



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

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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.

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

Financials 2013

Expenses

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

Revenue

Donations	\$ 53,125.88
Grants (Government & Corporate)	\$108,802.58
In Kind (food and clothing)	\$ 20,586.95
Event Income	<u>\$ 7,609.09</u>
Total Revenue	\$190,124.50

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

**"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

Partners

Central MN Jobs and Training Services
 Carlton County
 Chisago County
 State of MN Department of Health and Human Services
 East Central Electric Operation Roundup
 Greater Pine Area Endowment Initiative Foundation
 Isanti County
 Kanabec County
 Lakes and Pines
 Lake State Federal Credit Union
 Mille Lacs County
 Open Your Hearts to the Hungry and Homeless
 Pine County
 Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

Adopt a Room

Biever, Gene and Darlene
 Biever, Lawrence and Helen
 Biever, Bryan and Cindy
 Elliot, Greg
 Sanders, Linda
 Smith Family Trust
 Smith, James
 Smith, Jerry
 Smith, Miles and Lanette
 Smith, Patrick and Doris
 Stammers, Dave and Nikki

\$2000 and Above

Mettler, Dave and Mary Jo
 Nyrhinen, Carol
 Pizza Pub – Pine City – Rick Herzog
 Sloan, Jim and Mary Kay
 Sonshine

\$1000 – \$1999

Brant, Rick and Peg
 Brutlag, Michael and Anne
 Coldwell Banker Results – Mary Kay

Erhart, Tim
 Erhart, William
 First Lutheran Church – Hinckley
 First Presbyterian Church – Hinckley
 Hagestuen, Lyndon and Ann
 Immaculate Conception Church – Pine City
 Kinderwood Farm
 Our Redeemer Lutheran Church – Pine City
 Pine City Lions

\$500– \$999

Fantz, Scott and Sandy
 Greden, Pam
 Journey North Church
 Kettle River Conference – WELCA
 McHugh, Chris and Cheryl
 Northeast MN Synod – WELCA
 Oak Park Dental
 Pine City Evangelical Free Church
 Pine City High School Student Council
 Pizza Hut – Pine City
 Wallick VFW Auxiliary – Hinckley
 Zion Lutheran Church – Cloverdale

\$250 – \$499

Bacigalupi, Tony and Meg Hobday
 Dunkley, Emmaline
 Eck, Deb
 Emmanuel Lutheran Church – Sandstone
 Emslander, Janice
 First Presbyterian – Pine City
 Grace Lutheran Church – Sandstone
 Korsmeyer, Enid
 Mach, Nancy and Byron
 Oak Lake Lutheran Church – Kerrick
 Pine City School's Employee Union
 Seventh Day Adventist – Hinckley
 Splittgerber, Lois

St. Andrew's Episcopal – Moose Lake
 St. Mary's Catholic – Milaca
 St. Patrick's Knights of Columbus – Hinckley
 Stoffel, Betty
 Sutera, Gail

\$100 – \$249

American Legion Auxiliary/Hinckley
 Askov Senior Citizens
 Brautigan, Levi and Sarah
 Calvary Lutheran Church – Mora
 Cambridge Lutheran Church
 Carlson, Gene and Karen
 Carlson, Martin and Peggy
 Craven, Vern and Sheryl
 Fagerstrom, Marjorie
 Faust, Tim
 Godding, Cheryl
 Hallan, Steve and Becky
 Huro, Clarence and Marjorie
 Jack, Dorothy
 Kowalek, Kathy
 Kunze, Lois
 Lones, Marian
 Mach, Geraldine
 Matthison, Lois
 Mill, Elisa
 Musgrove, Robert and Janet
 Oehrlein, Alice
 Paulson, Robert
 People's Bank of Mora
 Pinatro, Thomas
 Rinden, Mary and Dan
 Scholin, Anna
 Scholin, Brian
 Sederstrom, Larry
 Teich, Pat
 Todd's Tax Service

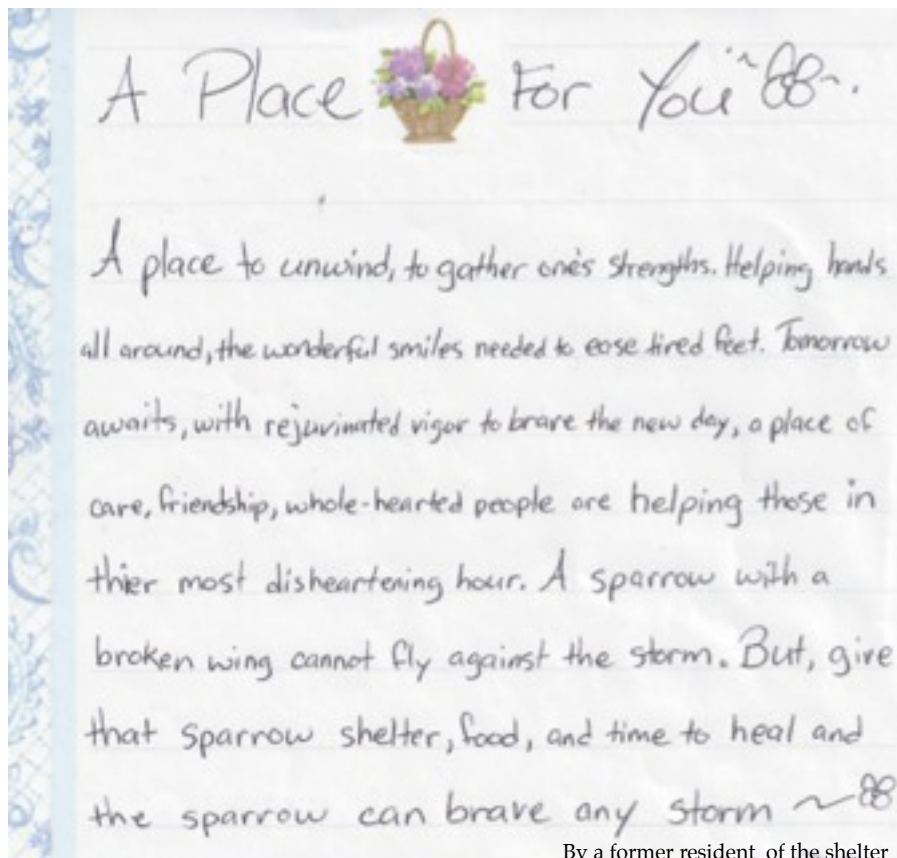
Trumble, Katie and Rick
Tschida, Jerry and Jane
Zajicek, Mary
Zeman, Don and Andrea
Zion Lutheran Church –
Markville

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
Lance, Ellen and Jody
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
Schlicting, Tim and Jennifer
Schoh, Adam and Emily
Seegebarth, 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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