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Iowa Supreme Court Rules in Favor of Shelter House

On March 7, 2008, the Iowa Supreme Court ruled in favor of Shelter House by overturning a lower court's decision and allowing the construction of a new facility to finally move forward.

In early 2004, Shelter House purchased the property at 429 Southgate Avenue in Iowa City, receiving an exemption from the Board of Adjustment to construct a new building at this location. But in June 2005, District Court Judge David Remley nullified this exemption, siding with local residents and business owners who argued that the new shelter would increase crime and lower property values in the area. Both the City of Iowa City and Shelter House appealed this ruling before the Iowa Supreme Court on March 5, 2007.

In handing down the court's unanimous decision, Chief Justice Marsha Ternus wrote, "Because we think there was substantial evidence to support the board's finding that property values would not be adversely affected, we reverse the judgment of the district court."

"It's a heavy sigh of relief to see the decision finally come through," said Shelter House Executive Director Crissy Canganeli. "It was such a burden to have to turn people away all the time."

The new facility will have space for more than twice as many residents as the current shelter and will also have designated areas for families, single men, single women, and veterans. The entire project is estimated to cost \$4 million and construction is expected to begin in the spring of 2009. To date, approximately \$1.5 million has been raised through grants and private donations.

A warm welcome and thank you is extended to the members of the Shelter House Capital Campaign Committee: Katherine Burford (Campaign Manager), Connie Champion (Campaign Chair), Jim Hayes, Mary Larew, Joyce Leff, James Merchant, Jim and Maureen Mondanero, Lynn Rowat, and Alan and Liz Swanson

Dale and Kay Prediger Endowment Program

In January 2008, the *Dale and Kay Prediger Endowment for Employment Assistance* program was created through a generous gift of \$700,000 from Dale and Kay Prediger. This endowment will provide ongoing support for the Shelter House Supported Training and Access to Resources (STAR) Program.

STAR offers comprehensive case management services including life skills and vocational training, educational assistance, child care services, and referrals to substance abuse and mental health counseling. Staff members help their clients find affordable housing, join the workforce, and ultimately

take part in and contribute to their community. Clients are able to participate in this program for up to two years and continue to meet with case managers even after their stay at the shelter.

Thanks to the generosity of the Predigers, the STAR Program will be able to continue helping individuals achieve self-sufficiency and change their lives through long-term mentoring and support. For more information about STAR call 319-338-5416.

See page 3 for one of the STAR Program's many success stories.

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About Shelter House

Shelter House is a non-profit organization that has provided housing and supportive services to the homeless of southeast Iowa since 1983. Shelter House is Johnson County's only general use homeless shelter, providing transitional shelter to men, women, and children, the disabled, and the elderly. Our mission is to provide shelter, basic, and transitional resources, while encouraging self-sufficiency, to any person in our community who is homeless.

Donations currently needed

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| Seasonally appropriate clothing | Blankets and bed linens | Telephone calling cards |
| Iowa City and Coralville bus passes | Discount store gift cards | Toiletries |
| Food and coffee | Office supplies | Postage stamps |
| Cleaning supplies | Laundry detergent | Pots and pans |
| Diapers | Backpacks and book bags | |

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Thank you to Judith Crosssett and Trinity Episcopal Church who sponsored a book sale on March 1, 2008, to benefit Shelter House.

You can now make donations to Shelter House online with Click 'n' Pledge. Visit shelterhouseiowa.org and click on Donate.

Members of the Iowa City Junior Service League presented Shelter House with a check for \$15,000 at their Annual Spring Luncheon.

The Junior Service League has also pledged \$50,000 to the new facility and is sponsoring the new Children's Play Room and Study Room.

Thank you to members of the Unitarian Universalist Society of Iowa City who held a benefit luncheon on May 8, raising more than \$925 for Shelter House.

Shelter House Volunteer Jim McCue

For nearly 20 years, retiree Jim McCue has been doing what he can to help Shelter House clients achieve their goal of permanent, affordable housing. The former University of Iowa Professor of Religion and Global Studies served as a board member from 1989 to 2000 and for the past eight years has been one of Shelter House's most dedicated volunteers.

Three mornings a week, Jim picks up and delivers the mail, answers the phone, runs errands and transports clients. "Shelter House provides a valuable service, has a nice atmosphere, and is an enjoyable place to volunteer," says Jim. "There is a good staff and the leadership does an admirable job."

Throughout his years of involvement with Shelter House, Jim has seen a significant shift in the demographic makeup of shelter house clients from mostly single men to more women, children, and families. Jim says he's also seen significant developments in the creation of career planning and other case management services.

