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NEWS

## Helping the Homeless Help Themselves

### A Season of Hope

#### TLC Mission Statement:

To provide temporary and timely assistance to those in need of shelter and living essentials, who are willing to accept personal responsibility, to provide a safe environment that allows time for healing and fosters a sense of self worth, and provide assistance and referrals as needed on an individualized basis.

Thankfully spring has finally arrived. It seemed winter lasted forever and the snow would never melt away. Our guests in the shelter were feeling a bit stir crazy and depressed by it all. The last few weeks we have enjoyed the fresh air, sunny skies, and blooming flowers. Several guests are back to riding their bicycles for exercise, job interviews and just fun. There is a new sense of HOPE for them and all they come into contact with. That HOPE helps our guests to realize their goals, find healing, and self worth. The HOPE they receive is possible because the gifts of compassion, kindness, resources, and the truly wonderful support of the individuals, churches, business's and organizations in Burlington, Waterford, Union Grove, Lake Geneva, and surrounding areas. The number one reason for HOPE is because of God's love for us. Without that love nothing would be possible and we would not have success stories to celebrate. Psalm 121 reminds us:

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills;  
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the Lord,  
the maker of heaven and earth.

We give thanks to God for all those who share their gifts, for spring, healing and HOPE.

## DONOR SPOTLIGHT

Your generous donations are being used to operate TLC's programs. These programs include the TLC Emergency Shelter and the Morrow House for transitional living. TLC and the communities it serves wishes to express deep gratitude to all of our donors. In particular, we wish to mention: **Cross Lutheran Church, Hebrew Apostolic Congregation, Burlington Assembly of God, Burlington Lions Club, Burlington United Methodist Church, Community United Methodist, St. John the Divine Episcopal Church, St. Mary Congregation, St. Charles School, Iris Paepke, Daily Brew, St. Thomas Aquinas, Pamela Peterson Leventhal, Runzheimer International, Laverne Getka, Richard Graff, Jennifer and Robert Grandi, Lori and Peter Hintz, Mark and Sue Kadlec, Kiwanis Youth Foundation, John and Cindy Roth, Church of the Holy Communion, Plymouth Congregational Church, Roundy's Supermarkets, In His Arms Christian Living Center, Kathy Merten.** A Memorial or Honor gift to TLC is a special way to help the homeless in the name of a friend or loved one. This is a great way to remember a birthday, anniversary or other special occasion.

## *DIRECTOR'S CORNER*

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The Transitional Living Center Guest House celebrates its third anniversary this month. We have served many woman, children and families these past three years. There are some wonderful success stories like Ms. M who is on her own, working hard, and recently able to purchase a new car. There is A who celebrated one year of sobriety last week and has been reunited with her children. There is J who moved into her own apartment and is no longer afraid to be outside her home. The Transitional Living Center has become a resource for local agencies and other communities around the state. Much good work is going on here. All of this is possible because of the vision of some dedicated caring individuals who tirelessly volunteered time and physical labor to make this happen. This past Saturday, Judy Morrow along with Dick and Terry Miller came for visit. Judy was TLC's founder and Dick and Terry along with Kathy Merten were the original board members with the vision to make the Guest House a reality. Judy was excited to see the Guest House full and the children playing and laughing. She remembered when it was being built and even further back when it was just a dream. I was happy for her to see what a wonderful, safe home this is for all coming in the doors. A big THANK YOU is extended to Judy, Dick and Terry, and all the others who worked so hard to bring this about. The mission of helping the homeless help themselves is working and yielding a harvest of healthy, intact families contributing to the community.

Recently a case worker from Family Service stopped in to spend an evening with the group here. In her meeting she reminded everyone what a blessing TLC is. God certainly has blessed us with visionaries, volunteers, and funding. And I am blessed by the guests, the staff and all who are here.

## Summer Faire

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Mark your calendars for July 26th and prepare for a day of Medieval fun. TLC will hold its first summer time fundraiser at Seno Woodland Preserve. This alcohol free family event will offer sword fighting, games, a marketplace, drinks and food. There will be activities for children of all ages designed around life in the medieval age. Admission will be \$5.00 per person and \$20 for families of five or more. Look for more information about this event coming in June.

Hope to see you there. If you would like to help with the event please call Mary at 767-1478.

Several fun activities are being planned for guests of TLC and their children. We will be taking a bus to the Milwaukee Art Museum and Discovery World on June 26th. There will be a picnic in June with water balloons and prizes, a night at a play, and hopefully a couple days at the beach. If you would like to help chaperone or sponsor any of these events please call Nancy at 767-1478.

# ***Transitional Living Center Notes***

## **Volunteers give their gifts...**

TLC is in need of volunteers for financial mentors, drivers, office help and the Board of Director's. Please give us a call if interested or feel called to help.

## **Creative Fundraisers**

If your organization or church would like to donate to TLC consider holding a special fundraiser. You could auction a nights stay in TLC, or give a portion of proceeds from a Spaghetti Dinner or Pancake breakfast to help TLC. There are many creative ways to help end homelessness. Please contact TLC for suggestions or help with planning.

## **Board Members Needed**

Recently TLC had two board members retire after 20 years of service. We are in need of replacements. We could use someone who enjoys working on maintenance projects and someone who likes bookkeeping work. If you think you may be the right person please contact Nancy at 767-1478 or Christina at 767-0575.

## **TLC is asking for your prayerful support...**

TLC continues to need your prayer support and funding. Your prayer support is a blessing to our guests acquiring new life skills and going through a difficult period in their lives. Please consider sponsoring a TLC guest. **A special thank you for area church's prayer groups. Please add TLC to your prayer network.**

## **TIME WARP TUESDAYS**

Beginning June, 24th- August 5th, families with young children can gather at Love, Inc at 6 p.m. for an evening of fun, games, and snacks themed around a different period in time. Visit the Stone age, or Renaissance, the Old West or the Future. Come join the fun for one or all six weeks. There is no cost but space is limited. Please call to pre-register Linda at Love, Inc 262-763-6226 or Mary at TLC 767-1478.

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## **HELP US GET THE WORD OUT**

Please feel free to use any of the information in this newsletter. By adding this information to your service club, church, school company newsletter or bulletin you will be helping the homeless help themselves. Don't forget to tell a friend about TLC and what we are doing. You can get the word out to your community and educate your world.

*Feel free to contact Nancy at 262-767-1478 for additional information or to schedule a presentation about rural homelessness. Please send a copy of your newsletter or bulletin so we can share what you do with others:*

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## *Wish List*

### **Financial Donations**

Your financial gift will help us meet the needs of the homeless and help fund facilities for emergency shelter and transitional housing. Our current budget is set at \$100,000.

#### **Bedding:**

Twin-Bed linens, Blankets, Pillows, Towels

#### **Toiletries:**

Toilet Paper, Feminine Products, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Shampoo, Combs, Brushes, Disposable Razors, Shaving Cream, Diapers all sizes, Baby Wipes

#### **Cleaning Supplies:**

Cleaning Supplies, Trash Containers, Trash Bags, Paper Towels, Paper Plates, Plastic Silverware, Plastic cups, Window Cleaner, Underbed Storage Containers, Floor Cleaner, Bleach, Laundry Detergent, Fabric Softener Sheets

Packages of ladies panties, socks for boys, girls, women & men, children's underwear

## *Facts*

The Transitional Living Center is solely operated by community resources and support. TLC does not ask for state or federal government aid. TLC is able to run 2 facilities for the rural homeless of western Racine, western Kenosha and Walworth Counties with the support of 77 local churches, 8 service clubs and donors like you. Thank you!