

STEWARDSHIP OF CHARITY

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HOUSE OF NEIGHBORLY SERVICES



Charitable organization formed to assist needy families in the Monroe County, IL area and provide a clearinghouse for other charitable organizations in the area. Programs include: emergency food pantry, rent or utility assistance, Thanksgiving baskets, Christmas Adopt-a-Family, Summer lunch program for children, job and financial coaching.

SHARE: PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS



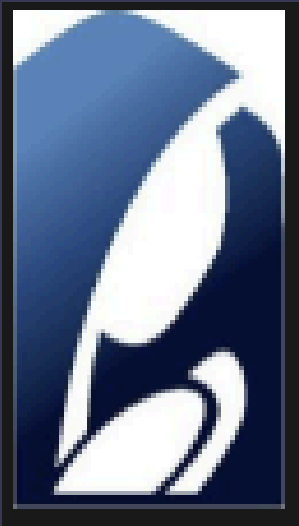
In the Fall of 1977, Sr. Jane Marie Lamb, OSF, began SHARE to aid bereaved families. Within 4 months, the first support group formed and SHARE grew steadily under Sr. Jane's leadership and dedication. Dr. Glen Davidson, professor at SIU School of Medicine, helped her change the way perinatal grief was handled. SHARE has trained 765 medical professionals and caregivers for families who have experienced the death of a baby, and made online training opportunities available. SHARE supports the Southeastern IL region parents, grandparents, and family members with bedside counseling, phone and face-to-face support, group meetings, resource packages, comfort kits, community support groups, and memorial events.



BIKING FOR BABIES



Biking for Babies serves unborn children and families who've been deprived of the dignity of a good life through abortion. Young people serve as missionaries, on the bike and in the support vehicle, to witness to the goodness of life that all deserve.



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ST. ANNE CRADLE OF HOPE

St. Anne Cradle of Hope is a nonprofit Catholic organization that provides material and spiritual assistance to pregnant women and families with young children. We seek to save lives and strengthen families by helping a mother know that she and her baby are loved and valued. At St. Anne Cradle of Hope, we strive to work with other Christians in the community, and together provide material assistance to anyone in need by distributing diapers, wipes, formula, bathing necessities, clothing, and other items for mother and child. We seek to help pregnant women in the community choose life for their babies by providing practical assistance and emotional support while sharing God's love and plan for their lives. We are committed to upholding the Sanctity of Human Life and demonstrating the love of Christ.



HUMAN SUPPORT SERVICES



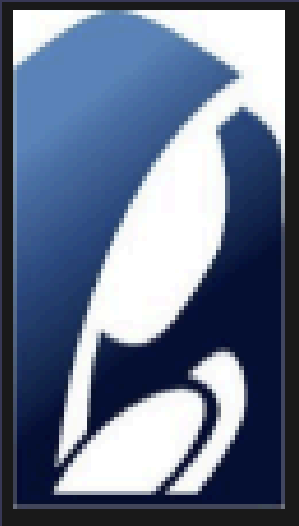
Provides essential services in Monroe County: outpatient mental health counseling, substance use support, 24/7 crisis response, and residential and vocational programs



MADDISON RODRIGUEZ MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

The Maddison Rodriguez Memorial Foundation initiative is to "Give back to the Metro East Community that Maddi was such a huge part of all while keeping Maddison's memory alive and in her Honor." Funds raised stay within the Metro East Community and are donated to causes Maddi was passionate about. A list of recipients in the past are: 1. Belleville East HS Softball Program 2. Zion Lutheran Church Youth Group 3. Luella's Lodge (Bereaved Parents Retreats) 4. Salvation Army - Angel Tree 5. Karla Smith Foundation (Youth Mental Health Group) 6. Gateway Pet Guardians 7. Kaleo-Student Mobilization (an opportunity for developing in their leadership, character and FAITH). Plus many more.





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■ ■ ■ OUR BROTHERS' KEEPERS OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS



Our Brothers Keepers of Southern Illinois (OBK) was founded by Fr. Christian Reuter, OFM, Russell Peterson, Lou Slapshak and Bishop Stanley Scharman, and is a faith-inspired organization dedicated to the full inclusion of former individuals in custody (returning citizens) in the St. Clair County, Illinois community. OBK assists returning citizens through an array of reentry services, including, but not limited to, peer counseling, life and employment skills training, and referrals to supportive services. OBK reaches out to other social and human service providers, faith communities, government agencies, and to businesses, to help in achieving a successful transition for their clients.

