



Your heart.....Our hands

Hospitality House of Chester

Newsletter

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"I was in prison and you visited me." Matthew 25:36 ~

January 2017

FROM OUR HOUSE TO YOUR HOUSE

The Hospitality House received many works of mercy from churches and groups throughout the Belleville Diocese as they strove to reflect God's love and mercy. Many were motivated by the 2016 Jubilee (December 8, 2015—November 20, 2016) as announced by Pope Francis. It was the 27th holy year in history. The focus of this Jubilee of Mercy was to direct our attention and actions "on mercy so that we may become a more effective sign of the Father's actions in our lives....a time when the witness of believers might grow stronger and more effective." A look at our 2016 Financial Report (page 3) will reflect the generosity of the local churches toward Hospitality House ministry.

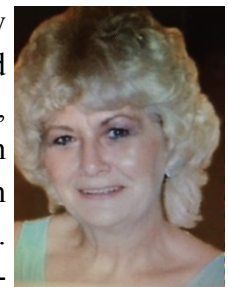
In addition, seven deacons from the Diocese of Belleville gave a day of service to the HHouse in June. The front porch was scraped and painted, flower gardens weeded, sidewalk patched, and two rooms plus outdoor furniture painted. Thank you Deacons Wayne, Don, Steve, Ron, John, Bob, and Corby.

In July of 2015, twelve energy efficient windows were installed on the second story at the Hospitality House. What a blessing and savings those windows are. They have reduced our energy consumption, reduced outside noise, and lowered our bills. The eleven first story windows need to be replaced. If you would like to help with replacing a window, please mark your donation towards a window. The cost of each window is \$471. More information on back page.



The Hospitality House Board of Directors has accepted the resignation of board member Dr. Doris Thompson as of November 2016. Doris served on the Hospitality Board from May 2005 to November 2016. Doris brought a fresh look and new insights to this ministry. Doris always made awesome brownies for our Hospitality House Board meetings. The Hospitality House will miss Doris! Earl Kranawetter of Campbell Hill was elected to fill Doris's vacant seat. Welcome Earl!

For those in the Chester community and those at the Hospitality House who knew Glenda Garcia, we were saddened by the news of her death on July 27, 2016. Glenda served one year ten months as House Director from March 1991 to December 1992. Then Glenda served on the Hospitality House Board for two years seven months from November 2001 to July 2004. Glenda always had faith in God, a radiant smile, Biblical insights, and a love for all people. Glenda was a special woman!



We at the Hospitality House are thankful for God's generous people who have sustained this ministry for thirty-one years.

In Christ,

Mary Ann Horstmann
Secretary/Treasurer



HOSPITALITY HOUSE DIRECTOR

Aminah Coleman has been the Hospitality House Director for fourteen months since November 8, 2015. We on the Hospitality House Board find Aminah a great asset and director for the house. She has served 371 guests this past year and has kept the Hospitality House open 232 days or sixty-four per cent of the year. In addition to taking care of the Hospitality House, Aminah works a full time job. Aminah has been touched by the dedication of many guests who have to travel so far to visit. A large percentage of Hospitality House guests come from the Chicago area; however, some guests have traveled from Colorado, Texas, Ohio, Alaska, Ireland, and Germany. These trips are costly and require some guests to save money for a year or more before they have enough money. This reaffirmed to Aminah how important the Hospitality House is in helping families stay in contact.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATE TO THE HOSPITALITY HOUSE MINISTRY

The Hospitality House ministers to families and friends visiting incarcerated loved ones at prisons and mental health facilities around Chester, Illinois. Hospitality House opened its doors to ease the hardship of paying for overnight lodging. The hardship of having a loved one incarcerated in prison or committed due to mental health issues can leave a family financially devastated. Our mission is to provide low-cost lodging in a home-like atmosphere 365 days a year to ease some of the burden. The suggested donation for an overnight stay is currently a very reasonable \$20 a night.

The Hospitality House is sustained by donations from guests, churches, organizations, families, and friends. The average cost to operate the house per day in 2016 was \$40.02 per day. This amount is easy to reach if there are daily guests staying at the Hospitality House. However, during times of "lockdown" (where visits are suspended or reduced to one hour a day) or inclement weather, Hospitality House often has days with no guests and depend upon your generous donations.

Will you be a part of the Hospitality House ministry? If you have donated in the past, you know how appreciated your donation is as well as how transparent we are with our finances. You have kept us going for thirty-one years and will be the difference to keep us going for the next thirty-one years! The 2016 financial report is included in this newsletter. This is our way to let you know how funds at the Hospitality House are managed. Along with this newsletter is an addressed envelope. Each year we send out a financial appeal to you, and it is through your generosity the Hospitality House has been a success. When you help the Hospitality House, YOU are touching the lives and supporting prison family ties. In closing, *"Do not neglect to show hospitality, for by that means some have entertained angels without knowing it. Be mindful of prisoners as if you were sharing their imprisonment, and of the ill-treated as of yourselves, for you may yet suffer as they do."* Hebrews 13:2-3.

