

**SAINT MARGARET MARY – BIG DAY OF SERVICE  
NOVEMBER 18, 2017**



**St. Vincent de Paul**

Our mission: Inspired by Gospel values, SVdP, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Fr Éric Ozanam, and patron, St. Vincent de Paul. SVdP offers tangible assistance to those in need on a person-to-person basis. It is this personalized involvement that makes the work of the Society unique. This aid may take the form of intervention, consultation, or often through direct dollar or in-kind service. An essential precept of the Society's work is to provide help while conscientiously maintaining the confidentiality and dignity of those who are served.

While no work of charity is foreign to the Society, we at SMMP help those in our local area with basic needs such as shelter (rent or mortgage payments), food, medication, utilities and gasoline. We give aid to parishioners and those living within our parish boundaries no matter their faith.

[www.svdpusa.org](http://www.svdpusa.org)



**ReStore Habitat for Humanity**

The ReStore's mission is to raise funds for Habitat for Humanity by selling donated building materials, furniture and gently used items needed to build, repair or improve a home. These items are offered to the general public at greatly reduced prices. The profits from these sales go directly to support The Fox Valley Habitat for Humanity in its mission to build affordable housing. 95% of our home building budget (which is funded through your generous donations) is dedicated to local housing needs, while 5% funds important global housing projects through Habitat for Humanity International.

Habitat for Humanity International is a nonprofit, nondenominational, Christian housing ministry. Habitat welcomes all people - regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, or any other difference. Our goal is to build simple, decent, affordable housing for those who lack adequate shelter.

[www.foxvalleyrestore.org](http://www.foxvalleyrestore.org)



## **Forest Preserve District of DuPage County**

The Forest Preserve District of DuPage County is a nationally recognized conservation agency that envisions a community in which all citizens share a connection with nature and an appreciation for cultural history.

Our mission is "to acquire and hold lands containing forests, prairies, wetlands, and associated plant communities or lands capable of being restored to such natural conditions for the purpose of protecting and preserving the flora, fauna and scenic beauty for the education, pleasure and recreation of its citizens."

Our purpose is to acquire, preserve, protect and restore the natural resources in DuPage County while providing opportunities for people to connect with nature.

<http://www.dupageforest.org/>



DuPagePads

## **DuPage PADS**

The solution to end homelessness is more complex than providing individuals with food and shelter. Founded in 1985, DuPagePads is the largest provider of interim and permanent housing, coupled with support services in order to help individuals work toward becoming self-sufficient. These vital support services enable the individuals we help to receive case management and life coaching, employment support such as job coaching, as well as engagement with employers—effectively stopping the cycle of homelessness.

DuPagePads IS the solution to end homelessness—because when someone believes in you, everything can change.

[www.dupagepads.org](http://www.dupagepads.org)



**SCARCE**

Our Mission is to inspire people, through education, to preserve & care for our Earth's natural resources, while working to build sustainable communities.

SCARCE will help you find places to donate, recycle, or properly dispose of items you no longer need. Whether you are downsizing, de-cluttering, cleaning out, or retiring we help you reduce your impact on the planet and get items to those in need.

SCARCE guides schools, municipalities, and organizations to reach their environmental goals. We can assist with recycling, composting, energy conservation, green cleaning projects and more!

We show you how to conserve natural resources and create a healthy environment. You will be inspired to take action!

[www.scarce.org](http://www.scarce.org)



**Turning Pointe Autism Foundation** is proud to have assembled a capable, experienced and committed team of professionals and organizations to oversee the development and management of its facilities and programs. We strive to maintain the highest level of quality and to provide the most comprehensive services for families with autism.

Turning Pointe Autism Foundation continues to create innovative programs and services to assist individuals and families as they navigate through the lifelong impact of Autism.

The COPESTM method utilized at Turning Pointe supports the core deficits of autism spectrum disorder through best practice approaches and interventions. COPESTM is our overall program model that guides student programming. COPESTM is a combination of communication, organization, positive behavior supports, escalation management, sensory, and socialization best practices and interventions to create individualized programming for each of our students.

The Turning Pointe Career College is an educational opportunity for individuals impacted by autism and other social and communication disorders. Our college format offers an innovative approach to teaching life, social, and work readiness skills. Instruction is highly individualized and focuses on the development of skills and adaptive strategies that will support an individual's success in school, in the workplace, and in life.

<http://www.turningpointeautismfoundation.org>



### **Feed My Starving Children**

Founded in 1987, Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) is a Christian non-profit that provides nutritionally complete meals specifically formulated for malnourished children.

*FMSC's mission: Feeding God's starving children hungry in body and spirit.*

*The approach: Our process is simple. Donations given by people just like you fund the meal ingredients. Volunteers hand-pack the meals. Meals are donated to FMSC food partners around the world, where kids are fed and lives are saved!*

[www.fmsc.org](http://www.fmsc.org)



### **LOAVES AND FISHES / NAPERVILLE CARES MISSION & VALUES**

Loaves & Fishes Community Services is a registered 501(c)(3) organization that has served our community since 1984. Our vision is to end hunger in our community. Our mission is to provide food and leadership in the community by uniting and mobilizing resources to empower people to be self-sufficient.

