

DoveTales

the newsletter of Dove, Inc.

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Dove's Mission

Dove is a coalition of religious organizations, volunteers, and advocates that seeks to coordinate efforts to address unmet human needs and social injustices

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

Giving Tuesday November 29

Dove will be part of the 2nd Giving Tuesday “Open House” from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 29. It will be hosted by and held at the Decatur First United Methodist Church, 201 W. North Street, Decatur. Thanks to staff and membership for making this special day happen!

Please stop by make a donation to Dove and MAX (and other local agencies). Then take a #unselfie, post and encourage your friends to be a part of the event.



#DecaturILGivingTuesday

*First there was
Thanksgiving
Black Friday
Small Business Saturday
Cyber Monday
and now
<https://www.givingtuesday.org/>*

Join the movement!

Looking for ways to become involved?

Join us for Santa's Workshop in Moultrie County, see page 3

Join us in Clinton for the Annual Christmas Cantata Preview, see page 4

You can still help with the coat drive, see page 6

Making Christmas Bright fundraiser for the Christmas Basket Drive, see page 6

and check out the many, many ways you can be involved on all the other pages!

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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,

This Advent I am swept away by the words of a prayer, “give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility.”

For many, the time preceding and including the holidays is a challenge. When the pressures of modern society, or the loneliness of companions missed, or concerns for the future become overwhelming, we are asked to put on our armor of light and cast away the darkness. We are granted the grace to do this powerfully by God. And the special thing about light, my friends, is that it affects the world around us. When we put that armor of light on ourselves, we can light the way for others. Isn't that a beautiful vision of the world?

In this newsletter you will find several ways Dove is putting on the armor of light this Advent. Will you join us in lighting the way in Central Illinois? 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.

I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,

Christine Gregory

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

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or donate online at www.doveinc.org

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.

Silent Auction Items include these and many more!

- 2 tickets from the Little Theater for the Christmas Show "A Swingin' Little Christmas"
- Basket from the Cheese Shop in Arthur
- Yoder's Kitchen

Santa will be available for visits and pictures.



NEWS

from the Domestic Violence Program

WELCOME to our two new staff members – Sarah Bogle, who has been hired as our 2nd Shift Shelter Specialist and Mary Wetzel, our Children's Specialist. Mary will be working part-time for now until she finishes her Bachelor's Degree, at which time she will move to full-time. We are so happy to have them join our team and our Dove family.

The Committee Against Domestic Violence (CADV) would like to welcome Tanya White as a new member! Tanya is a member of New Vision Church and we are happy to have her on our committee. We are still in need of more members. If you have an interest in domestic violence issues, and/or want to learn more about ways to spread awareness about helping put an end to this unjustifiable crime in our community, please contact Teri Ducey, Director, at 428.6616. CADV serves as an Advisory Committee and provides support to our program.

Pray for their Journey of Healing

Teri Ducey, Director
Domestic Violence Program

I cannot believe we are approaching the end of 2016!!! I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you from the bottom of our hearts for your continued overwhelming generosity and support to our program. Because of that, we are able to continue to do our best to meet the needs of the clients we serve. The holiday season can be very emotional for our clients. As you sit down at your Christmas table, surrounded by your family, may you pause for a moment and say a prayer for the many who are not as fortunate – for those who are currently in shelter, away from their loved ones, some of them without their own children, or estranged from their family members. Remember them, and pray they are given the strength, reassurance, perseverance and hope to continue moving forward in their journey of healing.

I want to wish all of you a very blessed and happy Christmas and a holiday season that is full of joy, love and peace. May each of you be richly blessed in all you do and be showered with a new year full of hope.