Without volunteers like Jim McCue, Shelter House wouldn't be nearly as successful at helping their clients achieve stability and self sufficiency. For more information about volunteer opportunities at Shelter House, visit shelterhouseiowa.org/getinvolved.

STAR Program Success Story

The following is a success story from the STAR Program that illustrates the impact that Shelter House has on people's lives.

Laura is a wheelchair-bound mother of six children ranging in age from 8 to 21 years old. She receives Social Security disability benefits and suffers from chronic rheumatoid arthritis. Laura's family has experienced several periods of homelessness and for five months in 2007, she lived with four of her children in a tent at the Coralville Reservoir.

Although she is confined to a wheelchair, Laura is able to drive and accomplish daily tasks using her van. In August 2007, Laura joined the STAR Program and since that time has been living with her father in his mobile home. "I still consider myself homeless," says

Laura. "Because I hate the idea of staying with my dad, with all these children."

In April of this year, Laura underwent knee replacement surgery on both of her legs and is optimistic about her future. "If all goes well, I will be walking around by Christmas time," she says. Since joining the STAR Program, Laura has worked at the Vintage Shoppe and is currently at Goodwill Industries in Iowa City where she sorts and packs clothing.

"I am just grateful to the STAR Program for giving me the support to get back into employment," Laura says. "I am hoping that when the internship comes to an end, I will be able to get a regular job so that I don't have to depend on disability benefits." For more information about the STAR Program, call 319-338-5416.

Overflow Project Survives Another Winter

A profound thank you goes out to the area churches and their congregations who helped see our local homeless population through a particularly long and bitter winter. Through the Shelter House Overflow Project, these churches provided safe and warm overnight lodging to individuals not able to stay at the shelter due to lack of space. From November 2007 through March 2008, the Overflow Project provided 1,135 nights of shelter to 163 men, women, and children. A special thanks to Interim Task Force Chair Christine Mullen and Overflow Shelter Coordinator Meg Kiekhaefer.

Host congregations included: Congregational United Church of Christ, First Presbyterian, St. Thomas More, Trinity Episcopal, St. Mary's, First United Methodist, First Christian Church, St. Mark's United Methodist, Zion Lutheran, and First Christian Disciples of Christ. Support congregations included: New Life Community Church, Gloria Dei Lutheran, St. Andrew Presbyterian, Zion Lutheran, New Horizons United Methodist, Coralville United Methodist, Faith United Church of Christ, and Trinity Episcopal.

Shelter Receives Much Needed Repairs



Thanks to members of the First Presbyterian Church and the generosity of several local vendors, the Shelter House Facility at 331 N. Gilbert Street has received some much-needed attention.

Repairs were made to broken and unfinished doors, walls, electrical outlets, and the upstairs shower. The main floor bathroom was also completed with labor and materials donated by Bea Day Plumbers, Plumb Supply, Nagle Lumber, and Lammers Construction. The donation of \$1,500 from First Presbyterian was raised through their Alternative Gift Market which was held last December.

6th Annual Shelter House Spring Gala

The 6th Annual Shelter House Spring Gala was held on April 5, 2008, at Hotel Vetro and raised approximately \$68,000 for the shelter's operating budget. Among the many supporters in attendance were U.S. Congressman David Loebsack and State Representative Mary Mascher.

Several awards were presented to some of our most dedicated supporters. Dale and Kay Prediger were given a wooden canoe paddle with the inscription "Thanks for Keeping Us Afloat!" The Predigers are avid canoeists and have generously established an endowment for the STAR Program.

Judith Crossett was honored for her leadership and commitment to the annual books sale at Trinity Episcopal Church. Over the past nine years, this event has raised more than \$23,000 for the new Shelter House facility.

Special thanks to Presenting Sponsors Moen Group, Barker Apartments, Vangent, and Hotel Vetro. Thank you also to the volunteers and members of the steering committee who worked so hard to make this event happen - Chris Ledman, Victor Janey, Janet Accaragui, Ross DeValois, Betty Norbeck, Pat Furchtenicht, Dottie Persson, Gay Mikelson, and most especially, Bobby Jett, Sarah Fletcher, and Katherine Burford.

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And Special Thanks to

Bill Nusser, Brent Wears, and John Gross for selling their ties!

Upcoming Events

September 14, 2008

Ice Cream Social and Volunteer Recognition
2-4 p.m., 429 Southgate Ave.

November 15, 2008

Third Annual John's Sleep-out

November 16-22, 2008

National Week of Hunger and Homelessness Awareness

April 18, 2009

Seventh Annual Spring Gala



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