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# Lifeboat Alliance

FEBRUARY 2014

## A review of 2013

## **Provided Shelter for 121 Females and 119 Males**

(70 children)

(170 adults)

Served 22,743 meals

Were Blessed with 15,356 Volunteer Hours

## **HOW WE SERVE:**

-Parenting Classes

-Finance & Budgeting Sessions

-Resume Writing

-Mock Interviews

-Referrals to Medical Providers

-Life Skills Training

-Nutrition /Health Education

-Facilitate Connections with Local Social Service Agencies

-Provide Guidance in Transitional Housing



A special thank you to **Barb Brad**dy, Cindy Longwell, Ed O'Rourke, Nancy Vought, Cara Manion, Darlene McCoy, Jill Nordin, & Karen Lecke & Lisa S For volunteering throughout the winter

We are most grateful to the Logan Street Men that cleaned off our parking lot on

storm!



## **Resident Mentor**

Reverend Randy Steele appeared at Lifeboat one day with the most remarkable woman. Petite, smiling, and a bundle of energy, there stood Ruth Sheets, or "Grandma Ruth" as we have all come to know her. A faulty roof made it impossible for Grandma Ruth to remain in her home. While the repairs take place, she is staying with us and making living at Lifeboat a better thing for everyone.

A former restaurant owner, Ruth has taken on personal responsibility for the cleanliness of our dining room. On any given day you can see her cleaning tables and generally making sure our dining area is spic-and-span. She has even suggested several methods of making the dining room clean up more efficient, methods we are certain to use for years to come.

As if taking charge of the dining room wasn't enough for a woman well into retirement, Grandma Ruth has also volunteered to act as a mentor for our new guests. When a new person arrives, she instructs them on how to operate the washing machines, the nuances of how to execute the chores they are assigned, and is generally available for anything they need to know.

We all wish Grandma Ruth the best of luck with her roof repairs, but we will miss her when she moves back home!

# **Guest Spotlight**

You might have seen him pedaling his bicycle to work in the rain, shine, and snow. Lifeboat guest Andrew Stern is one hard worker. Due to a sudden change in his family situation, Andrew found himself homeless and with virtually no work experience at a very young age.

MARKIE JOHNSON & AUSTIN RAKEY ARE STUDENTS AT BREEZE MATER DEI. THEY CHOSE LIFEBOAT FOR THEIR INTERSHIP. THEY WERE A HUGE HELP AND JOY TO WORK WITH THIS PAST MONTH. WE WISH YOU ALL THE SUCCESS YOU EACH DESERVE!

When Andrew arrived at Lifeboat, he immediately began his job hunt. Fortunately he was quickly hired to work on the cleaning crew at Continental Tire. Since being given that opportunity, he has not missed a day of work despite the fact that his only mode of transportation is his trusty bicycle. This fact has not gone unrecognized by his employer; in fact, he has been promoted.

Before his first paycheck even arrived, Andrew estimated the amount of money he would need to save in order to move into his own rental apartment. He has been living frugally and enjoying watching his personal savings goals come to realization. He is now in the process of seeking a rental place that will allow him to continue to live within his means.

Andrew exemplifies the successful utilization of all Lifeboat has to offer. We are all proud of him and wish him continued success.



# SHELTER NEEDS

Coffee Bandaids

Copy paper Tylenol

Postage stamps Ziplock Bags

Creamer 55 Gallon Trash Bags

Tin foil

## **Ways You Can Support Lifeboat Alliance**

February 8th-Trivia Night at West Salem Trinity United Methodist Church at 7p.m.





March 29th-Bowling at NuBowl Lanes 6-8 p.m. sponsored by Walgreens

May 2nd-Pork Chop Sales at First United Methodist Church Parking Lot from 11-1





May 17th-Poker Run -Dale's Harley Davidson

June 7th-Walgreens Golf Scramble at 9 a.m. at Indian Hills Golf Course





September 6-7th-Cedarhurst Craft Fair food booth

Lifeboat Alliance P.O. Box 76

November 1st-Homeless Hike





