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GRACE PLACE

St. Croix County Salvation Army

Spring/Summer 2018

Success for Grace Place Residents: Meet Gail and Sugar!

Gail had been homeless for more than 4 years before coming to Grace Place. She had been staying with friends and family during this time and eventually, she ran out of options. Gail's family member moved and Gail couldn't go with...Gail now had nowhere to turn but Grace Place.

Grace Place was able to take her in along with her certified comfort dog "Sugar". Gail is never separated from Sugar for very long so the ability to take her dog with her was so important. While staying at Grace Place, Gail said that her Case Manager Lori Swerine was able to connect her with needed resources and help her find permanent housing for her and Sugar. Gail said that Lori was always there "If I needed someone to talk to." She said, "If I felt overwhelmed, she was there to listen". Gail smiled and added, it helps that "She loved Sugar".



Gail and Sugar pose for a quick picture by the Grace Place sign. Signs of new life everywhere this Spring, including for Gail and Sugar! They are so excited for the future!

Gail struggles with mental health conditions that can be debilitating. The structure of Grace Place helped her feel more in control. She used the time in shelter to heal and gain confidence. Gail has been living on her own with Sugar for the past 3 months but Grace Place volunteers and staff still help Gail with supplies and other needed items while Gail is waiting for her Social Security Disability application to be approved. Knowing that Grace Place is still here for Gail, even after she has left shelter, has been a source of comfort for Gail and we are honored to be able to serve her in this way.

Gail was asked if she had any words of wisdom for those who may be in similar situations as her before coming to Grace Place. She said, "Stay positive, think positive. Don't be afraid to reach out for help. There is always an upside to everything. Look towards the future and everything will work out." We think those are pretty wise words too. We are so proud of Gail and her hard work she puts in to remain in permanent housing, getting the proper help she needs and for reaching out when she needs help. She is pretty great...and so is Sugar!

Did you know, You can receive your newsletter in your inbox rather than your mail box? If you would rather receive the electronic version, please just email your email address to:

Angela_Moulton@usc.salvationarmy.org along with your name and postal address and we will update our records to include YOU for the electronic newsletter!

Thank you!

Silent Messengers well attended, THANK YOU!

Palm Sunday this year, The Silent Messengers performed once again as a benefit to Serenity Home and Grace Place Shelter. This group performs during the Easter and Christmas seasons around the area and does a fantastic job. The youth who comprise the cast of the show celebrate and re-enact the life of Christ from birth to Resurrection. The really unique part of this is that the entire show is done without speaking. The show is performed through music, lights and beautiful movement.



If you have never had a chance to see this crew of teens, you should plan to attend one of their performances. In March, we were lucky to be included in their line up and we were able to raise some money to help those in need in St. Croix and Polk County. A special thank you goes to The Silent Messengers for doing the performance



for free as a donation to the shelters. We are simply amazed by your talent and your dedication to spreading the Gospel while Doing the Most Good to help those in the Most Need. This year's performance was held at Faith Community Church in New Richmond. A big Thank you also goes out to them for their wonderful hospitality and the crew of volunteers who helped set up, clean up and so much more! What a great place and we were grateful for their willingness to host us. If you didn't get to see this amazing group of performers...don't, worry! We are hoping to host them next year again!

Advisory Board Members Needed

We are in search of a few volunteers to help us on the Advisory Board. Grace Place depends on our Advisory team to help us with decisions at the Shelter, Fundraising, Events and more! The Advisory Board meets the first Tuesday of every month. If you are interested in learning more about the Advisory Board at Grace Place, please contact Director Duana Bremer at 715-338-9413.



Did you Know? The St. Croix County Salvation Army has a Facebook Page? Like us on Facebook at Grace Place Salvation Army to learn all about the fun events we participate in, volunteer opportunities, and how our organization is working to Do the Most Good!

Grace Place Supplies Needed

Paper Towels
Toilet Paper
NEW Pillows
55 Gal. Garbage Bags
Copy Paper
Post It Notes
Two-Pocket Folders
Office Supplies
(8 tab dividers, black large clips etc.)
Clothing Hangers
Sweat Pants (Adult sizes)

Shampoo & Conditioner
Razors
Deodorant
Diapers (All Sizes esp. 4-6)
Baby Wipes
NEW Socks and Underwear
(All ages, all sizes)
Towels (Kitchen and Bath)
Sponges
Over the Counter Meds
(Adult and Children, Tylenol, Advil, etc.)

RED KETTLE COORDINATOR NEEDED

As the needs in St. Croix County increase, so does the need to have successful fundraisers.

We are looking for a few helpers!

