned for some key stakeholders in the community. Please look for more information to be shared about these events and participants in the near future.

Watch your emails, snail mail and social media sites for other National Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week events!

### SOAR Committee Meeting

The first official Decatur Area SOAR (SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access and Recovery Committee) meeting will take place on Thursday, November 17, at 10:00 a.m. at Homeward Bound, 788 E. Clay, Decatur. We will begin discussions on implementing the Decatur Area SOAR action plan. Please plan to attend. Contact Darsonya Switzer at 362.7700 for further information.

### Continuum of Care

The Homeless Advisory Council/Continuum of Care (HAC/CoC) will meet on Thursday, November 10, 1:30 p.m. at the Homeward Bound office, 788 E. Clay Street. Please plan on attending! Together, we will continue finalizing the plans for the National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week.

If you are interested in assisting those with multiple-barriers to employment find a job, please be a part of the Decatur Jobs Council, DJC. Look for the upcoming meeting dates in future issues of DoveTales or contact 362.7700 to learn more.



## News from Homeward Bound

*At this time Homeward Bound is collecting the following items for the participants of the program:*

- Diapers (all sizes from newborn to pull-ups)
- Baby wipes

We are looking to have several of the Homeward Bound participants interviewing through the months of November and December. It is our hope to be able to supply them with personal hygiene products.

These items would be greatly appreciated:

- Brushes
- Combs
- Deodorant
- Razors
- Shampoo
- Soap

## 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.

For ease  
of making  
a donation  
of children's  
clothing,  
a shed is  
located south  
of the church  
in the parking  
lot.



DeWitt County RSVP

## *Holiday Event*

Wednesday, November 30

10:00 a.m.

First Christian Church,  
100 N. Jackson St., Clinton

DeWitt County Holiday Event invitations are going out soon. Look for yours in your mailbox first part of November and be sure to RSVP. All DeWitt County volunteers who submitted hours during our last fiscal year should receive an invitation. If you are not sure you qualify, call our DeWitt County Coordinator, Sheryl Whisman at 935.2241. Want a chance to get in on the celebration? Call now to enroll in RSVP and submit your volunteer hours, so you can qualify!

# MAX

Macon County Assistance eXchange  
located inside of  
Decatur First United Methodist Church  
201 W. North, Decatur

Open Monday - Thursday  
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Helping with emergency financial assistance for  
families/individuals in need.

## THANKS WALMART!

Thanks to Walmart Store #1690 for their \$1,500  
Community Grant to Dove's Family Assistance Program.  
As you may guess, those funds will go toward helping  
many of the clients of Dove, from one-time emergency  
financial assistance via the MAX program, a special need  
of a client in the Shelter, or to make the Christmas Season  
brighter for many, many families in need.

### WARM NEIGHBORS ♥ COOL FRIENDS

WNCF is located in the MAX office for MACON and DEWITT  
Counties. Below are the 2016-2017 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.

#### Family Size 30-Day (Gross) Monthly Income Range

Must be between:

1	\$1,485 - \$2,970
2	\$2,003 - \$4,005
3	\$2,520 - \$5,040
4	\$3,038 - \$6,075
5	\$3,555 - \$7,110
6	\$4,073 - \$8,145
7	\$4,591 - \$9,183
8	\$5,111 - \$10,223



Thanks to our good  
friend, Valerie  
Grohne, who  
donated toys for the  
children staying in  
the Shelter to enjoy.  
Seen here with  
Angie Williams.  
These toys will  
provide hours and  
hours of fun and  
imaginative play for  
the kids!





## Volunteer Opportunities

Coats for Kids could always use a few more hands with the collection and distribution of coats and you still have a little time to get in on helping to keep our community's children warm again this year. Contact Charlie at 428.6616 for all the details.

Dove and Northeast Community Fund's Christmas Baskets are just around the corner and volunteers are always needed. If you have some free time December 15 - 22, give Charlie a call at 428.6616 about the many opportunities you can help with this year. From sorting, counting, and even shopping there is something for everyone. Don't miss out on this incredible display of generosity and true Christmas spirit. (see more on page 8)

Do you love thrift stores? How about a thrift store with a cause? New Vision Thrift Store at 540 N. Van Dyke, is in need of volunteers to help with every aspect of the thrift store. Call Charlie for further details at 428.6616.

