



Winter 2011 Newsletter

Community Connections cont'd.

Community Connections

We do a lot of “community connecting” here at Stepping Stones—in fact, one of our programs is called “Community Connections.” Through this program we connect volunteers to neighbors to provide needed supportive services such as transportation, shoveling, companionship, and small home repairs.

But we also connect to the community in other ways, especially by supporting and networking with other human service agencies and programs.

In this newsletter we want to feature two new connections that we’ve been getting lots of questions about.—

United Way C3 Center

The first connection is the United Way C3 Center located in Stepping Stones old building. Newly painted by groups from the Chippewa Valley Correctional Facility, the building now has a new life. And giving old things a new life is exactly the purpose of the C3 Center.

Did you know . . . If you have clean, functional furniture, appliances or household goods that you no longer need, they don’t have to gather dust in your basement or rot in a landfill? *They can have a second life in the home of someone who could really use it, right here in Dunn County!*

Volunteers will pick up your unwanted household items or you can deliver them to 1620 Stout Rd. (the old building, **not** the new one!) Mon. - Thurs.: 9 am - 3 pm, Fri.: 9 am - 12 noon. Items will be given to those who need them **FREE of CHARGE**.

Examples of what United Way is looking for:

- Couches, beds, lamps, dressers
- Bassinets, changing tables, youth beds
- Microwaves, stoves, refrigerators/freezers
- Pots and pans, dishes, utensils, flatware
- Tables, chairs, highchairs
- Bedding, towels, wash cloths
- Clothing

To arrange a pick-up or for more information about the C3 Center, contact the United Way at 715.235.3800.



Winter Haven

The other new connection we’d like to feature is Winter Haven, the new warming shelter.

At the beginning of 2011, a group of concerned community members met to discuss the rising incidence of homelessness in Dunn County. After several meetings and research into what was most feasible in Dunn County, they went to work on what’s called a ‘warming shelter’ – a safe space where homeless individuals can go to get warm in the evenings during the cold winter months. On Dec. 1st, Winter Haven opened at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, 921 Wilson Ave., Menomonie.

Winter Haven is available for adults age 18 and over. Walk-ins are accepted from 10 to 10:30 p.m. Guests who have been referred from a community service or are accompanied by the police or sheriff’s department are allowed in later. The shelter is run entirely by volunteers, with two volunteers always being present at a time. Shifts run from 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m., and 2 – 6:30 a.m.

Winter Haven is sponsored by St. Joseph’s Church and a community group called Dunn County Advocates for the Homeless, which includes individuals and agency representatives. Stepping Stones Shelter Coordinator Heidi Hooten is a member of the group. If you’d like more information or wish to volunteer, contact Heidi at 715.235.2975 or Julie Bendel at 715.232.8549.



Stepping carefully in the snow . . .

The mission of Stepping Stones is **“People helping people strengthen the Dunn County community by providing food, shelter, and support.”** We seek to be a step on the path to a better life for people who could use a helping hand. Our mission is made possible by the generosity of our donors and volunteers.

All gifts are greatly appreciated.

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Tribute donations listed here are those received through Dec. 15th, the date the newsletter went to print. Additional holiday gifts & memorials will be listed in the next newsletter!



Thank you so much to all who chose to honor and remember friends, family, colleagues, and loved ones by gifts to Stepping Stones.

(Gifts given as tributes to Stepping Stones Capital Campaign will be listed upon campaign completion.)

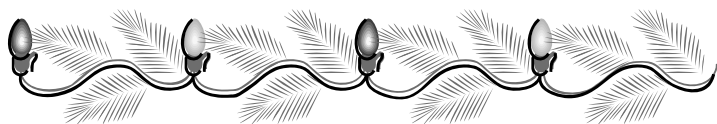
Holiday Gifts & Memorials to Stepping Stones

Contributions were received in memory of:

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The Alvin Berge Family from Susan Buroker
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Their Children & Grandchildren from Elmer & Diana Bentz
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Contributions were given as Christmas gifts for:

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Charlotte & Howard Lee from Denise Sedlak
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Robbie Jo Ellefson, Pastor Barb Koch, Becky Loftus,
Ron & Patti Morning from New Hope W/ELCA
Kim & Richard Stacionis and David Rathke from Susan & Dennis Minter

Gifts & Memorials to Stepping Stones

Since the last newsletter, contributions were received in memory of:

Arnold P. Anderson from Phillip M. Steans Law Office
Stan Anderson from Tom & Judy Humpal, Laverne & Donna Weber
Carole Avery from David & Pat Reisinger
Jillian Baus from Jack & Cyndi Baus
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Contributions 'in memory of' continued:

Annette Rockwell Harbour Wedeward
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Everett Wilbur from Sallie & Sarah Ward
Martha Williams from Jane Redig & John Williams
Harry Witz from Clear Connection Chiropractic
Ruth Wold from Gladys Block
Russell Ziebell from Gerald & Louise Wolf

Contributions were received in honor of:

Monsignor Charles Blecha's 100th birthday
from Diane Bowman
Her Children from Barbara Laatsch
Barb Deutscher's birthday from Pollie Evans
Family & Children's Services Unit from Sara Olinger
First Congregational UCC150 years from Margi Stauss
Their Grandchildren from Richard & Jeri Ann Ernst
Their Grandchildren: Drew Nora, Anna Pejsa, & Alex Buhr from Jan & Jim Pejsa
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Heidi Hooten from Dayle Mandelson
Bonita O'Meara from Emily Noony McMahan
Berne M. Rucker from Jo Ann Rucker
All Veterans from VFW AUX 1039, Winnifred & Wendelin Wolf
Elaine Werner from Winnifred & Wendelin Wolf

Special thanks to the following businesses, churches & groups that donated turkeys and other Thanksgiving food, or funds for us to purchase these items, to distribute through the pantry.

Alliance Church, Branches Church, Cardinal FG Cedarbrook Church, Dairy State Bank, Family Video, Gentle Dental Care LLC, Menomonie Noon Rotary, Peace Lutheran Church, WESTconsin Credit Union, Wisconsin Industrial Sand, Wipfli LLP

For contributions 'above and beyond' we recognize the Menomonie High School FFA group which donated \$5,500 from their annual Corn Drive. What a great group of youth with tremendous commitment to their community.

Holiday Food & Fund Drives

Many businesses, churches and groups hold food and fund drives for the pantry at this time of the year. These donations are critical to our mission. Well over 1,000 visits per month are currently being made to the food pantry. Thanks to some generous donors, **financial contributions are being matched up to \$10,000 through the end of 2011...there's still time to make a year-end tax deductible gift!**



Mount Foodji at 24/7 Telcom

This photo shows just a portion of the 1,629 lbs. of food donated at 24/7's three locations so far! This mountain of food will add more variety and cover a LOT of pantry shelves.

Thank you to all who have contributed.



The Giving Tree at Gentle Dental

Pictured above to the right is Stepping Stones' Executive Director, Katherine Dutton, and Dr. Lisa Joyce of Gentle Dental Care who is matching donations made by clients during the holiday season. Dr. Joyce already presented a check to Stepping Stones \$1,772!

Wish List

For the Stout Road Building

- VACUUM!
- Snow shovels
- Mops & brooms
- Microwave
- Tools or tool set
- Flashlights

For the Shelter

- DVD player
- Pots & sauce pans
- Baking pans/sheets
- Silverware
- Gas cards

For the Shelter & Pantry

- Personal care products: shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, razors, t.p., tampons, Kleenex, etc.
- Diapers, any size
- Eco-friendly cleaning supplies
- Ice melt

Thank you for your support of Stepping Stones.



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