

News from the road home

Summer 2015

5th Annual Families Moving Forward Celebration Sunday, August 23, 2015

What happens to families when they leave The Road Home? Our volunteers, board, staff, and contributors are excited to celebrate the accomplishments of our families. This celebration is an opportunity to support and honor our families who have moved beyond homelessness to reach new milestones in their lives. We will be highlighting their successes in housing, education and employment, while enjoying good food, good company and fun activities and crafts for children 3 years and older. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

Families Moving Forward is a great way for volunteers and donors to see the impact of their generosity.

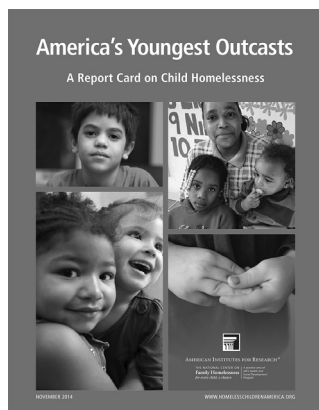
Our celebration will be held at the Warner Park Community Recreation Center, 1625 Northport Drive, from 12:30 pm-2:30 pm. The presentation highlighting our families' accomplishments will begin at 1:15 pm. We hope to see you there!

RSVP - by August 15, 2015 - call 608-294-7998, ext. 312
or email: Takishaj@trhome.org



This year's celebration is proudly sponsored by:

CUNA Mutual Group, UW Health & Unity Insurance, National Guardian Life, Alliant Energy Foundation, McGladrey, MetaStar, The Great Dane Pub & Brewing Company and Naviant.



New Report Released on Homeless Children

The February 2015 America's Youngest Outcasts report by the American Institutes for Research/The National Center on Family Homelessness reveals some somber facts on homeless children. According to their report, "One in thirty in the U.S. or 2.5 million children were homeless during the 2012-2013 school year. This is an historic high in the number of homeless children in the U.S. From 2012-2013, the number of children experiencing homelessness increased by 8% nationally."

For the full report, which documents the number of homeless children in every state, their well-being, their risk for child homelessness, and state level planning and policy efforts, go to <http://www.homelesschildrenamerica.org/mediadocs/282.pdf>

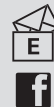
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Upcoming Events

Please join us at our office for a **Homes for Families Tour** to learn more about how The Road Home changes the lives of homeless families. During these short, powerful, and informative tours, you will learn about family homelessness in our community and how The Road Home is working to help families transform their lives. We invite you to meet us and to see our work firsthand. This is not a fund-raiser and we guarantee it will only last 59 minutes!

2015 Tour dates

Wednesday, August 19, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 8, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 22, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 7, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 20, 6:30 p.m.

For more tour dates, check our website: www.trhome.org.

The Road Home Tour goes "On the Road"

Can't make it to a tour at our office?
We'll come to you! Please contact us
at 608-294-7998 to schedule a tour.

Mark Your Calendars:

Sunday, August 23, 2015

Families Moving Forward Celebration

November 5, 2015

11th Annual Homes for Families Breakfast

7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m. at the
Alliant Energy Center.

Remembering Board Member Dave Michael

It is with great sorrow that we share the news of Rev. David Michael's passing. Dave was involved with The Road Home for over 16 years. He served on the board for many years, including President from 2011-2013 and helped lead the capital campaign to raise money for The

Road Home to create affordable housing. He was passionate about our mission and was a true advocate for the staff and the families we serve. Dave's sense of humor often brought a smile to people's faces. He will be greatly missed and always remembered.

THE ROAD HOME RECEIVES GENEROUS GRANT SUPPORT

These foundations and organizations have recently awarded grants in support of The Road Home.

Madison Rotary Foundation: \$6,500 for direct services in our Shelter Program that help homeless families and their children overcome barriers to housing and reach their goals.

Madison South Rotary Foundation: \$1,000 for a Summer Activities Fund to underwrite fees for 15 formerly homeless children in our Housing & Hope apartments.

Madison West Kiwanis: \$1,000 for emergency rental assistance for those families who are struggling to make ends meet and face an additional financial crisis such as a job loss.

The Cap Times Kids Fund: \$3,000 for a Children's Activity Fund so homeless and formerly homeless children throughout our programs can enroll in camps and activities that meet their individual needs and interests.

The Evjue Foundation, Inc., the charitable arm of The Capital Times: \$10,000 for the Bright Future in-home counseling program to help formerly homeless children and their families in our housing programs improve their functioning at home, school, work and in the community.

Madison4Kids: \$1,000 to purchase mulch for a new Housing & Hope playground.

Magic Pebble Foundation: \$10,000 for general support.

Thank you to these funders and all donors for their generosity and commitment to The Road Home.