RESIDENTS ENCOUNTER CHRIST ■ ■ ■

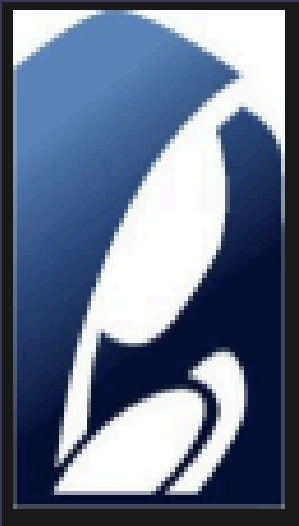
Residents Encounter Christ - prison ministry of the Catholic Church- Through the Guidance of the Holy Spirit to provide an opportunity for the incarcerated to personally encounter Jesus Christ within themselves and others by witnessing and experiencing Christian community.



■ ■ ■ REEL RECOVERY



Reel Recovery was founded in 2003 by a group of avid fly-fishers, inspired by their fishing buddy's ongoing battle with brain cancer. Witnessing first-hand the beneficial impact fly-fishing provided their friend, they created Reel Recovery to give the same opportunity for other men battling the disease. Combining expert fly-fishing instruction with directed courageous conversations, the organization offers men with all forms of cancer a unique opportunity to share their stories, learn a new skill, form lasting friendships and gain renewed hope as they confront the challenges of cancer. Reel Recovery is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. They operate on fundraising activities and donations. It is through these efforts that the retreat is free of charge for anyone attending, so men who are already dealing with the hardships of cancer don't have to face financial barriers too. We work to give these men the break they desperately need.



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LYDIA'S HOUSE



Lydia's House provides domestic violence survivors and their children a safe place to heal, a voice for justice, and an opportunity for better and sustainable lives.

GLENMARY HOME MISSIONERS



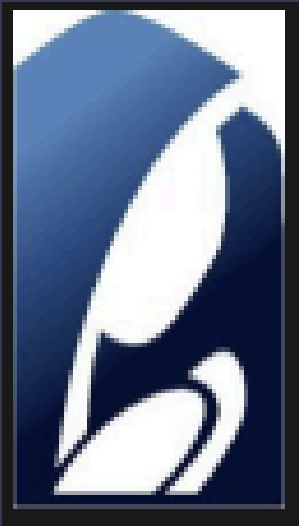
Glenmary Home Missioners is a Catholic religious group of priests, brothers and sisters. They were established in 1939 and provide spiritual and social needs of the underserved Catholic communities in rural Appalachia. Since they were established, they have had over 120 missions and currently service 20 active missions. Their goals are to serve the Catholic populations and unchurched, feed the hungry spiritually and literally, build churches, share God's word and create community (i.e. food pantries, house repairs, medical assistance and guidance) . They have fostered strong lay support in their communities so that eventually the churches can be turned over and sustained within the local diocese. Their presence came to the forefront at St. Michael's parish in Erwin , N.C. after the most recent hurricane there. We encourage you to visit their website at www.glenmary.org and watch a video of this most valuable organization.



CHRISTIAN APPALACHIAN PROJECT



To Provide Hungry and Homeless Children with Warm Clothing and Other Services.



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■ ■ ■ TREE HOUSE OF GREATER ST. LOUIS

Luke 14:13: "But when you give a reception, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind." These are the clients of TREE House. Imagine a family with no financial resources and having a child with cerebral palsy or some other disability affecting mobility. TREE House makes it possible to receive services such as physical, occupational and speech therapies while engaged in therapeutic horsemanship. The science behind their success: the gait of a human and a horse are the same. Therefore, while riding, muscles are strengthened, and balance and coordination are improved. One client told me that the only place he felt free from his wheelchair was riding a horse. One parent told me that their daughter was never expected to learn to speak until they heard her say the name of her horse! I invite you to help the poor, crippled, lame and blind. All have received services from TREE House since 1975. Located in Wentzville, Missouri, and serving clients throughout the Bi-state area, including Monroe County.



DE GREEFF HOSPICE HOUSE (OF MERCY HOSPITAL SOUTH) ■ ■ ■

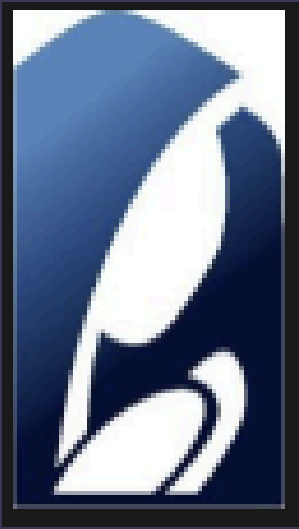
The de Greeff Hospice House of Mercy Hospital South has been providing peace, comfort, and dignity to patients and their families when needed most in a spiritual and calming space for 25 years. They are committed to serving them regardless of financial means. In 2024, they served 680 patients, honored 149 Veterans, and conducted 91 grief support groups with a total attendance of 996 grieverers. Approximately 60 patients received charity care assistance.



