



SUMMER
2017

DONATIONS

We always appreciate gifts that allow us to further our mission of empowering girls in making healthy personal choices with gift cards from the following:

Hy-Vee for healthy, fresh foods delivered right to our door

Quick Trip for fuel to keep us on the run to all our activities

Target for miscellaneous personal items

We have limited storage for clothing so we ask that you contact us before dropping items off.

Give online at:

www.DorothysHouse.org

Please mail to:

Dorothy's House
PO Box 57672
Des Moines, IA 50317

Or drop off at:

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
8301 Aurora Ave.
Urbandale, Iowa 50322
515-276-1700

Any contribution is appreciated. We are a 501c3 private, not for profit.

NEW EXPERIENCES

This year has been a time of new experiences at Dorothy's House. We had our first return participant, our first referral from a prison and our first non-English speaking participant. We also tested the waters on emergency placements again. Needless to say, the learning curve is steep but our ability to respond continues to improve.

We go to great lengths to prepare for and devise specific programming to meet the needs of each participant uniquely. Census remains our top concern. It seems as if the shame and guilt of asking for help along with the strong pull of independence makes it difficult for participants to make a long term commitment to recovery in one place.

While we anticipate this behavior it is sad to see them go with so much opportunity still ahead of them. This, along with new leadership in the governors mansion and at DHS has us redoubling our efforts at securing approval to work with and care for girls under the age of 18.

It was our initial mission to serve this population and to test the systems of care for girls with specific trauma profiles and we hope to achieve this goal before the end of the year.

Your ongoing support and prayers are greatly appreciated.

RAFFLE FOR LIFE

Fundraising is an ongoing event throughout the year. The Knights of Columbus make that load a little lighter with the Raffle for Life. This is the third year that proceeds from the raffle with benefit Dorothy's House. This



year should be bigger than ever as the Knights have secured a one year promotional lease for a **2018 Lexus RX 350** valued at \$7,500 from Willis Auto Campus as a grand prize.

Check out the complete prize list and get your ticket now! The drawing will be held on December 4th!

<https://olih.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/KCsRaffleforLife-DorothysHouse>

GRATITUDES

Perficut

Perficut has come early for two winters to make sure we are ready for the day after a snowstorm. This year, they added lawncare to the list of support and it's made a big difference in our curb appeal - especially at Gateway. They are passionate about lawn care and have been so compassionate to us and our cause!



Volunteers

Susanne and Qi showed up every week to socialize and provide familiar conversation and friendship to our non-English speaking participant which has been such a relief to her as she works so hard on her English all day!

Julie came back this quarter for more piano lessons.

Phyllis toiled on the farm every week. This job just keeps getting bigger!

Becky, Crystal, Darlene and **LuAnn** graced us with lots of crafts.

Tina provided care and oversight to allow everyone to join our staff meeting.

GARDENS

It was another year of abundance in our gardens although the weather created a variety of different outcomes than we experienced last year. I am so grateful to Phyllis J who showed up regularly to weed, water, harvest and even to pickle some of our beets for us.



This year we formed a relationship with Dogpatch Urban Gardens. Each Thursday we made a produce delivery and they sold our produce along with other local providers.

I encourage you to stop by the Farm Stand at 5085 Meredith Drive to partake in the best produce, meat, cheese and other items all from local producers. We will be announcing our distribution plans for next summer in our fall newsletter later this year.

We will celebrate the completion of the two year development of the farms with Jr. League who funded the effort entirely. We would not be where we are today without their support!



TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

We are going to schedule a training session for volunteers for many of you who have signed up over the summer or any of you who may have missed earlier opportunities or to just get a refresher course.

Think about ways you might want to help, including book club, current events, bible study, media literacy, fiscal fitness, gardening or craft time! Share what you love with our participants. Details to follow.

OKTOBERFEST



Join the Exec. Club on Friday, October 6th at Wakonda Club for Oktoberfest!

<https://midwestix.securemytix.com/event/oktoberfest-dorothy-house-17>

Visit us at www.DorothyHouse.org