



# A PLACE FOR YOU

ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS IN EAST CENTRAL MINNESOTA  
P.O. Box 270 PINE CITY, MN 55063

**Mission:** A Place For You is a safe place for people in distress that provides for basic needs and offers resources to provide life-changing alternatives while respecting the inherent goodness and dignity of each individual.

**Vision:** A Community where everyone has the resources necessary to maintain safe, stable housing.

**Purpose:** A Place For You is a transitional place for those who have no place to go for a night, day, week, month or three months. It is a place for residents to utilize community resources and supportive services so they can work on a plan to build a better life and become a productive member of their community.

Executive Director: Kala Roberts

VISTA : Josey Bain

Staff: Todd Swanson, Vanessa Kearns, Tim Tranberg

## M E S S A G E F R O M B O A R D

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It's official! As of November 5, 2013 we have been open for one year. We are so proud of A Place For You and realize that it is due to the tremendous support of our six county community, our many generous donors, our dedicated board, and our very competent and loyal volunteers and staff.

This year we were focused on the outside of the building. We installed: two new air conditioners, new siding on the east wall and fencing around the dumpster and the men's and women's patios. The residents also enjoyed fresh produce from our very own garden.

Next year our strategic plan includes: a new roof over our storage area on the east side, board member training and a board member manual, new fund development plan and fundraiser plan, a part time case manager, and a new "gently used" van.

Thank you for being a partner in recognizing that "A Place For You" is a fundamental right of every individual. We are so grateful for your ongoing prayers, interest and support and are looking forward to a strong 2014.

Eugene Biever

Mary Kay Sloan

## Executive Director's Report

With year ending December 31, 2013 we have assisted 57 individuals on their journey through homelessness. We have worked with each individual to establish goals and work toward independent living. We have not been successful in each individual situation, but we have at least planted the seed with each person we have touched that there is help available and that we, as a community, care. Each person who leaves the shelter without successfully transitioning into housing leaves a hole, and offers us the opportunity to improve on what we are doing to be more successful with our next resident.

Our success stories are HUGE, and that is how we know that we are making a dent in homelessness in our communities. They are:

29 (56%) of our residents have moved on to permanent housing

22 residents that did not have jobs have moved into positions with local employers

7 residents have gone back to school to complete high school or attended college to increase their employment opportunities

All of our residents have been able to take the necessary time to get their physical and mental health back on track without the pressure of maintaining housing.

Each resident works on an individual plan and takes their personal route to success. We build on individual strengths and the determination of each individual brings about success. A former resident who had cared for his terminally ill mother, knew that he was good at caregiving. He completed his Certified Nursing Assistant training and has since been hired into a full time position with benefits. Within days of going full time he also learned that he had climbed the long waiting list at a local apartment and was blessed with housing. His struggle was a long one, but he never gave up and his dreams did come true.

## Financials 2013

### Expenses

<b>Shelter expenses</b>	<b>\$105,514.99</b>
<b>Administrative expenses</b>	<b><u>\$41,863.26</u></b>
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$147,378.25</b>

### Revenue

<b>Donations</b>	<b>\$ 53,125.88</b>
<b>Grants</b>	<b>\$108,802.58</b>
<b>(Government &amp; Corporate)</b>	
<b>In Kind</b>	<b>\$ 20,586.95</b>
<b>(food and clothing)</b>	
<b>Event Income</b>	<b><u>\$ 7,609.09</u></b>

**Total Revenue** **\$190,124.50**

**A Place For You** will use the 2013 budget surplus to meet the 2014 strategic goals.

Many of our former residents visit us regularly to keep us posted on their lives and also to share their current struggles. We work to provide them with needed support, while they provide us with the reasons we do our job.

Recently, staff prepared a Christmas dinner and invited former residents in the area to join in the festivities. The event was well attended and everyone was reminded of the importance of support. We look forward to another year of assisting those who are struggling, and want to change their circumstances.

