

# DeLaCerde House, Inc.



Serving Individuals affected by HIV since 1996

Fall 2016

## HOLIDAYS ARE APPROACHING

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Issue

As many of us look forward to the Holiday Season and spending time with the special people in our lives, DeLaCerde House looks forward to making clients feel special. During this time of year, care and hope are often expressed through meals, gifts, and acts of kindness. We are looking for people or families who would love to express their thoughtfulness to people who are well deserving. DeLaCerde House is asking that you please remember the clients who are served as it is not always easy for them to spend time with their close friends and family. Many clients still find it difficult to be open about their positive status or lifestyle as they continue to find themselves unwelcomed by family, friends, and their community. DeLaCerde House serves up to 13 individuals and 2 families. Although their needs are being met, it would be amazing to have the community show their support this Holiday Season. To sponsor a personalized gift, or to give an item towards their bag of goodies, will be a great way to show your thoughtfulness. If you are interested in providing a personal gift for a client, contact our office directly. Please review the back of the Newsletter to see the list of items that can be used in each client's Holiday gift bag. DeLaCerde House staff and clients, thank you.

- **Holidays are Approaching**
- **New at DLCH**
- **We bought a van!**

### Hearts For Housing

*As DLCH prepares for another night of purpose and pure fun, we welcome items for the silent auction, gift baskets or other creative donations.*



= **Health Care**

**Stable Housing is Healing**

## New AT DELACERDA House

DeLaCerde House has a new **Executive Director**. Please meet, Tiffany Norwood! She comes directly from Humility of Mary Shelter Inc., in Davenport, Iowa where she serviced individuals experiencing homelessness from 2010-2016. She graduated from Western Illinois University in Macomb with a bachelors in Psychology. Tiffany brings knowledge of case management, familiarity with community partnership, and understands the barriers that directly impact self adequacy . DeLaCerde House presents Tiffany with her first experience as an Executive Director and she is eager to connect with clients, acquire grant writing skills, gain awareness of HIV/AIDS, and achieve direction for the agency. She is from Rock Island, Illinois, and expresses serving her community is a responsibility that



**Executive Director**



**Same Cause, New Effort**

Practicing safe sex is a huge factor to decrease the chances of sexually transmitted diseases and contracting HIV/AIDS. Well, to assist with this practice, DeLaCerde House is trying something new. Condoms are available for anyone to obtain. A basket of condoms will be kept in the entry of the office for individuals to conveniently take in a discreet manor. Making condoms available reminds individuals of the importance of their health and to make a conscious choice to protect themselves and their partner. If you would like to directly contribute to the cause, please bring your donation of boxed condoms to our office.



## Special Recognition

DeLaCerde House would like to give a special acknowledgement to Matthew Gibson, of Chicago, Illinois, for his generous donation, which made the purchase of the agency vehicle possible.

Thank you City of Rock Island, for making vehicles accessible for nonprofits to purchase.

The Wal-Mart Store located on Elmore Avenue in Davenport, Iowa awarded DeLaCerde House a grant. The grant supports DLCH efforts to keep the van operating and address

## We Bought A Van!

The lack of transportation is a barrier for many to access proper health care, availability of employment, connections to mainstream resources, and education opportunities. DLCH recognizes how transportation directly interferes with client's progress to move forward and successfully complete goals. We continue to make efforts to eliminate this significant barrier by striving to provide effective and sufficient services to all participants, which includes having reliable transportation.

Case managers at DLCH have provided ongoing transportation by using their personal vehicles until recently. On September 9, 2016, DLCH was able to purchase its first agency vehicle. It is a 1999 Plymouth Voyager and was purchased from the City of Rock Island. The City of Rock Island previously announced in the Dispatch Argus that surplus city vehicles were made available for purchase to all nonprofits located in the city of Rock Island.

Owning a vehicle requires maintenance, which is why DLCH is seeking a skilled mechanic. The van is running great now, but would like to have a person who will repair and maintain our pride and joy at a non-profit price. Call or email us with contact information if you, or someone you know, is willing to support us with this need.

## Keep In Mind:

When making donations or purchasing tickets for our upcoming Hearts for Housing Dinner, please make checks payable to DeLaCerde House, Inc.

The Holidays and cold weather are approaching, here are items that are needed to gift or give as necessities to clients: towels, bedding, hygiene items, kitchenware, cleaning supplies, trash bags, socks, winter gear, water bottles, lip chap, and boots just to give ideas .

DLCH is always seeking ways to enhance services and utilize community organizations to bridge gaps. If your agency has a service that can benefit our clients, please contact us to discuss the possibilities.

## Contact Us

Give us a call for more information about our services or to inform the agency of opportunity information.

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