We are looking for a Bell Ringing Coordinator for the following communities:

Hudson

New Richmond

Duties would include: Securing Volunteer Bell Ringers for 2-3 locations in your community, scheduling the bell ringers for their shift and communicating with volunteers and the local business, civic and church communities.

This is a paid (stipend), seasonal position.

Please call 715-497-4438 for more information



If you would like to mail in a financial donation:

Grace Place

505 W. 8th Street

New Richmond WI 54017

St. Croix County Salvation Army hosting Summer Kettle Campaign

That's right...It's Back! The Summer Red Kettle Campaign has been on hiatus the last few years but due to an increase in demand for services., we are bringing it back. It has been determined that a smaller Summer Kettle Campaign might just be the answer to prayers. Right now we are looking for volunteers who are willing to ring Thursday, Fridays and Saturday's June 28th through July 28th. Ringers can ring 2 hour shifts or more. We count on our local churches, bible studies, civic groups, homemaker groups and more to fill whole days for us and we are hoping your group would consider doing so.

Sign up is available now and you can be rest assured that time spent ringing goes toward helping people who are homeless in St. Croix County. Dollars raised local stay local with 90% staying right here!

Please sign up online today to ring at: County Market in Hudson and Family Fresh in Hudson and New Richmond. Our website is: www.sagraceplace.org or you can always call us too at 715-485-1221. Thanks again to all of our volunteers who take time to ring. We simply would not be able to serve without you!



Case Manager Lori Swerine poses for a Give Big picture in front of Grace Place Shelter.

Sign up Today!

BE A **SUMMER** BELLRINGER

June 28th - July 28th

Proceeds will go toward helping
Grace Place Shelter Programs

Sign up is a Breeze!

1. Go to www.SAgraceplace.org
2. Click on "Sign up to Ring the Bells"
3. Fill in an application
4. Click "Go to the opportunities page"
5. Select your location, date and time!

715-246-1222 with questions.

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Thank you!



THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!

This year Grace Place participated in the annual giving day called "Give Big St. Croix Valley". The shelter raised almost \$2,000 in online and offline donations for the day. Thank you to all who supported this event. The donations raised at this event will be used at Grace Place shelter to help us care for our residents and ensure a great fresh start for them as they leave our shelter and head into permanent housing. We could not serve without the generosity of others. Thank you!

Permanent Support Housing Client Graduates! We are so proud!

Permanent Support Housing is a program offered through the Salvation Army as one of our services to those who are chronically homeless. This program is designed to provide housing, case management and resource connections that allow an individual to first be housed and then work on making positive changes. There is no time limit on how long a person can stay on this program. Individuals on this program must meet certain qualifications but primarily they must have been homeless 3 or more times in 2 years. The goal being house the individual first, then address barriers that are in their lives that are contributing to them being chronically homeless. This “housing first” model is the newest concept coming from Housing and Urban Development who provides the grant dollars for this program. While housed, Grace Place is also able to help those who have disabilities apply for Social Security Benefits. This in turn, will eventually help the individual with resources they need to become independent. That being said, meet Eric.



Eric stopped by Grace Place to show us his cap and gown! Congratulations Eric!

Eric is one of our Permanent Supportive Housing Clients. Eric found himself homeless many times and was able to get on Permanent Supportive Housing through Grace Place. Eric is a single father who has a disabled son and had struggled between trying to work, care for his son and further his education in order to secure a better future for their family.

While on the PSH program, Eric was able to complete the WITC-Welding program and just graduated. Eric said he would never have been able to concentrate on school and care for his son without the help of this housing program. Grace Place staff was able to help get disability benefits and other services for Eric's son. Eric is now connected to the resources he needs and now has a degree to help him work toward finding a job and securing a strong future. Eventually Eric will be able to get off PSH and we believe he will be successful long into the future. Congratulations Eric on using the resources offered and making them work for a positive future!



We ♥ Volunteers

We are so thankful for our volunteers. The crew pictured is from Coldwell Banker Burnet Hudson. These four volunteers brought in dinner, served it and gave a nice donation! What awesome support of Grace Place we have. Thank you to all who help us have a wonderful program. We are thrilled to be able to serve our community and you all help make it a great place to be!

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St. Croix County Board of Directors

Randy Calleja - Chair

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Pastor Keven Morris

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



GRACE PLACE NEEDS LUNCH TIME VOLUNTEERS

Grace Place is in search of a few people or groups that may be interested in coming to the shelter to prepare the noon meal. Food would

be provided by the Shelter. We are hoping to have people prepare it and serve it. Grace Place is home to many families and lunch time can be a bit challenging. Your help can ensure that we are serving balanced and nutrition filled meals to those who call Grace Place home for a little while. If you are interested in helping in this way. Please contact Lori Swerine at 715-246-1222. Volunteers can help as little or as often as they would like.

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 international 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