

# Voice of Hope



## Shirley's HOUSE OF HOPE



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Spring 2013

## A Place of Protection and Healing

Nancy came to Shirley's House of Hope after traveling 1500 miles on a bus with her children. **She had witnessed a crime... murder, was domestically abused and needed to be far away from those who would seek to harm her and her children.**

A police detective helped Nancy locate Shirley's House of Hope through the National Domestic Violence Hotline. **He called to inquire about safe shelter for her and her children indicating that she was interested in a faith based shelter.**

Arrangements were made through an interpreter, because she spoke Spanish. The police would pay for her transportation if we would provide safe shelter for her family. So on a Friday night, we met her at the bus station in a nearby town.

We welcomed her and her children with open arms. **God gave us the opportunity to show love to this family that was so hurting.** Communication and cultural differences were issues that we had

to continually work through. The months passed quickly and Nancy was able to find a job and safe place to live in the community.

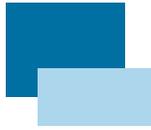
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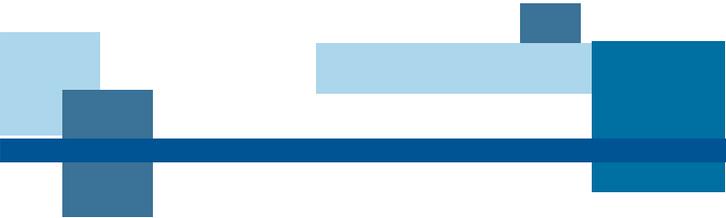
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## Immanuel Lutheran Students Make a Difference

Thank you Brenda Kuhnan, and the 4th Grade Class from Immanuel Lutheran School in Marshfield for organizing and sanitizing the toys at Shirley’s House of Hope. Brenda and her 6 hard working students donated an hour of time to work with the children in the shelter, and provide a fresh clean place for them to play. Thank you for caring and loving on families hurting from domestic violence.



## Volunteer Highlight Shelby Cole & Rosie Backaus

“They will soar on wings like eagles...”  
Isaiah 40:31

I chose this verse to describe what comes to my mind when I think of Shelby Cole and Rosie Backaus. As Director of Development it is very encouraging knowing that these two dedicated volunteers are at Shirley’s House of Hope every week keeping our supporters connected and financial records accurate. Usually volunteers like to write a testimony about their work and why they are partners. Shelby and Rosie are behind the scenes workers who quietly accomplish every task needed to further the work of rebuilding, renewing and restoring lives.

**Rosie and Shelby are God’s provision of the “wind beneath my wings” as we all give of our time, talent and treasure to see that a safe, healing place for women and children hurting from domestic violence is provided in Marshfield.** Both of these women bring years of experience in data entry



and financial expertise. Their willingness to go the extra mile, persevere through challenges and find a reason to laugh together as they press through daily challenges makes it such a joy to partner with them here at Shirley’s.

I am so grateful for Shelby and Rosie who faithfully serve the Lord. Their donation of time and talent to Shirley’s House of Hope is vital to providing for the mission of SHOH.

Julie Cravillion



## Needs List

Laundry Detergent  
Fabric Softener  
Dishwasher Detergent  
Dish Soap  
Liquid Hand Soap  
Bathroom Cleaner  
Disinfectant Wipes  
Vinyl Floor Cleaner  
Carpet Cleaner – Bissell  
Hand Towels  
Pot Holders  
AA Batteries  
13 gal. garbage bags



## Spring Cleaning Volunteers Needed

Spring is here and with it come many work projects that we would appreciate your help in completing. We have need for many volunteers at Shirley's House of Hope to maintain the beautiful shelter that has been provided by the people and organizations in the community. If you are interested in helping with a project please call the shelter at **715-486-9000**.

### Projects

Washing Windows  
Landscaping – Replacing a few shrubs and planting flowers  
Staining the privacy fence  
Adopting a bedroom or bathroom to redecorate  
Cleaning and painting of furniture and walls

## Office Max Donates a Wii

Thank you Office Max of Marshfield for donating a Wii and Ultimate Gaming Bundle to SHOH. What a thrill it was to receive a phone call from Office Max on a Friday night to inform us that they had decided to donate a Wii system. The Wii gaming system provides family fun for women and children at the shelter. We appreciate all the businesses that donate to bless the families at the shelter and who provide gifts in kind for fund raising prizes and auction items.

## Shelter Staffing Needed

We need Christian women who are called to come along side those who are hurting. The opportunities to serve include housekeeping, office, computer, exercise, running errands, answering phones, providing a listening ear or child care. Four hour shifts during the day and evening or 12 hour overnight shifts are available. This may be on a weekly, monthly or occasional basis. Training sessions for volunteers are conducted on a monthly basis.

**To volunteer please visit our website at [www.shirleyshouseofhope.org](http://www.shirleyshouseofhope.org) to complete an online volunteer application or call 715-486-9000 to talk with Sue Poole our Program Director.**



## “Bowled Over” by Success of Striking Out Domestic Violence

Nineteen teams competed for prizes based on donations they received from friends and family members for bowling in the 5th annual event at Rose Bowl Lanes. Special thanks to Renee Burkhart, Pat Sternitzky and the Strike Out Committee for a well organized event.

**More than \$30,000 was raised by the bowler and lane sponsorships.** The top individual fundraisers were Tammy Krueger, Cindy Streckert and Marge Turner. Cari Vanhecker was the grand prize winner of the two night stay, Wilderness Resort Waterpark package in Wisconsin Dells. We would like to thank every bowler for the tremendous success of the event.

The lane sponsors were Arby's, Bent's Chiropractic, Burnstad's Market, Chip's, Cornerstone Community Church, Dental Clinic of Marshfield, Eye Care Center of Marshfield, Figis, First Choice Credit Union, Hawkins, Ash, Baptie & Co., Kulp's of Stratford, Marawood Construction, Mid State Truck, North Ridge Church, PC Doctors, Premier Printing, Reigel Plumbing, Rose Bowl Lanes, Schwarz Insurance, Shaw's Wrecking, The Hearing House, Total Electric,



Tractor Central, V&H Automotive, V&H Heavy Truck, West Side Service-Auburndale, WCLQ, WDLB and WGNV.

**We would love to have more team captains next year and hope you'll consider joining this exciting event.**

## Financial Needs

**Shirley's House of Hope is a Christian crisis shelter in Marshfield, WI.** We provide a safe environment where women and children hurting from abuse can find spiritual, emotional and physical healing. Our goal is to see lives transformed through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

To fulfill our mission on a daily basis we need your financial support. **Please give generously so that more women like Nancy can be given hope and a new start in life.** SHOH does not receive any government funding we rely totally on the generosity of compassionate and caring people in the community.

**Please make a tax deductible donation today. Your partnership with Shirley's House of Hope provides a safe place where lives can be rebuilt, renewed and restored.**

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