TEAM UP TO END HOMELESSNESS

You can help The Road Home raise critical funds for our programs and services as a **Table Host** for the **11th Annual Homes for Families Free Fundraising Breakfast on Thursday, Nov. 5, at 7:30 a.m. in the Exhibition Hall of Alliant Energy Center.** Our Hosts are the most essential element in ensuring the success of this event and engaging

others in our mission to move families from homelessness to housing. Invite your business associates, neighbors, family, friends, members of your congregation and fellow volunteers to join you for this impactful hour. Sponsorships for this event are also available. For more information on how you can help, please contact Peggy Halloran at 294-7998, x. 311 or peggyh@trhome.org.

DID YOU KNOW?

73% of cities turned away homeless families with children because no beds were available.*

*The US Conference of Mayors, 2014 Status Report on Hunger and Homelessness.

2014 Family Holiday Sponsors Additions

We apologize for missing some sponsors in our last newsletter. For an updated listing of sponsors, please see the Spring Newsletter on our website.

Why We Give

By National Guardian Life

National Guardian Life Insurance Company is honored to work with the folks at The Road Home. This organization's goal is to help families journey from homelessness and hopelessness to independence.

We all know that life can throw us a curve and sometimes, through circumstances we cannot control, we find ourselves out of options and no place to turn. When children you love and care for are involved, the situation can become dire. The Road Home embraces families in situations like this and through the amazing programs that they offer, families begin to see a light at the end of the dark tunnel.

Hope is provided by amazing case managers, all of whom work tirelessly to find and provide individualized solutions for each family. Hope is provided by the many area congregations' facilities that provide temporary shelter. It is provided by the dedicated van drivers that help



Elizabeth Barden, Corporate Giving Administrator and Mark Solverud, President and CEO from NGL

transport kids to school so that they can remain in the school where they once lived. Hope is also provided everyday by the program staff, administration and volunteers! They never give up finding solutions that work for each individual client.

NGL is proud to support The Road Home and will continue to partner with them to help provide the resources needed to continue the

work of changing the lives of homeless families with children; making a lasting impact on the lives of their clients and the community as a whole.

Elizabeth Barden
Corporate Giving Administrator
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Newsletter Update

In order to conserve precious resources, both paper and funds, The Road Home is moving toward providing the newsletter electronically. This will also allow us to provide more timely information to you. We will NOT

send frequent email communications – only the newsletter and an occasional update. As with all personal information, we will not sell or share your email address.

Please help us by sending your current email address to Sheila Kirschbaum, Business/Development Coordinator at sheilak@trhome.org.

HELP OUR CHILDREN GET READY FOR SCHOOL!!

The Road Home is collecting school supplies for 175 children in our housing and shelter programs and you can help.

Over the next few weeks as you shop for supplies for your own children and grandchildren or are in a store that sells these school supplies, please consider purchasing the following items:

Elementary:

Small boxes of tissue
Colored pencils
Crayons (24 box)
Glue sticks
Markers (washable)
Rounded scissors

Middle and High School:

Spiral notebooks (college ruled)
Pocket folders
College ruled paper
12 inch ruler (with Metric)
#2 pencils
Blue/black ball point pens
Calculator (with +/- key)
Zipper binder



Supplies will be distributed at our annual Families Moving Forward Celebration on Aug. 23 at Warner Park. Please drop off your donations at The Road Home office, 128 E. Olin Ave., Ste. 202, Madison by **Monday, August 18**. Our office is open every day of the week from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Thank you for helping children prepare for a successful school year!

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Dear Road Home,

My 11 year-old daughter and I came to Madison in August 2013 with nothing but a few bags in my hand. I was fleeing an abusive relationship. After staying a total of 10 months between DAIS and The Salvation Army, we were accepted into the House-ability program. A week after being accepted, I moved into my new apartment in June 2014.

The program has been very beneficial with helping me manage and pay my bills. My weekly visits with my case manager, Sami, have been a huge support. The program has a lot of compassion and understanding. It gives you a chance to live.

Since starting the program, my now 13-year-old daughter has completed the 7th grade, and my 18-year-old son graduated high school and is holding down a good job. I currently have 2 jobs and am going to school to open an elderly day care. I'm a proud grandmother of 7 with 2 on the way. I'm going to a wonderful church with a wonderful pastor and his wife. They are my supports along with my family.

My daughter and I have had to overcome some great struggles, but with the program and God, still we stand. We are very grateful to The Road Home and the House-ability program. It has really been a blessing!

Rashawn and Kennetha



Rashawn and her daughter Kennetha

Wish List

Diapers/pull ups

Baby wipes

Cleaning supplies

Paper towels

Toilet paper

Bars of soap

Feminine hygiene products

Hair-care products designed for African-American hair

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