



The Emergency Residence Project

The Emergency Residence Project (ERP) provides shelter to homeless individuals and families, and prevents homelessness whenever possible. It does this through its three programs, Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing, and Homeless Prevention. It helped 2372 individuals last year. It has been in operation for 26 years.

The shelter's director is Vic Moss and the assistant director is Troy Jansen. Over the years they have witnessed the enormous stress put on families who lose their homes. They have seen how episodes of homelessness can have a lasting impact, especially for children, when their needs for stability and security are not met and their trust in the adult world is lessened. Their educations in many cases are also hampered by the interruptions.



Emergency Shelter

and

Homeless Prevention

basic needs through direct assistance, advocacy, and referral.

ERP's Homeless Prevention Program was established in 1990 to help families who face an imminent threat of being homeless. It was recognized the families were better served this way as the shelter was often full and, if evicted, they would have a difficult time finding another place with the eviction in their rental history. Last year 1835 people were helped to stay in their homes. Most of the help came as payments to landlords for back rent, but some help was also given to avoid the loss of utilities or to restore service. The shelter made \$179,000 in payments for this purpose last year.

Transitional Housing This program for families began in 1992 when a bequest made possible the purchase of an adjacent property. Another property was similarly purchased in 1995. Remodeling and new construction, in partnership with hundreds of Habitat for Humanity volunteers, local builders and many others, gave the shelter it's present capacity. In 2010, 55 people were housed in ERP's transitional housing program, with stays that averaged about ten months. They received comprehensive services including, as indicated, help with job readiness, maintaining employment, financial counseling, and other help to increase their chances of long term stability.



Transitional Housing

A large majority of those ERP served are Story County residents. ERP provides shelter to both county residents and those passing through.

YOUR DONATION TO THE GOOD SAMARITAN BLACK BAG COLLECTION PROVIDES \$600.00 EACH MONTH TO THE EMERGENCY RESIDENCE PROJECT.

Private donations can be made to Emergency Residence Project in person, by mail at 225 South Kellogg, Ames, IA 50010—232-8075 or go to their website www.amesshelter.org to donate on line.

Social Justice Contacts

ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET

1-800-842-2243

STC Contact: Cynthia Shriver 292-6584

APPALACHIA WAREHOUSE

2019 Pullman Street, Ames

STC Contact: Lynn Franco 232-0898

BIRTHRIGHT OF AMES

108 Hayward Ave., Suite 202, Ames

515-292-8414

STC Contact: Kathy Ridnour 232-1697

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

STC Contact: Sharon Jenkins

233-2570

FOOD AT FIRST

516 Kellogg Ave., Ames

515-344-4357

STC Contact: Doreen Berg 956-3414

GOOD NEIGHBOR

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE, INC.

3206 S. Duff, Ames

515-296-1449

STC Contact: Mary Ross 232-5080

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF CENTRAL IOWA

515-232-8815

STC Contact: Alan Christy 231-8099

MEALS ON WHEELS

(Homeward)

1114 S. Duff, Ames

STC Contact: Cathy Kaspar 233-0517

OPERATION RICE BOWL

STC Contact: Cynthia Shriver

292-6584

PRISON MINISTRY

STC Contact: Ron Smith

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SAINT CECILIA GOOD SAMARITAN SERVICES

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SAINT CECILIA SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

STC Contact: Mary Ross

232-5080

SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE

STC Contact: Garland Dahlke (515) 460-0403

The Social Justice Committee meets on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Elizabeth Room. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Appalachia Committee

VOLUNTEERS

NEEDED AT THE APPALACHIA WAREHOUSE



**Saturday mornings 9:30-12
noon— 2019 Pullman**

*get involved—families; youth
groups; parish organizations*

Contact Lynn Franco 232-0898

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The Appalachia Committee began in Ames 43 years ago by Joe and Lois Johanns after a group of Christian Family Movement (CFM) members went to Kentucky to help with a mission project for the School Sisters of St. Francis who were helping the people in the community. They met many families in Kentucky that were in need of clothing and household goods. The word spread and many Ames residents helped by making donations. These items were stored in the Johanns' garage; sorted, boxed and sent to Williamsburg, Kentucky. The work continued and eventually a Warehouse at 2019 Pullman in Ames was purchased. The work of the committee continues because of monetary gifts (St. Cecilia's contributes through the Social Justice/Black Bag contributions) and volunteers who man the warehouse, load trucks, etc.

Items needed for friends in Kentucky

- good/useable household goods, furniture, appliances; good used toys; good clothing

Items not needed in Kentucky

- Old/outdated clothing; broken household items/furniture/appliances/computers

- Dropping off goods in the Warehouse driveway when the building is not opened (This gets us in trouble with the City of Ames and our warehouse neighbors!)

NOTE: The Appalachia Committee does not forget our local Ames and surrounding neighbors in need. Household items and clothing have been given to residents (remember last year's flood?) and refrigerators/freezers donated to Food at First. Winter clothing is sent to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota and recently clothing was sent to Joplin, MO for the tornado victims.

Again please help at the Warehouse, many hands make God's work light!

Also in Story County.....A Furniture Bank

As a community service, Story County has a furniture bank. It accepts donations of good, usable furniture and then makes the items available, without cost, to Story County residents in need. The furniture bank is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1-4 p.m. Those who wish to donate furniture can call 515-382-7290 to set up a time to bring their furniture in. If you are not able to bring in the furniture, contact the furniture bank. Those who are in need of furniture should stop in the Story County Community Services Office, 126 So. Kellogg Avenue, Suite 201, Ames, and fill out an application. If eligible, people can choose up to two items. They must have the means to load and haul the furniture. A Community Services staff member will accompany the person to the Furniture Bank. Some restrictions on frequency of use and income eligibility criteria apply.