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Guide to Giving



Serving all. Benefiting all.



Welcome

to Humility Homes and Services!

The Guide to Giving offers a wide range of easy and meaningful ways for you to support Humility Homes and Services, Inc.

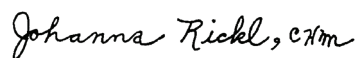
We hope this guide provides you with an avenue to help build stronger communities and bridge the widening gaps in our social and economic circles.

The federal government defines a person as homeless when their *“primary nighttime residence is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.”* However, thousands of Quad-Cities residents are not included in this limited definition.

Our goal is to reach all people who are homeless and near homeless and provide them the housing opportunities and supportive services they need.

Your support is vital to the success of the housing programs and services that are not adequately funded by government agencies. We hope you find this Guide to Giving a useful tool in deciding how you can make a difference.

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Johanna Rickl, CHM
Board Chair

our story

Grounded in their calling for a community that is **“working for justice within the human family and caring for earth itself,”** the Congregation of the Humility of Mary established Humility of Mary Housing, Inc., in 1990. Since then, Humility of Mary Housing has assisted hundreds of previously homeless families in finding safe, quality housing and has helped them re-establish their own loving homes. Humility of Mary Housing, Inc. has led the Quad Cities in expanding housing options and related supportive services for families experiencing homelessness and near homelessness.

In September 2008, the only emergency shelter in the Quad Cities was facing bankruptcy. City and business leaders sought the Congregation’s help to keep the John Lewis Shelter open. Within 30 days, \$300,000 was raised through the collaborative efforts of business, philanthropic, religious and personal donations. With funding secured, the Congregation founded Humility of Mary Shelter, Inc., to take over the duties of running the John Lewis shelter. The shelter has remained open and services uninterrupted since 2008.

In July 2018, Humility of Mary Housing, Inc. and Humility of Mary Shelter, Inc. merged to become Humility Homes and Services, Inc. With nearly 40 years of combined experience of creating housing opportunities to all who need it, with your help, we are well positioned to meet the housing challenges in the Quad Cities.

Mission Statement:
Humility Homes and Services, Inc.
is committed to ending homelessness
by offering housing opportunities
and supportive services in the
Greater Quad-Cities Area.

Vision: A home for every person.

A.L.I.C.E.

There are thousands of people who fit the bill of Alice in the Quad Cities. ALICE is the acronym that describes individuals who are Asset-Limited, Income-Constrained and Employed. These are individuals and families whose earnings are at the Federal Poverty level but below what the state has determined the minimum

amount needed for a household survival budget. In Davenport alone, 39,481 households fall below the ALICE threshold, meaning that 47% of Davenport households do not have the necessary monthly income to afford basic housing, food, childcare, transportation and health care necessities.

schedule

The chronology of Alice's day may not seem much different from our own daily routine. However, before coming to Humility Homes and Services, Inc., Alice and her three kids had five different residences over the course of one year while waiting for an apartment to open up on the Section 8 waiting list.

Because of your support, Alice and her family have a place to call home.

morning

- 5:30 a.m.** Alice rises before the rest of her family so she can have a few minutes of quiet and muster the strength to face the day.
- 5:45 a.m.** Alice wakes up the family and everyone takes showers.
- 6:15 a.m.** The baby wakes up before Alice has had time to put on her makeup. She gives the baby a bath before daycare.
- 6:30 a.m.** Alice rushes to make breakfast for the household.
- 6:40 a.m.** Alice makes sure that the kids brush their teeth and hair is combed.
- 6:50 a.m.** The kids gather their homework and books together and rush to the bus stop. One child has a field trip today at a nature preserve.
- 6:53 a.m.** Alice prepares dinner in the crockpot.
- 7:00 a.m.** Now that the school kids are out the door, Alice feeds the baby in the high chair and quickly cleans the kitchen before work.
- 7:15 a.m.** Alice and the baby are out the door and on their way to the bus stop. It will take Alice a half hour to get the baby to daycare. After the daycare stop, Alice will walk three blocks to catch another bus. She'll be on the bus for an hour before she gets to her job.

