

## Our Mission

Stephen Center partners with the community, families and individuals to overcome homelessness, addiction and poverty.



### More Than A Homeless Shelter

Winter 2011

## Time to Break the Cycle



**H**i, my name is Ruth. I am a 44 year old college educated woman. I am intelligent, witty and smart. I am also homeless. How, you may ask, could such a thing happen to someone smart and intelligent. Well, I will tell you. I was born the youngest in a family of 11 children – six boys and five girls. Ours was a very traditional, dysfunctional family. My father was a classic alcoholic. Four of the six boys have been on drugs and all of my sisters, including myself have tried to commit suicide at least once.

If you have never been in an alcoholic family, you have never experienced real chaos. My mother, whom I loved very dearly, was and is the smartest person I've ever known. She is also the person who taught me co-dependency.

Whenever my brothers had problems stemming from drug addiction or some other life crisis, we all stopped our lives and ran to help. When you constantly help others with their life, your life tends to go to hell. You also become addicted to crisis and avoid your own issues.

Someone once told me the first things we learn in life are the hardest to forget – so true. As I began dating, I noticed most of my choices in men were all the same.

The men I ended up with were just as broken as me and our relationships were toxic.

The last relationship I was in, the man was heavily into drugs and as always I was there to pick up the pieces. The relationship became violent and I left.

*When you constantly help others with their life, your life tends to go to hell.*

When I left I felt a lot of shame and guilt. Shame because I had not been able to repair his illness of addiction and also because I had to come to a homeless shelter and guilt because I had made another bad choice.

I didn't make a bad choice in coming to the Stephen Center. Since coming here, I have focused on myself and my issues. I have applied for housing and registered to go back to school to get my certification in nursing. I have also began counseling for domestic violence and self-esteem building.

I am also a part of a program through the YWCA called "Bridges to Opportunities" that helps people move towards self-sufficiency. The Stephen Center is not just a shelter. If you really want to turn your life around, the staff will assist you to make the necessary changes to move on to self-sufficiency.



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## **THANK YOU—DONORS AND VOLUNTEERS ALIKE!**

With your gracious and generous assistance Stephen Center once again met its 2010 fundraising goals. It seems the not-for-profit world and retailers share the same apprehension each December when the success or failure of the work and planning that keeps the lights on is ultimately determined. Unlike most other businesses, Stephen Center relies equally as much upon the good works of our volunteers and in-kind contributors as our financial donors. Each plays a key role in helping to sustain our efforts and allow us to continue to “dream big” and plan for future efforts at overcoming homelessness, addiction and poverty. Every can of coffee, every roll of toilet paper and every turkey is one that we don’t have to purchase and represents dollars we don’t need to raise. The more than 31,000 hours of time contributed by our volunteers equates to more than 15 full time employees—and those are payroll dollars we don’t have to raise. After all of that though our financial needs remain and continue to expand as we continue to raise the bar on our efforts.

My personal goal as CEO of Stephen Center is simple. I want the services we provide to our clients and those who come to us for assistance to be as least as good as—and hopefully the very best that are available to anyone in the community. The kind of change we want to see in the men, women and children can’t be achieved with anything less than first rate staff and facilities—supported by top tier volunteers and donors. With the attainment in 2010 of full-CARF accreditation for the HERO Substance Abuse Treatment Program, we have achieved the goal I describe above. The HERO Program now provides treatment that is second-to-none and the word is spreading.

With the arrival of additional bi-lingual professional level staff in our Emergency Shelter—our Shelter Team has worked actual miracles for any number of people. Just as critically we have once again provided more service to more people. Year-to-year we increased the number of men, women and children we served and they stayed for more days than before. Our newly hired Volunteer Coordinator is working to attract, train and deploy additional volunteers in all areas.

