



Hearts For Housing 2017

DeLaCerde House, Inc. held its annual Hearts for Housing Dinner on April 1, 2017. The event was a success and allowed us to showcase the ongoing need of services and housing for the families and individual we continue to serve each and everyday. DeLaCerde House, Inc. is pleased to have dedicated and excited donors to acknowledge the importance of its mission. We want to thank you for taking one night to make a difference for so many in this community. Although advancements have been made in HIV/AIDS treatment and people are living healthier lives, this disease continues to affect people in our community. According to Rock Island Health Department there were a total of 20 new HIV positive cases during 2016. This shows that our services are relevant and needed for the ongoing support for individuals and families affected. So well done to our supporters and to every hand that was used to make the Hearts for Housing event a success. As we continue our mission to serve, we look forward to increasing our responsiveness and understanding of every client need.



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Celebrating Another Year of Service

Disaster Plan in Affect

You know the saying “Prepare for the worse, but hope for the best,” well that’s exactly what we decided to do. We recognize that we can not prepare for everything, however having a plan in the event of a disaster is being responsible to our client, the agency and staff. We accepted the opportunity from the Nonprofit Disaster Preparedness grant from the Community Foundation of the Great River Bend to develop and implement a disaster plan. The grant not only provided the funds to purchase necessary items for an emergency kits, but assisted with developing a plan to handle a disaster. The emergency kits are filled with items to use during a tornado or environmental hazard and we also purchased emergency escape ladders. Our action plan includes meeting locations, temporary housing, notification for replacement medications, and a backup location to operate the agency. Also, thank you to two local shelters in the Quad Cities for being a part of our disaster plan in the event emergency shelter is needed. This disaster plan showed us how to improve our agency’s approach to respond and survive a significant disruption. If ever needed, we hope this effort positions us to be as equipped as possible during a time when chaos and uncertainty is

Birdies For Charity

John Deere Classic is right around the corner! This event not only brings excitement to our golf lovers, but to many charities in the Quad City Area. Birdies For Charity is a fun way to give. Simply pledge your dollar or cent amount that you would like to donate for every birdie completed during the John Deere Classic. That amount becomes your contribution. Although you make a pledge now, your contribution does not need to be submitted until the end of July. You also have the option to pledge a one time gift. DeLaCerde House, Inc. is enclosing a pledge form for you to make this hot summer golf event a cool way to support our agency and the services we provide. We thank you in advance!

“Chip in for your Charity.”

Farewell to Our Board President of Nine Years

Mr. David Cahoon (Dave), who has been the board President for the last nine years of DeLaCerde House, Inc. has decided to make a change in his life, which will lead to a change for DeLaCerde House, Inc. Dave has shown his deep commitment and expressed his love for the agency during his years of leadership. He has always provided competence and a well rounded perspective for the agency.

We are thrilled to have Mary Newcomb become Board President, as she previously served as Vice President. Mary has an extensive history in Social Work and is an instructor for the University of Iowa, Masters School of Social Work Program of the Quad Cities.

Although there is a change in guidance, Dave's involvement was valuable and will not go unnoticed. Dave would like you to know "Change is needed to allow new ideas. Change allows a new style of leadership to influence the direction of the agency. I truly believe DeLaCerde House is in a better position than when I started nine years ago.

I'm confident the board, and staff are advancing DeLaCerde House. Because of this confidence, I'm stepping aside as president, and retiring from the board. No, there are no underlying reasons. I believe it is in the best interests of the agency to let it continue growing. I've always served to the best of my ability, and am quite humbled by the confidence many have put in me. There are many dear memories I will hold closely.

I applaud the consistent support of the donors and staff to meet the ongoing needs of the agency. My passion for the mission of DeLaCerde House will continue as I support the agency from the outside."

Thank you for this opportunity to serve as President of DeLaCerde House."

Most Cordially,



Keep In Mind:

When making donations, please make checks payable to DeLaCerde House, Inc.

The summer is approaching, here a list of items for client needs: towels, water bottles, sun glasses, tennis shoes, sandals, shorts, bedding, hygiene items, kitchenware, cleaning supplies, trash bags, socks, lip chap, just to give you an idea. However if you have other gently used items that can benefit a client apartments or fill a personal need please don't hesitate to contact our office.

DLCH is always seeking ways to enhance services by utilizing community organizations to bridge gaps. If your agency or you are aware other services that can improve services, please contact us with your suggestion.

Contact Us

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

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