

# LIFEBOAT ALLIANCE



LIFEBOAT ALLIANCE FAMILY SHELTER

## Helping Those Weather Life's Storms

### All 3 Wings are Officially Open!

Lifeboat officially opened on October 1st and at that time we were able to open 2 wings. We are proud to announce the 3rd wing is open and renovation is completed. We would like to express our gratitude to Habitat for Humanity. Without their dedication to the Lifeboat vision we would not have been able to house 29 adults and 22 children from October through December.

A-wing is designated for men and to date we have housed 9 men.  
B-wing is designated for women and we have housed 20 women and 22 children.  
Children age 0-4 we housed 9.  
Children 5-14 we housed 10.  
Children 15-18 we housed 3

THANK YOU  
Jefferson County  
Ministerial  
Alliance!!!  
JCMA made  
A \$5,000  
Grant to  
Be Used  
For  
Kitchen Items!  
We appreciate  
Your  
Support!

### Homelessness in our state

- Based on the January 2011 National Alliance to End Homelessness State of Homelessness Report, an estimated 14,055 people experience homelessness each night in Illinois.
- 84% were living in shelters and transitional housing, while 16% were unsheltered
- 53% were single adults and 47% were persons living in families
- 16% were chronically homeless according to HUD standards
- People who are homeless in Illinois have a variety of characteristics:
  - 15% are Veterans
  - 46% of the homeless Veterans are white males and they are 45 years and older
  - Every year, 600,000 families with 1.35 million children experience homelessness
  - 43% of homeless children are under the age of 6
  - Half of all homeless women and children experienced physical violence
  - 92% of homeless mothers were victims of physical or sexual assault
  - Half of all homeless children attend 3 different schools in one year
  - Within 2-4 years of exiting foster care, 25% of foster children experience homelessness

## Our Guest being Blessed this holiday season



Thank you Southwest Christian Church for taking our guest to your Candle Light Service & providing them dinner. Michelle Gaede & Family deserve a huge thank you for ALL the Christmas planning and preparing they did! God Bless you ALL!



Thank you Dale's Harley Davidson for providing the food for our Christmas Dinner and thank you to the Carrie Weaver Family for serving!



## Local Supporters

Delta Theta Tau  
Makes Donation

The Ladies of Amvet  
Donated an Upright  
Freezer to our Kitchen!

**USA MATTRESS Company**  
Donated All of the BEDS for  
the FAMILY WING!!  
Thank You Lisa Stockman!





Holly was a guest that spent 11 days with us and successfully exited the program to accept work in a neighboring county as well as move into an apartment. Holly commends the Local Elks for their grant that enabled Lifeboat to purchase the computers and printers. Without those resources she would not have been able to have successfully gained employment.

#### Success:

achievement of  
intention: the  
achievement of  
something planned  
or attempted

Sally joined us December 4th and has worked extremely hard on finding work. Last week she gained employment at Denny's and Family Dollar!! She is going to be working both jobs and is saving for an apartment.



**What is the Souper Bowl of Car-ing?** It is a way to support Lifeboat Alliance Family Shelter during the week of the Super Bowl!!!

**How do I participate?** All you have to do during the week of the Super Bowl is set up a place at your location for donations of cash or canned soup to benefit Lifeboat Alliance.

**Who can participate?** We would love to see every church, school, and business in town participate.

#### Future Events:

- ◇ Souper Bowl of Caring week of February 3rd.
- ◇ County Wide Spring Dance
- ◇ Pork Chop Lunch
- ◇ Raffle
- ◇ Fish Fry
- ◇ Cedarhurst Food Tent
- ◇ Homeless Hike November 2nd

\*If you would like to help with any of these events please call 244-4088.



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**\*Captain Awards are presented to those that go above and beyond in supporting the shelter and its guests.**

**We're on the web!**  
**[www.lifeboatalliance.org](http://www.lifeboatalliance.org)**



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## Captain Awards

- ♦ Roy & Jane McCorkle
- ♦ Michelle Gaede
- ♦ Southwest Christian Church
- ♦ Belle Rive Baptist Church
- ♦ Donoheaven Foundation
- ♦ Ed O'Rourke
- ♦ One Hope United
- ♦ Continental Tire
- ♦ Rotary East
- ♦ Knights of Columbus
- ♦ Kelli Ellis
- ♦ Debi Richardson
- ♦ Rick & Chad Shreves
- ♦ Dale's Harley Davidson
- ♦ USA Mattress

## Retiring Board Members



Many thanks to Rob Dyer & Mark Ballard for their dedication and service to Lifeboat Alliance. Both men were founding board members of this ministry. We wish them well in their future endeavors!