■ ■ ■ OASIS INTERNATIONAL

Resettlement to the United States is a long process that can take months, even years. Their journey is rarely easy, and when they do finally receive approval, that's only the beginning. Then, they are faced with the equally difficult task of getting their bearings in a brand new city. Oasis International has spent the last 15 years partnering with businesses, churches, and individuals to love refugees by giving them the resources they need to have a fresh start. Together they are providing furniture, housing, clothing, English and citizenship classes, community events, and more.





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THE BACKSTOPPERS, INC.



Provide ongoing needed financial assistance and support to spouses and dependent children of all police officers, firefighters and EMTs who lost lives or suffered catastrophic injury in line of duty.

SWEET BABIES



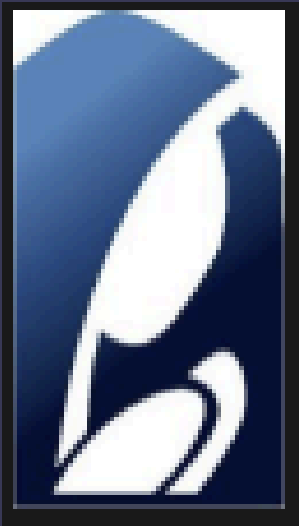
In August 2021, Alice Provanznik, a longtime volunteer at SSM Health (formerly St. Mary's in Richmond Heights), saw a need after learning that nurses were going to garage sales to buy baby clothes, then laundering and giving them to new mothers needing assistance with basic clothing items for new babies. Alice, a mother and grandmother, could not accept the thought of babies without clothes or blankets, so she asked family, friends, schools and members of her church to help these mothers and delivered the items to SSM Health, and the program has grown over the years. The Mother and Baby program now provides approximately 150 items for newborns in need, helps more than 1,500 families per year, and has served more than 10,000 families in the last decade. The Safe Sleep program provides a kit to educate families and provide what is needed to ensure infants have a safe sleep environment. The Outreach program provides essentials to other organizations with similar missions.



LIFE NETWORK OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS



Life Network is a Christ-centered pregnancy resource center located in Waterloo and Red Bud, Illinois. Life Network provides free and confidential services to anyone in need of our various services. Services offered range from medical grade pregnancy testing, STI testing/treatment, pregnancy options counseling, childbirth and breastfeeding classes taught by RNs, parenting classes, baby supplies to professional counseling services.



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■■■ ILLINOIS CENTER FOR AUTISM



The Illinois Center for Autism (ICA) is a not-for-profit, community-based, mental health treatment, and educational agency dedicated to serving people with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). Referrals are made through local school districts, hospitals, doctors, and the Department of Human Services. Our goal is to educate and serve children and adults with autism to help them achieve their highest level of independence in their home, school, and community. We offer a variety of programs designed to help individuals from 3 years old to adulthood.

WORLD CENTRAL KITCHEN

In the early 1990's, Jose Andres moved from his native Spain to the United States. He became a naturalized citizen of the U.S. in 2013. He is a world-renown chef and author who believes that food is a universal right and can help heal communities during and following disasters, has spoken about the importance of reducing food waste, and believes that chefs can help people eat well and make healthy choices. Jose founded World Central Kitchen (WCK) in 2010 to help supply food to survivors of the Haitian earthquake. Since that time, WCK has provided meals to those affected by disasters, natural and man-made throughout the world. To help bring about a sense of normalcy, WCK emphasizes the preparation of food traditional to the disaster-affected areas. In 2024 alone, WCK supported families impacted by conflict, hurricanes, wildfires, tsunamis, and other natural disasters in 20 countries, providing over 109 million meals. As of December, their teams were working on the ground in Ukraine, Gaza, Lebanon, Mayotte, Egypt, Spain, and North Carolina. Unfortunately, working in disaster zones, particularly in war-torn areas, can be hazardous. In April 2024, seven WCK workers representing six different countries were killed in Gaza. Still, the work goes on. For example, about two dozen locations for distributing meals have been established around the sites of the California wildfires.