Kala

**"When our eyes see our hands  
doing the work of our hearts, the  
circle of Creation is completed  
inside us, the doors of our souls fly  
open, and love steps forth to heal  
everything in sight."**

Michael Bridges



**D O N O R   L I S T S**

Trumble, Katie and Rick

Tschida, Jerry and Jane

Zajicek, Mary

Zeman, Don and Andrea

Zion Lutheran Church –  
Markville

**Under \$100**

Anderson, Casey

Anderson, Pat and Richard

Arola, Kathy

Bacigalupi, Paul and Teena

Bicknell, Tim and Catherine

Brunswick Lutheran Church–  
WELCA

Cahill, Kevin and Joanne

Clarke, Helen

Delak, Don and Jerry

Diedrich, Thomas and Reta

Eagan, Sherry

Eberhart, John and Merrilee

Ellison, Rev. James and Carol

Ellmers, George and Diane

First Presbyterian Church

Women – Pine City

Flower Box

Franklin, Tim and Mary

Gold-Jacobson, James

Golden Horizons

Grubb, Stan

Gurstel, Chargo PA

Hattenberger, Mary

Henthorn, Nicolas and Annie

Hobson, Joe and Marge

Jambeck, Pam

Kettle Kinship

Klar, Jeff and Sharon

Koch, Jack and Christie

Krinke, Jennifer

Lance, Ellen & Jody

Larson, J. Gary and Laurel

Lilja, Lisa

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Larson, J. Gary and Laurel

Lilja, Lisa

Lindahl, Eloyes

Mach, Alison

Maradus, Bonnie

Maser, Douglas

McCall, Laurel

Nascene, Joann

Noren, Gary and Harding, Marty

Oare, John and Ardelle

Olson, Jerry and Kay

Palmer, Dwaine and Barb

Pixley, Brad and Vicky

Pixley, Vincent and Dorothy

Plasek, John and Margaret

Pulju, Brenda

Rabe, Ron and Barb

Revier, Arlo and Elizabeth

Samuelson, Ron and Deb

Schllicting, Tim and Jennifer

Schoh, Adam and Emily

Segebarth, Virgil and Joyce

St. Mary's – Mora

St. Isadore's Catholic – Sturgeon  
Lake

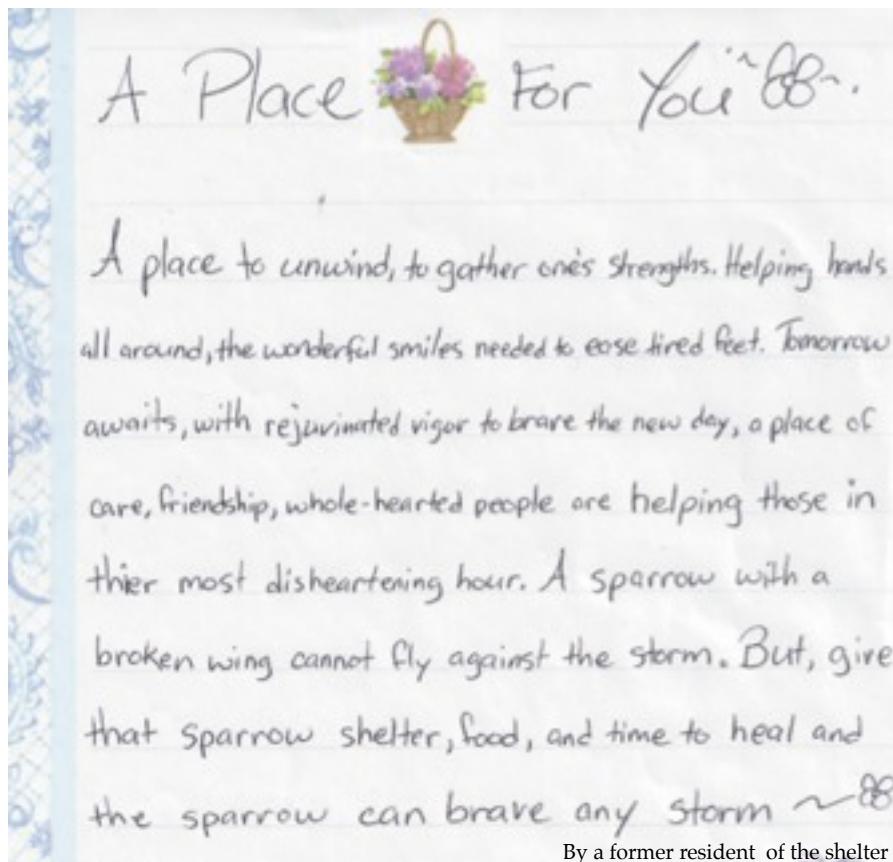
Theisen, Donna and Tom

Treadmill, Annie

VanderVenter, Diane

Volden, Colleen and Dennis

Vork, Marina



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