afternoon

- 3:00 p.m.** The kids are home from school and begin work on their chore list. It's hot so the kids turn on the fan.
- 5:45 p.m.** After an exhausting day at work, Alice comes home with the baby. The food in the crockpot looks ready. Alice decides to make a side dish.
- 6:15 p.m.** The family eats.
- 6:45 p.m.** Alice notices the kids forgot to do the laundry. This apartment has a laundry room in the basement and today is the least busy day of the week. It's imperative that laundry gets done immediately.
- 8:45 p.m.** The kids finish their homework and take turns keeping the baby entertained. Alice folds and puts away the laundry.
- 9:00 p.m.** It's bedtime for the kids and the baby. Alice still has quite a few things to complete from today's "To Do" list before she can go to bed guilt-free.

our philosophy

We practice **Radical Acceptance**, welcoming participants as equals believing everyone should have a future that is not dictated by their past.

We provide **Housing First** programs, prioritizing the need for quality and safe housing, and understand homelessness is a reversible circumstance – not a personal characteristic.

We utilize an **empowerment-based** form of social work practice that emphasizes individual and family strengths and resiliency.

We embrace **culturally competent** social work practice by maintaining respect to the culture and languages of diverse individual and family groups.

We are **Trauma-Informed**, which recognizes trauma and recovery within the experience of homelessness and our role to prevent re-traumatization of our participants and the staff that serve them as we work together to identify sustainable housing options.

We incorporate **Harm Reduction** interventions, recognizing that substance abuse is an illness and that a variety of strategies are needed to reduce the harm associated with risky behaviors.

We are a leader in **community collaboration**, believing everyone has a role to making sure everyone has a home.

We are bound by several **professional codes of ethics**, which guide our work daily.


We believe homelessness is a systemic social injustice – a **reversible circumstance** and not a personal characteristic.

For John, finding a place to call home meant giving up his encampment along the banks of the Mississippi River. John struggles with PTSD as a veteran of the first Gulf War.

Occasionally, John would seek help from our street outreach team to obtain food, clothing and toiletries. Despite the harsh elements of the outdoors, John felt safest alone in a dark camp. But after multiple trips to emergency rooms, some run-ins with the law, the aging process and the persistent radical acceptance of our street outreach team, John realized he needed a more stable home.

Today, John has his own apartment. His windows are covered and the lights are usually off. John is safe, making friends and healthy.

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Challenges Ahead

There is a severe shortage of safe and affordable homes for individuals and families earning an income of less than \$20,000. As a result, thousands of Quad Cities' families are choosing between paying rent, obtaining food, getting the medicine they need, and purchasing clothing and shoes for school and work.

Veterans living with post-traumatic stress and other disabilities are also experiencing significant barriers to finding housing. Young people are coming to the Quad Cities seeking employment only to find housing opportunities extremely limited. Persons estranged from their families and persons returning home from imprisonment are also among our neighbors seeking affordable, quality housing.

Increasing affordable housing options has the potential of improving health, education, public safety outcomes and the overall well-being of the region. Safe and stable housing for all Quad Cities residents is essential to building a strong, vibrant region.

housing programs & services

Humility Homes and Services, Inc. owns 18 properties in Davenport, IA, which include 41 apartments, our emergency shelter and the 10,000-sq.-ft. Fresh Start Donation Center. We also lease an additional 52 apartments. On any given day, 250 to 300 adults and children are participating in our services. Providing housing and supportive services is a smart investment in people and saves taxpayers millions of dollars in health care costs and punitive, criminal justice systems.

Emergency Shelter

A 70-bed, low-barrier emergency shelter serving women and men 18 years of age and older.

Transitional Housing for Veterans

Provides single veterans short- to medium-term housing and service coordination to help them secure long-term, supportive housing.

Transitional Housing for Veterans and their Families

Provides short- to medium-term housing and supportive services for homeless veterans and their children.