Everyone who is a part of the Stephen Center family is keenly aware of the limitations of our current emergency shelter and of the need for additional Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) within the community. With the acquisition of the properties needed to plan with, our architects and building committee are now working to design a new facility which will allow us to continue to serve homeless men, women and children while also providing Permanent Supportive Housing units that will ultimately reduce the number of people who we count among the homeless.

When an individual or family is living in a PSH unit, they are no longer considered to be homeless and counted as such. It is critical to remember however, that simply having a roof over one’s head doesn’t change the issues and challenges that combined to created the previous “homeless” condition. That’s where the “S” in Permanent Supportive Housing comes in. If people are to be successful in overcoming homelessness, long-term supportive services must be available and they must be readily accessible.

We are designing for this future and you are certain to hear about it in the year to come. People around the country are also recognizing that environment is critical to success—as if this isn't just common sense. Stephen Center is and will remain committed to a campus wide environment of sobriety for the betterment of all concerned. More than anything else, this is what defines Stephen Center and makes us the provider of choice for so many clients and referral sources such as hospitals, prisons, mental health providers, etc. We have been ahead of the curve for a good long-time and we will stay there.

Thanks again, with your help Stephen Center accomplished much in 2010 and have our sights set even higher for the future.

*D.E. Bomberger Jr.*

## A Special Thanks...



A Special Thanks to Fat Brain toys for donating a whole roomful of toys this Holiday Season. Many kids were very happy because of your kindness. We'd also like to thank 1 Staff Training and Development, McGrath North, Mullin & Kratz PCLLO, Our Lady of Lourdes and all of the individuals and families that adopted Transitional Living and Shelter individuals and families for the holidays.

Not only were families and individuals adopted, but other events, parties and food and personal goods drives took place.

We thank all of you for everything that you did for the Stephen Center this holiday season – the numerous volunteers that put in countless hours, Bellevue Christian Church, Boeing Aerospace, Burger King, CampFire USA, ConAgra Foods, Council Bluffs Art Council, Creighton University, Legal Aid, St Gerald's Parish, St. Pius X/St. Leo's School, St. Robert Bellarmine's School, Stephen Center Guild and the countless other groups and individuals.

### 2010 Statistical Highlights

Total Nights of Lodging.....	57,232	+17%
Total Meals.....	139,966	+14%

#### Emergency Shelter

Total Nights of Lodging.....	29,235	+22%
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Men's Nights.....	15,875	+21%
Men served.....	554	

Women's Nights.....	7,468	+20%
Women served.....	349	

Children's Nights.....	5,892	+27%
Children served.....	247	+22%

#### Transitional Living

Total Nights of Lodging.....	8,817	+35%
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#### HERO Program

Total Nights of Lodging.....	19,126	+4%
Number of men served.....	99	+48%
Number of women served.....	89	+1%

Volunteer Hours.....	31,556*	
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Over 15 full-time employees

\*Not including Stephen Center Guild Volunteer Hours

**Stephen Center is now on Facebook. Please join the Stephen Center group.**



# Memorials & Honorariums

**October 2010  
through  
December 2010**

You can memorialize a loved one or pay tribute to someone special in your life while helping those in need in our community. When you make a Memorial or Honor Gift, Stephen Center will send an acknowledgement card to the family or honoree. Gifts are also recognized in this newsletter. You may use the enclosed envelope to send your gift.

## In Loving Memory of:

**C.J. & Mary Aliano**  
Michael Aliano

**Stanley Alukonis**  
Linda East-Jones

**Bob Andahl**  
Patricia Andahl

**Virginia Arkfeld**  
John Arkfeld

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Paul & Marge Hartnett

**Family members**  
Paula & Edward Prost

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Henry & Marie Vacek

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John Hoschar

# Memorials & Honorariums

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Elsie Irvine
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Don & Bonnie Janke
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- Myrtle Olauson**  
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- Georgetta Oberembt**  
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- My Parents**  
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Marjorie Pfeifer
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- Pooh & Tigger**  
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- LeRoy Potter**  
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- Leo Prince**  
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- Richard Randall**  
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# Memorials & Honorariums