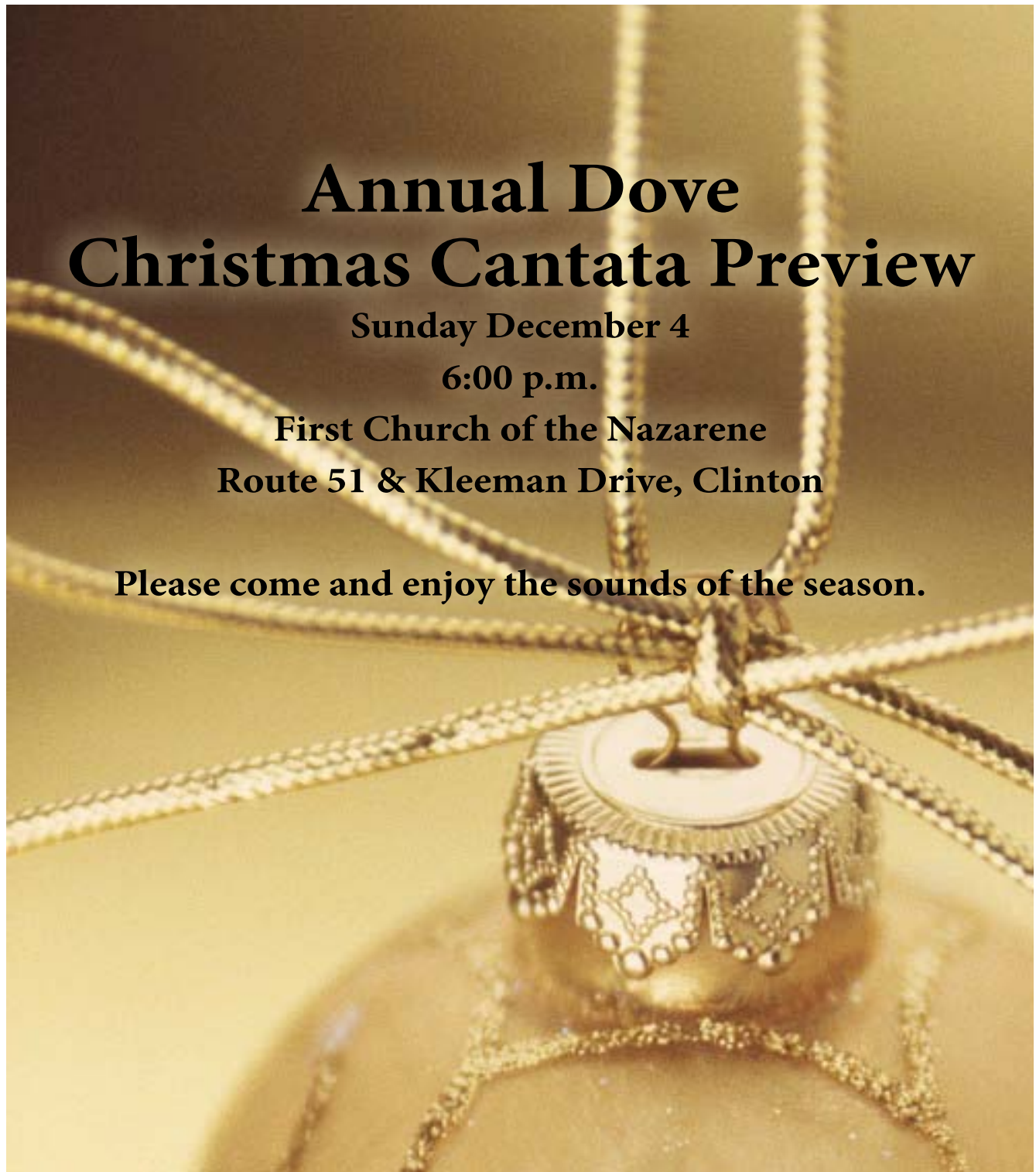
Annual Dove Christmas Cantata Preview

Sunday December 4

6:00 p.m.

First Church of the Nazarene
Route 51 & Kleeman Drive, Clinton

Please come and enjoy the sounds of the season.





We want to thank everyone who attended our ribbon cutting ceremony on Tuesday, November 1, for our newly remodeled shelter kitchen and various other redecorated areas in our shelter!!! It was a very well attended event! We are still so overwhelmed with gratitude for the awesomeness of Dave Ozier, Manager, and Michelle Cornett, Assistant Manager, and all the wonderful employees of our local Lowe's Store in Forsyth who volunteered their time, generosity, and expertise in making our shelter a home for our clients!! We also extend our thanks to ADM Cares for their generous \$7500 grant that we used to combine with Lowe's contributions in making our program their Community Project to end up with such a beautiful kitchen, newly painted client bedrooms, which had old carpet pulled up and removed, and new rubber mulch for our children's playground area, newly painted great hall area, new riding toys and other outdoor toys for the children's playground area and a wagon full of new toys for inside as well. We are still feeling so blessed and grateful for these wonderful gifts! Our new shelter kitchen was named in recognition of Patty Plato, who retired this past Spring after 30 years with Dove's Domestic Violence Program. The surprised expression on Patty's face when the beautiful sign was uncovered above the entry to our kitchen spoke volumes. Our kitchen is named in her honor – Pattycake's Kitchen.

Teri Ducey, Director
Domestic Violence Program





Dove and Northeast Community Fund Christmas Basket Drive

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

Volunteer Opportunities

We need volunteers the week of baskets. We will move everything to First United Methodist Church, 201 W. North St., Decatur, 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 19th and Tuesday, the 20th 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!