Supportive Housing

Assists persons who are living with disabilities and have experienced long-term homelessness, with the housing, financial assistance and service coordination they need to remain in safe, affordable housing and out of more costly systems of care, such as health care and criminal justice systems.

Rapid Re-housing

Assists families and single adults to quickly transition from homelessness into their own lease agreements through a holistic package of temporary financial assistance, service coordination and referrals.

Rent-It-Forward

Assists families seeking minimal, short-term financial assistance and supportive services.

Supportive Services for Veterans and their Families (VALOR)

Assists veterans and their families who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless with financial assistance and supportive services.

Section 8 Plus

Assists families participating in the Housing Choice Voucher Program with access to homes and the service coordination they need to help maintain their housing stability.

Quad Cities Coordinated Entry Partnership

Humility Homes and Services helped establish the first Coordinated Entry System in the Quad Cities. Coordinated Entry matches persons at greatest risk of homelessness or experiencing homelessness with the right intervention as quickly as possible. Humility Homes and Services and Salvation Army are among the core partners and service providers in the Partnership.

Fresh Start Donation Center and Corner Closet

The volunteer-run Donation Center helps participants in all of the housing programs listed above establish their own homes.

For Sheila, finding a place to call home meant escaping an abusive relationship and sending three of her four kids away to relatives while she healed.

As Sheila worked with our service coordinators, she over time recovered emotionally, returned to school, found a job and her family gradually reunited.

Today, Sheila is a manager at a major retail store and a member of the Humility Homes and Services Board of Directors.

Her three oldest children have graduated from college and her fourth is graduating from high school.

The shortage of housing opportunities has ominous consequences for the health, education, public safety, productivity, and overall well-being of the Quad Cities region.

Safe and stable housing for all Quad City residents is an essential foundation from which to build a strong, vibrant region.

here's how you can help!

Your financial donations, in-kind merchandise donations, and volunteer hours allows us to sustain and grow the housing programs and services that are needed in the Greater Quad-Cities Area. For more information about these opportunities, please contact our Director of Development and the Volunteer Coordinator at 563.326.1330 or visit our website www.humilityhomes.org.

One-Time Donations

We accept cash, checks and credit cards. Please include your donation in the enclosed envelope and return.

Honorarium or Memorial

If you'd like to give a donation in honor of someone who is living or in memory of someone who is deceased, please see our website and complete the secure online form or fill out the enclosed envelope.

Monthly Recurring Donations

Schedule a monthly withdrawal from your bank account. Please see our website and download and print the form or complete the secure online form.

Campaigns

Housing for All

Make a monthly pledge to be automatically withdrawn from your bank account.

30/30 Campaign - \$30 a month (Honoring 30 years of Humility of Mary Housing in 2020)

40/40 Campaign - \$40 a month.

(Honoring 40 years of combined services - Humility of Mary Housing and Humility of Mary Shelter)

Major Donor and Corporate Sponsorship

Connector – Donors contributing \$5,000.00 and more per fiscal year will be recognized by name/ business posted on the homepage of the Humility Homes and Services, Inc. website and print publications during the fiscal year.

Builder – Donors contributing \$1,000.00 - \$4,999.99 per fiscal year will be recognized by name business on the Humility Homes and Services, Inc. website.

Supporter – Donors contributing \$500.00 - \$999.99 contribution per fiscal year will be recognized by name in our print publications during the fiscal year.

We respect requests to remain anonymous.

Quad Cities Employer Matching Programs

Many companies will match employee donations and some may double or triple their employees' donations. John Deere Corporation, Modern Woodmen and Boeing, are among the many corporations that offer employee matching programs. Please ask your employer's human resource department if your company participates in a matching program. Our Employee Identification Number is 01-0916973.



Stocks, Bonds, Mutual Funds, Life Insurance, Annuities, Retirement Plans, Estate Planning, Property and Possessions

The Humility Homes and Services, Inc. Finance Department and Director of Development will work with you and your attorney on developing a plan that fulfills your wishes. We also can put you in touch with our business partners to assist you in your gift planning: Heidi Parkhurst, with the WMJP Group, Diane Puthoff and Scott Van Vooren, with Lane & Waterman, LLP, and Steven Collins with Wells Fargo, Trust and Wealth Management.