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- **Visit Hospitality House Website: <http://hospitalityhouse.yolasite.com>**

Hospitality House ministers to families of the incarcerated at Menard Correctional Center, Chester Mental Health, and Pinckneyville Correctional Center. Will you invest in this ministry to prisoner families?

<input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed is my donation: _____ \$10 _____ \$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$75 _____ \$100 _____ Other
<input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed is a window donation: _____ \$471 _____ Other
<input type="checkbox"/> Please keep my name on the Hospitality House mailing list.
Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Email _____
Donations are tax deductible. Use enclosed addressed envelope to send to:
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2016 FINANCIAL REPORT
HOSPITALITY HOUSE (Hebrews 13:2-3), INC. of Chester, Illinois

BALANCE ON HAND AS OF JANUARY 1, 2016.....\$ 2,095.14

INCOME

RECEIVED FROM:

371 House Guests (Average \$18.44 per guest).....	\$ 6,840.03
35 Individuals.....	2,278.04
Diocese of Belleville Catholic Urban Program.....	4,000.00
ELCA Southern Conf. Central/Southern IL Synod.....	300.00
Immaculate Conception Catholic Church (Columbia, IL).....	3,263.37
KAIROS Prison Ministry.....	1,463.18
Knights of Columbus (Pinckneyville, IL).....	500.00
Plumbing Solutions, Inc. (Sparta, IL).....	50.00
St. John Lutheran Church of Bremen Altar Guild.....	100.00
St. John Lutheran Church (Campbell Hill, IL).....	50.00
St. Joseph Catholic Church (Prairie Du Rocher, IL).....	200.00
St. Joseph Catholic Church (Willisville, IL).....	1,155.00
St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church (Campbell Hill, IL).....	100.00
St Luke's WELCA (Campbell Hill, IL).....	100.00
St. Mary's Catholic Church (Chester, IL).....	200.00
St. Nicholas Catholic Church Charity Fund (O-Fallon, IL).....	200.00
St. Paul Catholic Church (Johnston City, IL).....	25.00
St. Polycarp Ladies Guild (Carmi, IL).....	116.65
Wesley United Methodist Church (Percy, IL).....	100.00
Westminster Presbyterian Church (Sparta, IL).....	375.00
Westminster Presbyterian Church Women's Association (Sparta, IL).....	100.00
West Vicariate CCW.....	190.00
TOTAL INCOME.....	\$ 21,706.27

DISBURSEMENTS

Annuity.....	\$ 606.00
Electric.....	2,039.74
Filing Fees.....	25.00
Fire Insurance.....	754.00
Food.....	152.33
Furnishings (New Stove & Refrigerator).....	1,643.88
Garbage Service.....	156.30
Gas.....	718.59
Labor.....	75.00
Lawn.....	1,350.00
Maintenance & Repairs.....	504.88
Pest Control.....	424.56
Printing.....	203.48
Postage.....	272.70
Satellite TV.....	664.26
Septic clean-out.....	550.00
Stipend for House Director.....	2,700.00
Supplies*.....	442.29
Telephone & internet.....	993.55
Water.....	334.31
DISBURSEMENT TOTAL.....	\$14,610.87

BALANCE ON HAND AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2016.....\$ 9,190.54

***Thank you to all the churches, organizations, and people who help this ministry through donations!!!!!!**

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Thank you to the many churches and organizations who have kept the Hospitality House in much need of supplies. Some of our current needs are listed below. Starred items are used in high volume.

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| -Paper napkins | -Tea bags | -Bleach |
| *Paper towels | -Coffee | *Laundry detergent |
| -Energy-efficient light bulbs | *Dish detergent | -Anti-Bacterial wipes |
| *Toilet paper | -Cleaning supplies | -Lysol spray |
| -Garbage bags (13, 8, 4 gal.) | -Bottled water | -Kleenex |
| | -Toilet bowl cleaner | -Pledge |

WINDOWS.....Replacing the current first-story windows at the Hospitality House saves on heating and cooling bills. These new windows will be easy to open and close in spring and fall when outside air is desired. Another advantage of these replacement windows is both sashes tilt out for convenient cleaning. The mission of the Hospitality House is to provide low-cost overnight lodging to prison families; a reduction in expenses will ease the budget. The Hospitality House is seeking your assistance in replacing our eleven first-floor windows. Will you be a part of this window project at the Hospitality House in 2017? The eleven main floor windows are extra large: 30" to 48" X 85 1/2" and have to be special ordered and made. Each window costs \$471. Window sponsors are recognized by having their name displayed on a placard in the foyer.

PLEASE RESPOND.....The Hospitality House is updating its mailing list. If you would like to continue receiving this newsletter, please let us know by checking the box and returning or emailing request. Non-responders may be dropped.