#### **WE BELIEVE**

- ...in the power of community to change lives.
- ...that by working together we can accomplish great things.
- ...that each person possesses inherent dignity.
- ...in the nobility of the human spirit.
- ...the opportunity to serve is a gift.
- ...food is a right and not a privilege.

[www.loaves-fishes.org](http://www.loaves-fishes.org)



### **Naperville Park District**

The Naperville Park District's mission is to provide recreation and park experiences that enhance the quality of life for our community, including benefits such as community health, environmental education, social connections, and personal growth. The District maintains and operates more than 2,400 acres with 137 parks and facilities and provides more than 1,400 recreational, arts and environmental programs and special events annually. Included within the District's operations are two championship golf courses, a multitude of playgrounds, trails, athletic courts and sports fields, two inline skating and skateboarding facilities, the Millennium Carillon, a paddleboat quarry, historic Centennial Beach, and the beautiful Riverwalk.

[www.napervilleparks.org](http://www.napervilleparks.org)



## DuPage Care Center

The DuPage Care Center (formerly known as the **DuPage Convalescent Center**) was originally built in 1888, when it started as a County Alms House for the indigent. Residents of the home farmed the 217 acre parcel and had a herd of dairy cattle. They supported themselves and provided additional food to the county jail inmates. It wasn't until the 1930's that it became a nursing facility that provided much needed health care to the community. It has developed into one of the most modern, best equipped, professionally staffed, treatment and rehabilitation centers for the chronically ill in the State of Illinois.

[www.dupageco.org/convo/](http://www.dupageco.org/convo/)



**360 Youth Services** provides life-changing services through substance abuse prevention education, counseling and housing. The organization serves youth and families in Naperville and the surrounding areas.

**Our Mission** is to provide life-changing services to youth through substance abuse prevention education, counseling and housing.

**Our Vision** is a community where all youth possess the necessary skills to successfully navigate life's challenges.

**Our History** is rich and challenging. 360 Youth Services began in 1971 when a group of concerned parents, community, and religious leaders recognized the need for professional, youth-centered services in the Naperville community. They formed a council that eventually became a non-profit organization referred to as Naperville Community Outreach. In 2011, the organization changed its name to 360 Youth Services to better reflect its mission and vision.

<http://www.360youthservices.org/>



**People's Resource Center**

 **Food Pantry**

### **Meeting Our Community's Needs – Neighbor to Neighbor**

Since 1975, People's Resource Center (PRC) has been bringing neighbors together to respond to hunger and poverty in DuPage County.

Nearly 30,000 DuPage residents rely on PRC for help each year. With a team of over 2,400 volunteers, we offer nutritious food and other basic necessities like clothes and rent assistance for people facing tough times. We also connect people with resources—education and tutoring, jobs, technology, art, a caring community—to create a future of hope and opportunity for all.

PRC is able to provide these services because of the generosity and support from our neighbors. More than 2,400 volunteers work with our small staff offering time, skills and resources to help their neighbors. Donors contribute food, clothing, books, computers, and money to support our work. The majority of our support comes from caring neighbors right here in DuPage County.

### **Our Mission**

People's Resource Center community exists to respond to basic human needs, promote dignity and justice, and create a future of hope and opportunity for the residents of DuPage County, Illinois through discovering and sharing personal and community resources.

[www.peoplesrc.org](http://www.peoplesrc.org)



Ending poverty starts with you — become a part of the movement to lift 45 million Americans out of poverty and help change the lives of millions of others in need.

Catholic Charities began helping individuals and families in crisis after World War I. Services were offered throughout Chicago and in Will, Grundy, Kankakee and DuPage counties. When the Diocese of Joliet was officially created in 1949, Catholic Charities programs and services continued to operate under the direction of the Chicago Archdiocese. However, in 1962, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet, was officially incorporated and licensed as a child welfare agency in the State of Illinois. The areas served include Will, Grundy, DuPage, Kendall, Kankakee, Ford and Iroquois counties.

In the early years, Catholic Charities operated with no more than 40 staff and a budget of less than one million dollars. Today, the agency employs over 250 persons and operates on a budget a little over 21 million dollars.

Catholic Charities is a diocesan agency and maintains close contact with the Bishop of Joliet. Catholic Charities is also governed by a Board of Directors.

The agency has grown tremendously in over 50 years. But the dedication of serving needy and vulnerable members of the community that was present 50 years ago is still present today and can be witnessed in any of the programs and services offered at Catholic Charities.

### **Transitional Housing**

Providing housing and supportive services to homeless families and their children while they work toward permanent housing and a quality of life that supports their needs. The program represents a unique partnership which joins the participating family with the professional case management services of Catholic Charities and the loving support of local churches or community groups.

### **Permanent Supportive Housing and Other Housing Alternatives**

Serving individuals and/or families with children, in which one or more family members experiences a disability that seriously limits their ability to function independently in the community. Households reside in affordable, safe, scattered site apartments throughout the County. Services provided include case management, independent living skills training, access to employment support, budgeting, money management, financial literacy training, parent training, behavioral health services, specialized counseling, Out of Poverty classes, and other services as needed to maximize their independence as well as to improve their quality of life.

