



Lamb's Fold Center for Women and Children

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Dear Friends,

Most people, during times of plenty, find financial giving easier and even of great enjoyment. When times get tough, it's tempting to withdraw from giving and even feel justified.

The service test has always been just that---a test. Jesus is recorded by St. Luke in the parable of the Good Samaritan as putting the service test as a matter of fact and a way of life for the believer.

Just as the Samaritan in his journeys saw the wounded man and had compassion on him, opportunities for our involvement in service to our Lord will also be presented.

Some, like the priest and the Levite, may pass on by--choosing not to see the need. Giving to Lamb's Fold Center for Women and Children is an opportunity for us, like the Samaritan, to show mercy. As Jesus said, "Go and do likewise."

Some of the opportunities available at Lamb's Fold are monthly financial support—whether individual or church; volunteering; and checking our needs list on our website and providing needed items. Also needed are Christmas gifts for our women and children (sizes can be obtained from our office).

In whatever way you decide to take advantage of this opportunity, Lamb's Fold will benefit and our women and children will be grateful to you.

On behalf of our women, children, staff, volunteers, and Board of Directors: Thank you for all your many years of prayers and support that has so mercifully kept the Lamb's Fold ministry doors open to deserving women and children in our area.

Rev. Doris Atkinson, Board President and Chaplain

Big News—Our Families Are Now Housed in the Community!

This past August marked an important event in the Lamb's Fold Center for Women and Children's history—we moved our women and children into their own homes in the community! We are very excited to announce this great advancement in our program and the families we serve are even more excited.

Lamb's Fold provides the exact same services to the exact same population, in scattered site housing. Our Case Managers bring the services to the families in their own homes, assisting them to achieve their goals and transition to independence even faster.

The children are much happier as

they have more room to play and learn.

All the food, clothing, supplies, diapers, etc., as well as the staff are now housed in the Church of the Good Shepherd building. Lamb's Fold is an outreach ministry of Good Shepherd and the church is pleased to donate the office and storage space needed.



A Big Thank You to our Moving Volunteers

We are so grateful to the small army of volunteers who came out to help us with our recent move. We couldn't have done it without you! Moving families into their own homes, moving furniture, moving hundreds of boxes of goods—diapers, clothing, linens, supplies, office products, books, toys, baby products, food, and

more—a very difficult project. But our friends in the community came alongside us and brought with them fellowship and encouragement. THANK YOU to everyone who helped us! We would like to especially thank and acknowledge the Pastors and Volunteers from Centerpoint Church, Crossroads Church, Christ Community Church, Grace Bible Church, New Life Church and men of Operation Nehemiah who have helped us in so many ways. God Bless You!



What Does the Lamb's Fold Do for People?



The Lamb's Fold Center for Women and Children offers critically-needed services to homeless and abused women and their children.



We take in these deserving individuals and provide safe, warm, clean, dry housing; nutritious food; clothing; counseling; case management, pastoral care and Bible Studies (optional); personal care items; diapers and baby formula, school supplies, and much more. We offer a comprehensive set of supportive services to empower women to become self-sufficient so they can provide for themselves and their children. These services include advocacy; transportation help; employment services; life skills classes such as budgeting; child development; healthy vs. unhealthy relationships; parenting; nutrition; time management; recovery classes; tutoring; GED preparation; scholarship referrals; access to medical care; assistance with entitlements, and more.



But most importantly, we provide a HOME. In school, other kids draw flowers and trees, animals, etc. Our kids draw HOMES. The Lamb's Fold program helps kids and their moms move forward beyond their difficult situations and so they can have an independent, self-sufficient HOME of their own. Won't you please help?



The Ronald E. Atkinson Invitational Golf Outing

was a great success once again this year. On Thursday, July 28, our old friends (and some new ones) came out to the Joliet Country Club to have an enjoyable day of golf and support the Lamb's Fold Center for Women and Children.

We would like to thank our Event Sponsors: Mardeanna and Dave Sproat; Reynolds Group; Harrah's Joliet Casino; Advocate Christ Medical Center; D'Arcy Motors; and CITGO Lemont Refinery.

Full Hole Sponsors: Rathbun, Cservenyak Law Firm, Church of the Good Shepherd, Eaton & Schultz Insurance, Sweedler Enterprises, Shelian Family, Chris Totani-Chicago Bancorp.



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Cart Sponsors: Jim Glasgow, Will County State's Attorney; McGrath Office Equipment; Jerry & Toni LaPointe; Sid Kamp Trucking; D. Oxley Construction; Will County Executive Larry Walsh; Senator A. J. Wilhelmi; Joe Mackay; Will County Coroner Patrick O'Neil.

We thank everyone who helped in any way—sponsors, golfers, volunteers, Board members—we appreciate you! The event was a success, raising critical operating funds for Lamb's Fold. We hope you will join us again next August (and bring your friends!) to the Joliet Country Club! See you then!!

We Wish You a Merry Christmas!



We also send a Big Thank You to all our friends who have sent Christmas gifts to our guests in the past! We will be collecting gifts for each of our 65 residents—children and their moms.

Our residents generally range in age from newborn to ladies in their 50's or 60's, so there is a wide variety of items needed from socks to bicycles to warm pajamas to Barbie dolls.

If you, your family, your church, school, or company can help this holiday season, please call Debbie at 815-823-8454 for a list of needed items.



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a car in good running condition (not needing repairs) that you can donate to a woman in need? Our ladies need reliable transportation to get to medical appointments, to get and keep jobs, etc. (many employers are not on bus lines or require late hours). We have had women walking home from their jobs at 24-hour food stores in the middle of the night. The donation of a vehicle would be life-changing to a deserving family served by Lamb's Fold. Please call the Lamb's Fold Program Supervisor for more information at 815-723-5262, ext. 310. Thank you for making a positive difference in the lives of a family!

Join Us at Our Annual Dinner !

You are warmly invited to join us at our Annual Dinner on *Saturday, February 11,*

2012 at the beautiful Bolingbrook Golf Club. This is one of two major fundraisers

Lamb's Fold hosts each year to generate critically-needed operating funds. The evening

will include live Jazz and Swing

Ellman Big Band, and awesome Live

donate an item for the auction,



entertainment by The Pete

and Silent Auctions . If you can

please call us at 815-723-

5262, ext. 351. Tickets are available for \$ 150 per person; available on line or by calling

the number above. We are looking for event sponsors and table captains—if you can help,

please call us! **A big thank you to Exelon Nuclear, this year's Event Sponsor!**

This event is sure to be a great time! Invite your friends and come out!