



CHRISTMAS 2017 ADOPT A FAMILY PROGRAM

This year we have been given a family with three (3) boys and one (1) girl to adopt during the Christmas season. The boys are ages 10, 11, and 12 and the girl is age 13. These children are being raised by a single dad.

As in previous years, I have made cards with suggested items to purchase for the family members. They are tacked to boards located at the front entrance of church.

If you wish to take a card, please be sure to write your name on the sign-up sheet so that I know who has taken which cards.

Items are to be returned UNWRAPPED to Church or Parish Office anytime between now and Sunday, December 10th.

If you have any questions, please give me a call at the Parish Office 473-2217 or home 473-9335.

Signed: Joan Powell

THANK YOU...you so generously donated a total of \$456.00 in the 5th Sunday Collection held on October 28th and 29th. Half was sent to St. Vincent de Paul in Waterloo and half was donated to House of Neighborly Service for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Outreach Programs. I used part of the money to purchase non-perishable food items to fill three baskets, along with three gift certificates from Schuck's (for purchasing a turkey & perishable food items). I delivered these items on Tuesday...families picked up their baskets on Wednesday and Thursday of this past week. The remaining monies will go towards the Christmas Outreach/Adopted Family. I can't begin to thank you enough for your kindness.

Please be sure to turn this flyer over to read what House of Neighborly Service of Monroe County has been doing in recent months.

Signed: Joan Powell, Parish Secretary and HNS Secretary



HOUSE OF NEIGHBORLY SERVICE MONROE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

House of Neighborly Service of Monroe County, Illinois has continued to be very busy during 2017. Below are some of the program highlights.

- First Glass Slipper Ball held on April 27th for our special guests in the Human Support Services community – everyone had so much fun at this magical dinner and dance.
- First Concert Fundraiser – Craig Campbell performed at The Falls on June 9th and all proceeds benefited HNS.
- **Second Concert Fundraiser – will be held on Friday, December 1st when The Long Run, an Eagles Tribute band, will perform at a dinner show at the Falls, with all proceeds to benefit HNS.**
- The Lunch Bunch Program – served lunches over the summer school break from May 22nd to August 10th. Lunches were provided Monday-Thursday and on Thursday each child was given a bag of food items for over the weekend. Books were also handed out to the children coming for lunch. Approximately 3,700 lunches were provided over the 12-week period. The Emergency Food Pantry volunteers put the bags together and approximately 20 bags were given each week for a total of 243 bags. Over 2,750 food and personal hygiene items were distributed during the lunch program.
- Blue Friday Friends – breakfast items are shared with our friends who are First Responders, Firefighters, Sheriff Department members and Police Department members throughout Monroe County. Every Friday, these wonderful workers and volunteers are welcomed to the HNS Office from 9-11am.
- **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! BOGO SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR!**

If you are looking for a great place to do some Christmas shopping, the House of Neighborly Service will be hosting a Buy One Get One Free Scholastic Book Fair at the old firehouse in Waterloo on Main Street! **It will be held Sat., Nov. 25th from 10 to 4, Sun., Nov. 26th from 11 to 4 and Mon., Nov. 27 to Thurs., Nov. 30th from 8 am to 7 pm each day!** This does not raise money for HNS but is a service project. It is a chance for us to collect books to give as Christmas gifts to children in our community this year! This book fair has books for ages Pre-K thru adult and all the little stocking stuffers too! Everything is Buy One Get One Free! Please stop by and get great bargains for Christmas!

Numerous phone calls are received each week at the Help Line or HNS Office Phone Line. Our purpose is to assist these callers, and we do that by referring them to the proper resources and encouraging them to participate in the various programs that HNS sponsors such as the monthly Sharing Cupboard cooking classes and the Job Training programs that have just begun.

HNS couldn't survive and do all the great things they are committed to doing without the support of our members and friends throughout Monroe County. We truly appreciate all your support!!!

If you or someone you know is in need, please call the Help Line at 618/939-8680 or the HNS Office phone 939-8900. The HNS Office is located at 227 B South Main Street; Waterloo and has office hours of 9am-3pm, Monday to Friday.