[www.catholiccharitiesjoliet.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesjoliet.org)



**Our Vision:** Tonight, everyone eats at a table and sleeps in a bed.

**Our Mission:** Share good things with good people.

### **Why We Exist:**

SC brings together community members by enabling families and businesses to share their gently used furniture and household items with families needing assistance. This is a unique opportunity for the community to directly make an impact by passing on something they no longer need to make a difference in the life of a family.

SC operates out of a 9,000 square foot warehouse and distributes donated furniture and household items to over 6,000 individuals annually. Families served receive over \$1,200 on average, of furniture, household items and clothing.

SC staff works closely with referring partner organizations. Organizations such as domestic violence shelters, housing organizations, food pantries, schools, veteran, and teen parent organizations refer clients to SC after they have determined the need for beds, cribs, furniture and other household items. Fitting with the vision of SC, distribution of cribs and beds for children is a major focus of our programming.

The families served by SC include the previously homeless, unemployed and working poor, veterans, victims of domestic violence, immigrants, individuals with mental or physical disabilities, victims of fire, flood and natural disasters, etc. They have housing, but are faced with the harsh reality that their "home" is empty or severely under-furnished – without cribs and beds for the children, a table, chairs and dishes to share meals, or even a sofa to sit on and relax. Our clients have an average salary of approximately \$12,400 a year for a family of four. After basic expenses such as rent, utilities, food and clothing are paid, there's little if anything left for the common household furnishings most take for granted. These individuals and families must overcome many obstacles on their way to self-sufficiency.

While volunteers play key roles in maintaining the organization of the warehouse, working with clients when they come to choose and pick-up their furniture and picking up furniture in nearby communities, we must fundraise to offset the associated expenses. Our volunteers are a major source of support providing the equivalent of almost 4.5 full-time staff. As a result, we are able to keep our staff and administrative cost at 5% of the organizational budget.

<http://www.sharingconnections.org/>



## **Hesed House**

In the early 1980s, religious leaders of six Aurora churches and other concerned citizens formed a grassroots coalition to shelter, feed and clothe homeless individuals and families found walking the streets in adverse weather conditions. Rotating among the six church halls each night to provide a port in the storm for this struggling group, a core of volunteers prepared and served food at the churches – not just for the lone person who showed up the first night of shelter – but for the growing number of homeless who appeared at church doors each night.

Today, Hesed House is the second largest shelter in the State of Illinois, and the largest shelter outside of the city of Chicago. With the help of professional staff, alliances with outside agencies and 6,000 volunteers from 70 area churches, almost one thousand individuals (including 188 children) are served each year through Hesed House's shelter and three housing programs. Hesed House sees 16 newly homeless individuals each week – that's one new homeless individual every 8 1/2 hours. Hesed House strives to get 16 or 17 individuals out of homelessness each week.

### **Opportunities for Children to Give Back at Hesed House:**

Decorate lunch bags so we can use them for the sack lunches we make our guests! How do I do that? Find some paper lunch bags (brown or white) and some coloring materials. Gather a group of friends or classmates that are feeling creative and go to town! We make about 100 sack lunches per day for our guests to take to school or work, and what is better than a bag that someone wrote a fun message on or colored a cool picture on?

[www.hesedhouse.org](http://www.hesedhouse.org)



## **Ronald McDonald Family Room at Edward Hospital**

### **Providing Hope and Hospitality in the Heart of Naperville**

Our Family Room serves as a haven of respite and hospitality for families whose children and newborns are receiving treatment at the hospital. Located within the pediatric unit, the space provides a home-like atmosphere, allowing families a moment to rest and rejuvenate.

The Family Room is approximately 1,700 square feet and includes two sleep rooms with private bathrooms, a playroom for patients and siblings, a kitchenette, dining tables, television area, two computer stations and multiple sitting areas.

### **'Meals from the Heart' Volunteers**

Families spend long days at the hospital and don't have time to prepare a meal for themselves. Giving these families the chance to sit down to a warm meal is a great way to make Ronald McDonald Family Room truly a 'home away from home' for families who need it most.

Since we are in a hospital setting, all meal donations need to be catered or store purchased/sealed. Possible ways for the community to help provide food for the families include restaurant donated meals or groups sponsoring a catered meal. Donors can plan to provide for 25 people. The gratitude for families for this service is tremendous!

<https://rmhccni.org/ronald-mcdonald-family-room-in-edward-hospital/#>



St. Patrick's Residence Nursing and Rehabilitation is a not-for-profit, 210-bed, long-term care nursing and rehabilitation facility, which is served by the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm who, with their staff, care for the elderly regardless of race, disability, or religious affiliation. St. Patrick's offers physical, emotional and spiritual care delivered through a family of loving caregivers who work together to make the facility an extension of home for all residents and their families.

For over 50 years, the Sisters and their staff have lovingly cared for individuals in their autumn years. Every aspect of care given to those who reside at St. Patrick's reflects the sanctity of life and the dignity of the human spirit.

<http://www.stpatrickresidence.org/>