

Special Recognition

2010 Governor's Volunteers Awards

The Governor's Volunteer Awards Program was created in 1982 to help Iowa nonprofits recognize exceptional volunteers for their commitment, service, and time. It is an honor and privilege to recognize the following individuals and group with the Shelter House 2010 Governor's Volunteer Award:

Dottie Persson has served on the Shelter House Board of Directors for nine years. For six of these years she has served as the President of the Board. During her tenure, Dottie has served in many capacities providing everything from an evening meal at the shelter, to staffing overnight shifts at the Overflow Program, raising awareness and being an advocate locally on the issues of mental illness and homelessness to leading the Shelter House Board through a time of significant challenge and growth. Through her leadership, Dottie has ensured that Shelter House stayed the course during five years of legal opposition to the construction of a new shelter facility.

Gay Mikelson has served on the Shelter House Board of Directors for seven years. For many of these years she has served as the Treasurer of the Board. During her years of service, Gay has served evening meals at the shelter, staffed overnight shifts at the Overflow Program, organized the annual benefit potluck through her faith community and delivered donated household items to men and women as they move out of the shelter and into their own homes. She has provided continuity of leadership and vision for Shelter House during very challenging times.

Jim McCue has volunteered for Shelter House for nearly two decades. He served eleven years on the Board of Directors. For many of these years he served as an officer in the capacity of Secretary. During his tenure on the Board Jim helped build this organization from the ground up—shepherding this organization from one run primarily by volunteers to one with paid staff, building financial capacity, creating structure and continuity. He continues to volunteer for Shelter House today by staffing the office two mornings each week. He supports the staff by answering the

phones, sorting the mail, and helping with general hospitality responding to clients' questions and concerns.

As a member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church, **Tom Shepherd** volunteered 90 of the 100 nights hosted by St. Mark's over the life of the Overflow Program. This meant that he staffed the church staying up through the night to ensure that someone was awake and available at all times. Tom's efforts combined with hundreds of other volunteers throughout our community ensured that hundreds of men and women who had nowhere but the street to turn, instead were provided a warm and safe place to sleep on the coldest of winter nights.

The Iowa City Junior Service League (ICJSL) has volunteered for Shelter House for five years. The members of the ICJSL have engaged in volunteer activities ranging from helping with the evening meal at the shelter, to fundraising, in-kind donation drives and membership on the Shelter House Board of Directors. They have initiated two major annual fundraising events (Holiday Home Tours and the Solstice Stride). It is through such events that the ICJSL raised \$50,000 for the children's play and study rooms in the new shelter facility.

Through their gifts of time, treasure, and talent, these men and women have advanced the mission of Shelter House and in so doing have made a difference in the lives of hundreds of men, women, and children experiencing homelessness in our community. Indeed, they have improved the health, safety and well-being of the greater community. Their enthusiasm, generosity, genuine concern and caring lifts our spirits and fortifies us. On behalf of everyone at Shelter House, thank you!

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A Big Thank You to Quality Care

Remember all the snow last winter? Well, the shelter had an angel that took care of removing the snow for the shelter all winter long. We thank and recognize Quality Care for selecting Shelter House as part of their 2009/2010 Snow Angels program. This program was established to grant snow and ice removal services free of charge to select nonprofits in order to help mitigate their operation costs over the winter months and help provide safe and clear access. Thank you Quality Care!

Hats Off to Mike Bray

A special thank you goes to Mike Bray who has called the Shelter once a month for the past 11 years. He called to ask what toiletries and over-the-counter drugs were needed at the shelter. The staff would give Mike a list of items that were running low such as anti-acids, aspirin, ibuprofen, shaving and first aid supplies, and other miscellaneous toiletries. Mike would then go out, purchase, and deliver the supplies to the Shelter. His generosity and thoughtfulness have been greatly appreciated by both staff and clients. Our hats are off to Mike!