



DOING THE MOST GOOD™

# GRACE PLACE

St. Croix County Salvation Army

Winter 2018

## Grace Place provides Hope to those who Need a little Help

Many of our residents show up to shelter with the thought in their head...how did I get here? Where did things go wrong?

When individuals come into shelter they are often scared, broken and feeling defeated. Moms and Dads feel like they have failed their children and wonder what they did to now have to enter a homeless shelter.

The truth is...many times, life just happens and sometimes circumstances beyond anyone's control happen and can cause homelessness.

An example of one of the many stories we here is the story of a woman we will call Tina.



When you support Grace Place you support Hope.

Tina was in a troubled marriage and eventually, her husband left. Tina had been a stay at home Mom and was responsible for raising the children and taking care of the household. When Tina's husband left, she needed to go out and find a job. She had very little work history as her primary role was caring for her children. With no family close, Tina did her best and got a job and tried to make ends meet. Her income was not large and she had no sick time. Tina's children got sick and she needed to stay home to care for them. Because she had not been working for the company for long and the illnesses in her family needed her attention, she lost her employment. This led to her eventually losing her apartment because she couldn't afford the rent. Tina and her children were now homeless...

Tina is just an example of the numerous and unique stories of how some of our families come to Grace Place. The good news for people like Tina is that when they come to stay, Grace Place is able to help. While in shelter, residents are paired with Case Managers who can assist an individual with available resources, housing options, medical care and more for low income families. Our Case Managers work with our residents to ensure good permanent housing options are found, jobs are sought and in some cases, continuing education to ensure a larger income in the long term and most importantly...Hope.

This past year, Grace Place has helped 354 individuals including children find Hope for the future. So many of our residents have similar stories of how they became homeless yet each is unique. We are just glad we are here to serve, to assist and to encourage. We could not do any of this without the support of our generous community. Thank you so much for allowing us to be there for families who need us. Your support means so much!.

## Red Kettle Campaign was a Success because of YOU!

The Red Kettle Campaign in St. Croix County has come to a close and The St. Croix County Salvation Army would like to thank everyone who gave donations or rang the bell for the Red Kettle Campaign this season. We raised \$155,000! WOW! The dollars raised during Red Kettle Campaign help us serve our homeless families and individuals at Grace Place. We are so grateful for the support this season and we are deeply moved by the generosity of the public, the bell ringing volunteers and to the store owners who helped with the campaign. Thank you all for Doing the Most Good!



Thank you Waterstone Mortgage!

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Thank you Coldwell Banker Burnet!

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Thank you Bell Ringers!

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## The Silent Messengers Coming: March 25th at Faith Community



This group of talented young people is joining us again as a fundraiser for our shelter. We are so excited to welcome them and to invite you to share in the wonderful story of the life of Christ. As Easter approaches, it is important to take time to remember Christ and these students know how to share their faith in a way that is emotionally moving and entertaining. Join us for the performance at Faith Community Church 1040 Paperjack Drive, in New Richmond on March 25th. Dinner will be served at 5pm and will include soup and bread along with refreshments. The show will begin at 6pm. Reservations are not required but are appreciated. You can register online at:

[www.sagraceplace.org](http://www.sagraceplace.org) or call 715-497-4438. The Silent Messengers will perform the life, death and resurrection of Christ in silence yet the show will be incredibly moving and speak to your heart. Cost to see the performance of "Celebrating a Savior" and to enjoy supper is a donation of your choosing to our shelters. To learn more about The Silent Messengers please go to their website: [www.silentmessengers.net](http://www.silentmessengers.net).



# Grace Place Supplies Needed

55 Gallon Garbage Bags  
Kitchen Garbage Bags  
Copy Paper  
Post It Notes  
Two-Pocket Folders  
Office Supplies  
(pens, pencils, paper clips, etc.)  
Paper Towels  
Toilet Paper  
NEW Pillows

Sidewalk Salt  
Razors  
Deodorant  
Diapers (All Sizes)  
Baby Wipes  
NEW Socks and Underwear  
(All ages, all sizes)  
Towels (Kitchen and Bath)  
Over the Counter Meds  
(Adult and Children, Tylenol, Advil, etc.)

## 30 Hour Marathon remains successful! Thank you St. Croix County Sheriff's Department and Noah Wiedenfeld!



Thank you County Market!

This year, the 30 hour marathon bell ringing tradition continued but in a whole new form! The St. Croix County Sheriff's Department stepped up to the plate and offered to accept the challenge of attempting to raise \$75,000 in 30 hours of bell ringing. The Sheriff's Deputies signed up on their own, all volunteered their time to help us meet the goal.



Thank you Sheriff's Department!