## In Honor of:

**All Battered Spouses**  
Kathie Bickerstaff

**Mr. & Mrs. William Allen in lieu of Christmas gifts**  
William & Susan Smith

**Pat Andahl's Birthday**  
Nancy & John Squiers

**Jim Bothmer**  
Sue Chamberlin

**Rev. Harold Buse Birthday**  
Mary Abboud

**Meaghan P. Callaghan**  
Karen M. Callaghan

**Jack & Mary Carpenter in lieu of Christmas gifts**  
Fr. Tom Furlong

**Children at Stephen Center**  
Char LeGrande

**Catherine J. Collins**  
David C. Cronin

**CTK Craft Circle**  
Martha Lawton  
Jeanette Polt  
Jerada Schlueter  
Claire Von Tersch  
Sharon K. Whitney

**Fr. Jack Cuddigan in lieu of Christmas gifts**  
Marilyn Kouma  
Mary Ann Steinauer

**Fr. Dennis**  
Marilyn Kouma

**Collin & Sharon D'Silva**  
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Lori Sanchez

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Joan Connealy

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Marilyn Kouma  
Mary Ann Steinauer

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Dick Held

**Frank Hilt**  
Marie Jacobsen

**Jeanette Hilton for 30 years of service**  
Staff at Reinhardt Alumni library- Creighton

**Bill & Bunnie Kizer for Christmas**  
Mary Phelps  
Dick & Maureen Kizer  
Ed & Susie Kizer

**Don & Lisa Kros in lieu of Christmas gifts**  
Jeff & Kim Kros  
Steve & Teresa Kros  
Yvonne & Edward Kros

**Nancy & Steve Lawson in lieu of Christmas gifts**  
Kathryn Lawson

**Archbishop George Lucas**  
Catholic Voice

**Dr. & Mrs. Bill Luce for Christmas**  
Catherine I. Hurt

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Mariann Pape

**Fr. Pat McCaslin in lieu of Christmas gifts**  
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Mary Ann Steinauer

**Sharon McNeil's Birthday**  
Sara & Jeff Banzhaf  
Ruth Circo-Drexel & Henry Drexel  
John & Roberta Mullen  
Ruth & Robert Niver  
Patricia Smith  
Paul & Colleen Stolinski  
Mary & Craig Tuttle

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M. Michele Phillips

**Joe & Patty Neuberger's Wedding Anniversary**  
Tom & Tammy Fonfara

**Maggie Nocita**  
John & Theresa Bellus

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Stephanie Horeis & Rod Anderson

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Mary Ruth Stegman

**St. Anthony of Padua  
St. Francis of Assisi**  
Teresa Larsen

**Anne & Mark Robinson in lieu of Christmas gifts**  
Kathryn Lawson

**Olivia & Michael Robinson in lieu of Christmas gifts**  
Kathryn Lawson

**Sally & Kevin Sapikoski**  
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**Meredith & Derek Smith & Family in lieu of Christmas gifts**  
Kathryn Lawson

**Rhonda & Wayne Stuber**  
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**Fr. Jim Sullivan in lieu of Christmas**  
Marilyn Kouma  
Mary Ann Steinauer

**Linda Urbanski for all her hard work & volunteering at Re Runs**  
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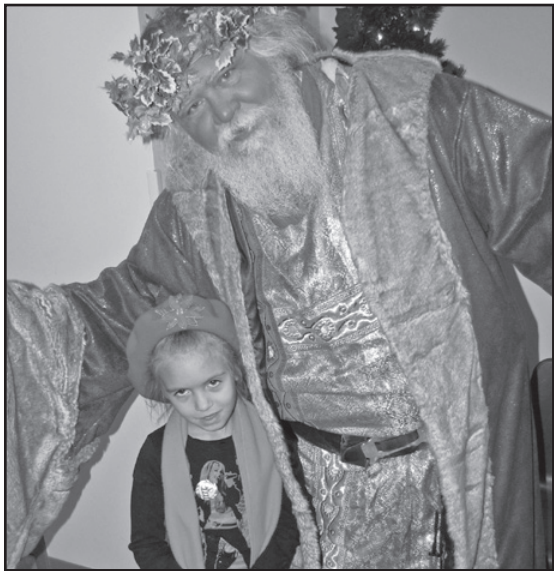
**Joan Welsh in lieu of Christmas gifts**  
Sue Violi