Endowments

We offer two opportunities to increase housing opportunities through endowments.

Humility Homes and Services, Inc. Endowment

Please return the enclosed envelope and identify "Endowment" to ensure your contribution is included in the Endowment Fund.

Quad Cities Community Foundation

Go to the Quad Cities Community Foundation website <https://cfgrb.givebig.org/c/Funds/Search?p=1&keyword=humility> for more information on contributing to the Humility Homes and Services, Inc. Endowment Fund. Donors to the Quad Cities Community Foundation are eligible for the Endow Iowa Tax Credit Program. <http://www.iowacommunityfoundations.org/endow-iowa-tax-credits.aspx>



Fresh Start Donation Center

Our participants are starting their lives over, creating new homes and building their futures. Your donations of merchandise help a participant save money as they establish their new home and re-gain the confidence they need to keep moving forward. Donations are accepted at the Fresh Start Donation Center, 3805 Mississippi Ave. in Davenport, IA, Monday through Friday 8am to 4pm.

Daily necessities not covered by federal income and food assistance programs:

Most of these items can be purchased through E-Commerce sites.

- Toilet paper, bar soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo and conditioner, deodorant, shaving cream and razor blades.
- Laundry soap, household cleaning products for kitchen and bath, and trash bags.
- Diapers, pull ups and wipes.
- Bus tokens.

Household items-new or gently used, clean and in working order:

- Furniture, rugs and mats, dishes, pots and pans, kitchen utensils, glassware, plastic ware, bakeware and small appliances.
- Blankets, comforters, sheets and pillowcases, pillows, towels, washcloths and shower curtains.
- Clothing for all ages, sizes: men's, women's and children's.
- Jewelry, shoes, purses and accessories.
- Knickknacks and artwork.
- Books for all ages.
- Toys and games (Note: please make sure all pieces are present and in working order.)
- Holiday decor.

- Suitcases, duffel bags, backpacks, sleeping bags and tents.
- We accept clothing and holiday decor year-round and store for the proper season. Coffee, sugar and creamer are always welcome.
- Large furnishings, antiques, collectibles, outdoor and garden equipment are also accepted. Many of these specialty items are placed in the Fresh Start Benefit Sales. Proceeds from the Fresh Start Sales directly support our housing programs and supportive services.

Automobiles that still have life and miles left in them are also welcome. Our clients spend many hours walking and on public transportation daily to search for and maintain jobs, visit doctors and other supportive services.

Items we are unable to accept:

Used mattresses and box springs, sleeper sofas, computers, printers, exercise equipment, and TVs that require a converter box; Furniture that is soiled, stained, torn or with broken framing; Appliances that aren't in working order; Stuffed animals; Used candles, partially used toiletries and makeup; Any items with mold, mildew or pet odors.



E-Commerce

Goodsearch.org/ Goodshop.com

This website has coupons for online shopping. You designate Humility Homes and Services, Inc. and chose the stores you love to shop at. When you shop through the site, they give us money. Anyone can use the site. And remember, the more friends that you get involved, the more you'll be able to raise for us!

AmazonSmile

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your Humility Homes and Services, Inc. every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to us.

volunteer

Volunteers are an essential part of Humility Homes and Services, Inc., a community-based organization. Whether you volunteer individually or with a group, we want to help you find a role here and make a difference in our community. There's plenty to do, and many hands make light work. Check out the questions below and see if any of these resonate with you!

Do you have a heart to serve?

Are you passionate about advocating on the behalf of others?

Do you enjoy cleaning and organizing things?

Do you enjoy yard work?

Would you like to share your computer skills?

Do you get called first when someone needs a heavy lifter?

Are you obsessed with shows like Antiques Roadshow?

Do you love social media?

Are you a storyteller?

Do you love planning parties or fundraisers?

Have people been blown away by your ability to fix things and upcycle?

Do you just want to help others in any way you can?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator/Donation Center Manager at 563.326.1330

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