Thank you Noah Wiedenfeld!

They were stationed outside of County Market in Hudson and had loads of visitors, support and donations! It was overwhelming to see everyone come out to help. We are so thankful for County Market and their continued hospitality. At the same time as the 30 hour in Hudson, local athlete Noah Wiedenfeld stepped up to ring a marathon on his own in New Richmond. Noah rang for 26.2 hours (the length he typically runs in miles as a runner) during the 30 hour to try and drum up as much support as possible for the effort. He also had many supporters and visitors and we remain thankful to our New Richmond Wal-Mart for hosting Noah during the 26.2 hours. Between the two ring events, the County wide ringing effort brought in **\$77,382.00!** We are overwhelmed that the entire County came together to ensure that the effort was successful! Thank you to all who helped us achieve the goal and thank you to our amazing volunteers! YOU are Doing the Most Good!

## **2017 Wine Tasting, most dollars raised again!**



Thank you Guests and Donors!

Back in November, at the start of our biggest time of year for fundraising, RD Catering/Ready Randy's once again hosted the annual Wine Tasting to benefit Grace Place and Serenity Home Shelters. This year's event beat last year's record breaker. In 2016, the event raised just over \$20,000. This year \$22,000 plus was raised to help the homeless! We are all amazed at the generosity of the businesses who sponsored the event and supported by donating Silent Auction Items. We are also thankful to the local businesses who sponsored wine, beer, vodka and tea samples! The overwhelming support from St. Croix and Polk Counties helped make it so successful! Also, a special thank you goes to the crew of volunteers who are whole heartedly committed to making the event so successful. The planning

committee put hundreds of hours into ensuring it's success. As we head into the next year, we are looking to expand our committee members. **If you are interested in helping with this fantastic event, please call 715-497-4438 and speak with Angela.** We have current committee members ready to train you!

And of course...thank you to the community members who show up, have a wonderful time and donate so generously to ensure the success of this event and more importantly helping to maintain our shelters for those who are so much less fortunate. We could not have raised this money without you! And one final thank you goes to Ready Randy's/RD Catering, your crew is absolutely fantastic! Thank you for continuing to



Thank you Volunteers!

**Volunteers needed for next year!**

**Please Email**

**[Angela.Moulton@usc.salvationarmy.org](mailto:Angela.Moulton@usc.salvationarmy.org)**

**If you are interested, Thank you!**

host this event to help our homeless in St. Croix and Polk Counties.

We appreciate you!

### **Grace Place Needs Volunteers**

**Front Desk Volunteers at Grace Place**

**Every other Monday 9am - 12pm**

**Tuesdays 9am-12pm & 12pm-3pm**

**Thursdays 12pm -3pm**

**Please Call 715-246-1222 and speak with Angela**

**Or Stop in and pick up an application**



Thank you to everyone who participated in our Border Battle to Kick Off Bell Ringing!



## THANK YOU Royal Credit Union



We were so grateful that Royal Credit Union chose Grace Place Shelter as one of their organizations to help at during their company wide community service day. The help you gave in getting us ready for our Red Kettle Campaign and preparing meals for our residents was just awesome! Thank you all so much!



## Love Baskets and Grace Place Team Up Once Again!



278 families were served at the Love Baskets and Grace Place Christmas party this year at the Somerset middle school. We are so thankful for the numerous volunteers who make all of this happen. The day was filled with fun for the kids and more importantly 278 families were helped so they could provide a wonderful Christmas for their kiddos.



Thank you so much to everyone who helped! The Love Baskets committee, Staff at Grace Place, Numerous Volunteers and to everyone who sponsors or donates to this effort. Smiles all around for Christmas this year because of you!



**Salvation Army– St. Croix County**

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**St. Croix County  
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If you are interested in learning  
more about our organization or  
becoming a board member,  
contact Duana Bremer at  
715-246-1222.



**Grace Place Shelter will be participating  
in this Online Giving Event.**

**www.givebigscv.org is the site to find us  
at. Please Consider Supporting our  
Shelter on April 24th! If you would like to  
help but would prefer not to give online,  
send donations to: 505 W. 8th Street New  
Richmond, WI 54017. Please mark  
“Give Big” in the memo line. Thank you  
in advance for your support!**

**Contact Us**

Give us a call for more  
information about how  
you can volunteer or  
donate to help in your  
community.

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**The Mission Statement of the  
Salvation Army USA**

The Salvation Army, an interna-  
tional movement, is an evangelical  
part of the Universal Christian  
Church. Its message is based on  
the Bible. Its ministry is motivated  
by the love of God. Its mission is  
to preach the gospel of Jesus  
Christ and to meet human needs  
in His name without discrimination