The BABES Program is in need of volunteers to help present to children positive ways to cope with a variety of issues including self-image, decision making, peer pressure, and more using hand puppets. Volunteers are needed in Decatur, Clinton, Farmer City, and the DeLand-Weldon schools. Teams of two are needed to present, so bring a friend and sign up to help children learn valuable coping skills. The next training

session is scheduled for November 28 (see page 15) so call Charlie 428.6616 to reserve your spot and be the voice of some extra special puppets. By supporting this early intervention program you can make a difference in the lives of our children.

End the year with a bang by becoming one of our Advisory Council members. We have positions open on both Macon County and DeWitt County RSVP Advisory Councils. Council members meet once per month and help guide program activities tailored to enhance services available in our community. If interested, give Charlie or Sandy a call at 428.6616.

As the holidays and winter approach, please remember volunteer safety is our top priority. When the weather turns frightful we want you to be safe. Always check with your chosen station before heading out and know that it is OK to stay home in dangerous conditions. When you must go out, please be prepared and carry essentials with you at all times. If you should get stuck in bad weather, stay put and call for help.

Charlie, Sheryl, and Sandra with Dove Inc. RSVP of Macon and DeWitt Counties want to THANK YOU for all that you do in our community. You each inspire so many with your generosity and love. We are thankful to have your support and wish each of you a Joyful Thanksgiving. We hope that you and your families enjoy the holidays and all the blessings they hold.

Have you signed up and gone through RSVP volunteer orientation but the station didn't contact you? Please give us a call so we can offer alternative placements for you. We try and keep up with all new volunteers but sometimes that is difficult to do. Not happy at your current volunteer station or just need a change? There are so many opportunities for you to explore but we can't help if you don't call. Call Charlie or Sandy at 428.6616, or Sheryl in DeWitt at 935.2241, so your talents can be captured in our communities.



# 2016 R.O.S.E. Award Winners

We are always excited to show off our fantastic volunteers so be sure to check out the pictures of our Recognition of Service Excellence (R.O.S.E) award winners from our 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon that was held in September. The winners were:



Woman,  
Barbara Higdon

Couple,  
Tom and Virginia McNutt



Man,  
Dick McQuality



Station,  
Grace United Methodist  
Church Economy Shop.

## News from the Domestic Violence Program...

As we all enjoy the last days of fall and settle in for the colder months, let us be thankful for the gift of all seasons. We need to remind ourselves of the beauty we are shown in each of these beautiful times of year. With the holidays rapidly approaching, let us be mindful of all the blessings we have, rather than wishing for the things we do not have. There are many who are far less fortunate who would give anything to be in the position each of us are in, yet the smiles on their faces and the happiness in their hearts still shines through – even in the darkest of times. They have faith; they have hope. Let us all learn a lesson from them and pause for a moment of thanksgiving for all of the rich blessings that we have been given.

Teri Ducey  
Program Director  
Domestic Violence Program

Teri Ducey spoke to the Rotary Club at the Decatur Club on September 26 and with a Richland Community College nursing class on October 25. She also spoke to the female inmates at the Decatur Correctional Center on October 7.

Cynthia Farrington spoke to the inmates at the Taylorville Correctional Center on October 24.

Vivian Reed, Jamie Houchins, Cheryl Carpenter, Cynthia Farrington, Joyce Kirkland, and Teri Ducey will attend the Common Ground: Community, Kids, Courts & Education Training on November 15, in Effingham.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jared Bohland, Client Services Coordinator for the Domestic Violence Program, who passed the ICDVP exam and is now an IL Certified Domestic Violence Professional.

The Domestic Violence Program is in need of a gently used bookcase about five to six feet tall for a small library of books for adults and teens. If you have one that you'd like to donate, please call and talk to Angie at 428.6616. Thank you!

The DeWitt County Food Pantry is in need of the following items:

- Cereal
- Mac'n Cheese
- Canned Fruit
- Peanut Butter
- Pasta items
- Spaghetti sauce



*Please accept our sincere thanks to all of you who could attend one or all of the Candlelighting Ceremonies, in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October. We will be sharing more in a future newsletter.*



# Santa's Workshop

Moultrie County Fundraiser  
for the Domestic Violence Program

Saturday, December 3  
American Legion  
8 E. Strain, Sullivan

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

There will be free crafts for all  
of the children,  
treats for sale, a silent auction,  
a bake sale  
and a 50/50 drawing.

