

# Emergency Shelter of the Fox Valley

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#### Our Mission

The mission of the Emergency Shelter of the Fox Valley is to provide temporary shelter to homeless individuals and families in a safe environment, while providing guidance to those both homeless and at-risk that promotes independence.

## Holiday Blessings!

The hustle and bustle of the holiday season is finally upon us. At the Emergency Shelter of the Fox Valley, we are reminded of the sad truth of poverty — 75 pairs of eyes filled with thoughts of home and 75 hearts wondering where they may be this late December. While our holiday wish list is filled with items that some may deem small and somewhat insignificant, **we are grateful.** This sentiment is seen and heard on the morning of Christmas at the shelter: from a jolly resident greeting every passerby with a “HO! HO! HO!,” to the sound of wrapping paper being torn off gifts, to the warm and silent smiles that are passed in the dining room over dinner. All these moments are shared during the bittersweet time of a holiday spent in the shelter. Being far from home or separated from their families, our residents form a “holiday family” where they can share bliss, smiles and their best holiday spirit.



We call on you, our partners and our cheerleaders, to help make the holidays cheery and bright around the shelter. Your financial contribution of any size reminds our residents that WE are rooting for them. The support we receive from people like you helps us provide shelter and services to those who are homeless or at-risk of becoming homeless.

We are also in need of gifts for our adult residents. Those few moments they spend opening gifts is a memory they can rest upon and allows them to forget, for a little while, that they are in crisis. Please review our holiday wish list on page 3 of this newsletter for gift ideas. Our families will participate in the Salvation Army’s Adopt-a-Family program, so toys and other gifts for children should be donated to the Salvation Army.

Together, our community can make a difference.

# ESFV 6th Annual Benefit Gala Raises \$85,000

Thank you to everyone who helped make the ESFV's 6th Annual Benefit a record-breaking event:

- **Menasha Corporation** for a \$20,000 Challenge Grant, which helped raise the most ever during the services auction.
- The sponsors who provided generous financial support including those listed below as well as those businesses that purchased tables and made financial contributions.
- The over 100 organizations and individuals who donated silent and live items. And the individuals and businesses who donated wine for our "mystery wine" auction.
- Committee members, **Kevin Brown, Yvette Dunlap, Marcia Erdman, Linda Esten, Jean Haese, Emily Henderson, Brenda Klister, Liz Neuman and Patty Van Ryzin**, for their hard work in orchestrating this year's event.
- Emcee **Liz Neuman**, Auctioneer **Les Van Eperen** and speakers **Kurt Eggebrecht, Dan Neufelder and Ramon & Felicitas Garcia. Mike Pope and J.J. Anshus** for their moving performance of John Lennon's *Imagine*.
- **Kimberly-Clark NEON** volunteers for providing volunteer support the night of the event.
- And the 170 guests who contributed generously and helped achieve \$85,000 in net proceeds to provide shelter and services to those who are homeless or at-risk.



The event commemorated the ESFV's 30th anniversary and was a success thanks to the donation of time, talent and treasure of so many people. The funds raised will help to pay down the ESFV line of credit. Please mark your calendar for the 7th Annual Benefit Gala: November 13, 2012.

## 2011 Gala Sponsors

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## Faces of the Shelter

This year's Gala featured a slide show of faces that have benefited from your support during the ESFV's 30-year history. The slide show was set to a live performance of John Lennon's *Imagine* by Mike Pope. Here are a selection of images that were featured. We encourage you to view the slide show in its entirety at: <http://www.youtube.com/user/esfv81>. You can also view a testimonial from Joe, one of our former clients.



## Fall Events Raise Funds & Awareness for the Emergency Shelter

### Meatball Dinner

The Grand Chute Lions Club, one of the ESFV's volunteer dinner groups, are famous at the shelter for their meatballs. The meatballs are so popular that the Lions keep track of the record number consumed in one sitting. To generate funds for a much needed refrigerator at the shelter, the Lions decided to hold a fundraiser at the American Legion featuring their famous meatball dinner. The event, held in October, was a success and raised \$1,444 to purchase a new refrigerator.



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### Music for a Cause

On October 29, the ESFV partnered with the Fox Valley Symphony Orchestra Association to generate support for both organizations. The ESFV recruited its constituents to attend the concert, and in return, received 75 percent of every ticket sold using the code word "shelter." 35 tickets were sold and the ESFV raised \$832.50 from this special event. Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket!

## ESFV HOLIDAY WISH LIST

### GIFT CARDS:

Wal-Mart	Restaurants
Fleet Farm	ShopKo
Express Gas Cards	Home Depot
Valley Transit Bus Passes	Grocery Store
Office Depot	

### ECONOMICAL ITEMS & GIFT IDEAS:

Laundry Baskets & 18 Gallon Totes	Shredders – cross-cut
Bath Towels	Portable Music Players
Twin Size Sheet Sets (Pillow Case, Flat & Fitted Sheet)	Game Books – Sudoku, Crosswords, Wordsearch
Twin Size Blankets	Drawing pads, yarn for knitting, books, gift type items
Socks & Underwear (Adult Men/Women: All Sizes)	Watches (Men's & Women's)
Body Soap/Wash, Foot Powder	Appointment Books
Alarm Clocks	Electronic hand held games
Baby Monitors & Batteries	Flashlights (w/ batteries)
Baby Wipes, Diapers – size 4,5,6	Roadside Emergency Car Kits
Paper towel & Napkins	Vacuums (New-Full Size)

Please leave gifts unwrapped so our volunteers can assemble packages based on each person's needs. Laundry baskets or 18 gallon totes serve as gift boxes and are used by residents. We would appreciate donations of these, as well.

**THANK YOU!**



*Serving homeless families and individuals in  
the Fox Valley since 1981.*

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## J.J. Keller Foundation Challenge Update

### We did it!

Thanks to the generosity of **254 donors**, the Emergency Shelter of the Fox Valley met the **\$50,000 Challenge issued by the J.J. Keller Foundation**. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this effort, every donation made a difference in helping us reach our goal.

Your support and the support of the J.J. Keller Foundation comes at a crucial time. We are experiencing the highest demand for services in our 30 year history and increased expenses as a result. Every dollar is vital in helping us reach the needs of those who are homeless or at-risk of becoming homeless in our community.

**J. J. Keller**  
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