**Mary Christe Wilson in lieu of Christmas gifts**  
William & Susan Smith

**Rev. Damian Zurlien**  
Frank & Judy Mascarello

# During the Holidays...

The holidays are always a busy time at the Stephen Center and this year was no different. We kicked off the holiday season with two Thanksgiving Day feasts. At the HERO Program, Ric and his staff and volunteers served up a feast for HERO clients and their families.



Across the alley at the shelter, we had a special guest help serve Thanksgiving Dinner. Fran Held and her team of volunteers cooked up a special Thanksgiving feast and Archbishop George Lucas helped serve over 200 guests at the Emergency Shelter. After dining, clients and guests in both the HERO Program and Emergency Shelter found time to watch a little football and enjoy the holiday.

Of course the first snowstorm had to come on the day Father Christmas decided to visit the Stephen Center children. A little snow didn't

stop Father Christmas and all his helpers. After he checked his list, Father Christmas handed out goody bags and read to all the children. Everyone enjoyed face painting, snacks and Christmas crafts.



Christmas weekend was filled with many celebrations, presents to be opened and a packed shelter. With the cold weather, we saw more people at the shelter. When the beds were all full, we were happy to be able to offer a mat on the floor. The New Year kicked off with a special brunch and a new year full of hope and anticipation.



# With Gratitude to O

**Donors October 1, 2010  
through December 30, 2010**

**We are extremely grateful to our generous donors...from the brand new to those who've been dedicated to the Stephen Center mission for many years. We appreciate every contribution and thank you for your generosity. We apologize for any errors or omissions. Please let us know.**

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# "Change"

We all have experienced change. The process of becoming different is inevitable. Change should always be about becoming better. I searched "change" on Google and it retrieved for me 953,000,000 hits for change. Wow, that's a lot of change; everything from music to poems to how to manage it and even how to truly define it. I would much rather just stick to my personal searches that retrieve just two or three areas.

Regardless of how long the list can become it is more important to focus on the positive change happening in people. Here at the Stephen Center we get that opportunity daily. Every day can bring its challenges, but it's exciting to see the positive influence of volunteers as we interact, direct and support the clients and each other. Keep in mind it takes concentrated efforts, realignment and good 'ole elbow grease but the bottom line is that it's happening.

Recently a volunteer changed their schedule to spend more time with the female clients to assist them with developing life skills. The outcome has been amazing. But it started with the process of becoming different. Over the next few months I challenge you to evaluate how you are going to help change things for the better. What might need to be added or taken away? Where should I go or not go? How can I better partner with the Stephen Center and those around me? 2011 is going to be the best year yet! Only 952, 999, 999 more hits to go.



Changing....

**Patrick Bergman**  
*Volunteer Coordinator*

## THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

Over the past few months as the Stephen Center Volunteer Coordinator I have met some incredible people. Individuals who have decided to make a difference as they offer themselves to the needs of others. It is because of this that I am filled with pride when I say I work at the Stephen Center.

I just want to give a heartfelt "thank you" to all the volunteers who come in early, stay late, stay overnight, sign up for the weekend shift, cook and serve...again, organize the food pantry and straighten up and clean everything else. The Stephen Center is successful because of all of you. Just for the record 31,556 hours were accumulated during 2010 due to all of your efforts. That is equivalent to 15 full time employees. Be proud and thank you.

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