Items Needed

Consider donating items or money

We are still in great need of the following for the hygiene bags: full-sized bottles of shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothpaste, and toothbrushes, as well as boxes of gallon-sized Ziploc bags

Hats and gloves for all sizes

TOYS! birth to age 17


All funds donated to the drive will be used to "fill in the gaps" of items needed.

Pizza Hut Toy Drive

Another fun way to get your families or group of friends involved – attend 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." - Angie Williams, Coordinator



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

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RESTAURANT
COUPON CODE:
1051



Coats for Kids!

25th Annual Coat Drive for Kids!

Cosponsored by

WAND-TV & Dove
through November 30



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!

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

- 3113 N. 22nd 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. 27th

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!

**Still Time to
Donate a Coat!**

It is hard to believe that 2016 has gone so quickly, and that we are approaching the holiday season and the beginning of a brand new year. As we enter this holiday season, please remember those who are less fortunate, and help to make their holidays happier. If you are unable to donate material items, a warm smile and a holiday greeting can brighten their days. We here at the Dove Domestic Violence Program in Shelby County thank all of you for your support of us during the past year. We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year!

Susie Kensil
Shelby County Coordinator
Domestic Violence Program

The Moultrie County
CADV would like to
wish everyone a Blessed
Christmas and a Safe and
Happy New Year!



Kitchen Shower for the Shelter

Thursday, January 19
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Help us stock the kitchen!
Next month we will give you a complete
list of needed items for the kitchen and the
food items kept on hand for feeding the
families staying in the shelter.



See how all this happened on page 5!



Thanks to the WISE group at Ameren Illinois who chose Dove as the recipient of their annual Trivia Night, held this year on November 4. Along with the very generous \$4,588 cash donation, a carload of items for the Shelter were given!

L-R

Shanel Luckett, Ameren, Barb Blakey, Chris Gregory, Dove and Gussie Reed, Ameren

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.

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

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

We are looking to have several of the Homeward Bound participants interviewing in 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

Mark your Calendar
2017 Point in Time
Thursday, January 26

Volunteers will be needed to assist with a survey for the 24 hours of this count of area homeless individuals in our county. Training is required. Watch for dates and time in the January newsletter

Bob Evans®
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Dine to make a difference

Homeward Bound/Dove

**Tuesday, December 20, 2016
6:00 A.M. - 9:00 P.M.**

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

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

www.BobEvans.com/BEkind

*Flyer must be presented at time of check out.

#110

Dine at Bob Evans
to support programs for
area homeless individuals.
Flyer to use is also
available on the website.

www.doveinc.org

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.



Thanks to the staff members
of the Decatur Public Library
for designating Dove for
their October "Jeans Day"
collection. They did this as
part of National Domestic
Violence Awareness Month.

Imboden Creek hosted a Winter Warm
Up for Dove during Domestic Violence
Awareness Month in October. They
collected 13 boxes of items needed for use
in the Shelter. Thanks to the staff, residents
and their family members for making it a
warmer winter at Dove!

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.

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 member of a St. Teresa High School Art Class who made these amazing pinatas for the children, staying in the shelter. Each were filled with candy for the children to enjoy at Halloween.



RSVP staff wants to thank all of the volunteers who will join us for the DeWitt County Holiday Celebration on November 30. We are looking forward to having a wonderful time kicking off the holiday season with you!!! Be sure to check out January's DoveTales issue for pictures from the event and see the most recent R.O.S.E award winner!

Volunteer Opportunities

There is still time to get in on making the holidays a little brighter for families in need. Dove Inc. and Northeast Community Fund's Christmas baskets takes place December 15 through December 22. RSVP has a great list of things anyone can do to help with this year's baskets. We have volunteer opportunities that will make your heart happy. This is a great volunteer opportunity you can do with your children and grandchildren! Call Charlie today at 428.6616 to hear how a little bit of your time can make a BIG difference to families on Christmas!



Thanks to the GFWC Decatur's Woman's Club who donated items to Dove for their annual "Make A Difference Day" in October! Sandy Cribbet is representing the club in this picture. Thanks to all!

Thanks to Fleet Feet Sports for making Dove's Domestic Violence Program a recipient of the donations at their recent "Ladies Night." Heather Dodson, Store Manager, seen here with Teri Ducey. (Shoes are something that are needed by many clients staying at the Shelter.)



A few highlights
from National
Hunger and
Homelessness
Awareness Week

Held each year
the week before
Thanksgiving.