Santa will be available for visits and pictures.



## Shelter Needs

Any donations can be dropped off at 302 S. Union,  
Decatur

- Advil (or generic) for adults
- Benedryl for adults and children
- Contact Solution
- Denture Adhesive (Poligrip or other)
- Denture Toothpaste
- Hydrocortisone Cream
- Liquid Stomach medicine (Pepto)
- Medicine Measuring Cups
- Nasal Decongestants for children and adults
- Tums or other Antacid Tablets
- African American Hair Products
- Body Lotion
- Conditioner
- Hair Brushes
- Lip Balm
- Liquid Antibacterial Hand Soap
- Mouthwash
- Nail Polish
- Nail Polish Remover
- Q-Tips
- Shampoo with Conditioner combo
- Toothpaste
- Air Freshener Spray
- Alarm Clocks
- Box Fans for client bedrooms
- Laundry Baskets
- Night-lights
- Vacuum Cleaner - NEW
- Baby Wipes
- Baby Powder
- Disposable Diapers (sizes 3 & 4)
- Nose/Ear Syringes
- OraJel
- Pediatric Medicine Droppers
- Strollers
- Tylenol for infants/children
- Gas Gift Cards
- Walmart Gift Cards
- Clear Plastic Trash Bags
- Clorox Wipes
- Heavy duty Black Trash Bags, large
- Dixie Cups (Small)
- Paper Towels
- Plastic Drinking Cups
- Toilet Paper
- Pillows
- Washcloths



## Beginning Awareness Basic Education Studies BABES

Sandy Laesch,  
BABES Program Coordinator

Have you ever had one of those days...when getting ready for work you can't decide what to wear, let alone if it still fits, your hair won't do what you want and you are running late. Well that was my morning a few weeks ago. That day when I went to get my usual coffee from McDonald's drive-through...a random act of kindness happened, the person in the car ahead of me paid for my coffee. I don't know if she could tell from her rearview mirror that I was having one of those days...but her act of kindness changed my attitude. And for that I am grateful and will pay it forward.

It made me realize all the blessings around me. I am grateful for a job that I love. I work with awesome women and men at Dove who, day in and day out, give 110% of themselves to help people and contribute to our community. I have wonderful and dedicated BABES volunteers who take time out of their busy schedules to present to the children in our community. I am grateful for all the generous people in our community who have given and continue to give to the BABES program through their donations of time and money. Thank you.

I would like to welcome SuEllen Brauer and Vicki Bradley as new BABES volunteers and welcome back Amy Scott.

It is back to school time and the BABES program has a full fall schedule! Patty Cain & Linda Natereli started things off in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes at Baum, Sally Lauer & Jackie Sharp-Evans will be in 1<sup>st</sup> grade classes at Parsons, Linda Natereli & Sandy Laesch will be in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes at Sangamon Valley East, Sally Mathieson, Amy Scott, & Anna Mae Carlson will be in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes at Enterprise, Vicki Bradley

& Patty Cain will be in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes at Mt. Zion Grade, Bea Fisher & Chris Foster will be in 1<sup>st</sup> grade classes at Harris, Becky Volle, Megan Neaville, & Sandy Laesch will be in K, 1<sup>st</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes at Deland-Weldon, Pam Rhodes & Kathy Pepper will be in Kindergarten classes at Stevenson, Sandy Laesch will be in Parsons 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes, Stevenson's 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes, and John's Hill Kindergarten classes.

A big thank you goes to Sheryl Whisman and Early Bird for representing the BABES Program at Blue Ridge School District's Schneider Elementary Health Fair.



If you think that you would like to become involved in the BABES 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.

**The next BABES volunteer training will be held on Monday, November 28, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Dean Simcox Conference Center at 302 S. Union.**

*The Puppets and I want to wish you a  
Happy Thanksgiving*

# MYSTERY NIGHT

**BABES  
Mystery Night  
Fundraiser**

**Friday Evening  
February 24, 2017**

**Mark your calendar &  
plan on a fun night!**

**All while helping out the  
BABES Program!**