Thanks to all who attended the Allegiance Concert as part of National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week. Thanks to all who brought their items to share with Dove and other local agencies and for the love offering given to Dove. Thanks Allegiance for sharing your talents! Hosted by First Baptist Church of Decatur and Dove, Inc.



A few pictures from the breakfast at Salvation Army after the night out in the cold at Box City.



The list is long, the need is great, please help those in the Domestic Violence Program...

Shelter Needs

- ADVIL (OR GENERIC) FOR INFANTS AND/OR CHILDREN
- ADVIL (OR GENERIC) FOR ADULTS
- AFRICAN-AMERICAN HAIR CARE PRODUCTS
- AIR FRESHENER SPRAY
- ALARM CLOCKS AND CLOCK RADIOS
- BABY LOTION
- BABY POWDER
- BABY WIPES
- BABY SHAMPOO
- BAR SOAP
- BENADRYL FOR INFANTS AND/OR CHILDREN
- BENADRYL FOR ADULTS
- BLANKETS
- BODY LOTION
- COMBS
- CONDITIONER
- CONTACT LENS MULTI-PURPOSE SOLUTION
- DENTAL FLOSS
- DENTURE ADHESIVE (POLIGRIP OR OTHER)
- DENTURE TOOTHPASTE
- DEODORANT
- DISHWASHER DETERGENT 'PODS'
- DISPOSABLE DIAPERS (SIZES 3 AND 4)
- DISPOSABLE DOUCHES
- DISPOSABLE PLATES
- DISPOSABLE EATING UTENSILS
- DISPOSABLE CUPS
- DIXIE CUPS (SMALL)
- EXTRA-STRENGTH TYLENOL (OR GENERIC) FOR ADULTS
- GAS GIFT CARDS
- HAIR BRUSHES – NATURAL BRISTLES
- HAIR BRUSHES – NYLON BRISTLES
- HYDROCORTISONE CREAM
- LARGE BATH TOWELS
- LAUNDRY BASKETS
- LIP PROTECTOR/BALM
- LIQUID ANTIBACTERIAL HAND SOAP
- LIQUID STOMACH MEDICINE (PEPTO) FOR ADULTS
- LIQUID STOMACH MEDICINE FOR INFANTS AND/OR CHILDREN
- MEDICINE MEASURING CUPS (NEW)
- MELATONIN TABLETS
- MOUTHWASH
- NAIL POLISH REMOVER
- NIGHTLIGHTS
- NIGHTSHIRTS
- NOSE/EAR SYRINGES
- ORAJEL
- PAPER TOWELS
- PEDIATRIC MEDICINE DROPPERS (NEW)
- PILLOWS & PILLOW CASES
- PLASTIC DRINKING CUPS (SMALL OR LARGE)
- Q-TIPS
- SANITARY NAPKINS
- SEWING KITS (TRAVEL SIZE)
- SHEETS – TWIN SIZE
- SNACKS (HEALTHY)
- STOOL SOFTENERS
- STROLLERS
- SUDAFED (OR GENERIC) NASAL DECONGESTANT FOR ADULTS
- SUDAFED (OR GENERIC) NASAL DECONGESTANT FOR INFANTS AND/OR CHILDREN
- TAMPONS (SLIM – REGULAR – LARGE – SUPER)
- TOILET TISSUE
- TOOTHBRUSHES
- TOOTHPASTE
- TUMS OR OTHER ANTACID TABLETS FOR ADULTS
- TYLENOL (OR GENERIC) FOR INFANTS AND/OR CHILDREN
- USED CELL PHONES (FOR 911 USE FOR CLIENTS)
- VACUUM CLEANER
- VASELINE
- WASHCLOTHS

*Any donations can be delivered to the
302 S. Union offices, South Entrance, Decatur
between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.,
Monday - Friday*

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

- Cereal
- Peanut butter
- Pasta
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Side dishes for meals: such as rice, Knorr pasta sides, etc.
- Diapers: sizes 4, 5, & 6

Items may be delivered to 803 W. Leander, Clinton.

Beginning Awareness Basic Education Studies
BABES



*Wishing you a
Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year!*

BABES Mystery Night Fundraiser

Tickets: \$30 includes your "À la Surprise" dinner
(don't worry, it's from Paco Sol Bistro!) soft drink and
a drawing ticket for a chance to win one of the Mystery Prizes!

Ticket will be available mid-December,
a nice surprise to put into someone special's Christmas Stocking.
Contact the Dove office at dove@doveinc.org
or 428-6616

Watch for additional information on
Mystery Night in the January newsletter!

**MYSTERY
NIGHT**

Friday
February 24, 2017
5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Paco Sol Bistro
Downtown Decatur

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

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