We have exciting news!

Humility of Mary Housing, Inc. (HMHI) and Humility of Mary Shelter, Inc. (HMSI) are merging. Our goal is to fully integrate operations of both organizations by July 1, 2018.

In 1987, in response to the local farm crisis and national economic challenges, several Sisters of the Congregation of the Humility of Mary began to meet with community leaders and residents to discuss pressing social justice issues and community needs - including the need for more housing opportunities for the very poor and homeless.

Cities and communities across the country were organizing on similar issues. Then on October 7, 1989, the Sisters organized a Quad City pilgrimage to Washington, DC to participate in the National March to End Homelessness. The New York Times reported, “Tens of thousands march to protest the shortage of decent, affordable housing.” The Sisters returned to Davenport inspired and resolved to make a difference right here in the Quad Cities. A year later they established Humility of Mary Housing, Inc. Over the years it continued to grow while providing housing and services to single parent families.

Almost 20 years later, in 2008, residents of Davenport learned the John Lewis Shelter was in need of significant building improvements and facing steep financial problems. Without an operator, the shelter would be forced to close within 30 days.

Housing staff knew from experience that, after listening to stories of substance abuse, mental health issues, domestic violence, job loss, divorce, or single parenting with no support, telling someone to ‘just get a job’ is no solution; in fact it is demeaning.

Following an urgent community-wide meeting of citizens, city officials, advocates and other stakeholders, the Sisters considered a possible role. The Congregation’s mission statement mandates that the Sisters are “to be attentive to the call of the spirit in the signs of our times, especially the needs of the poor and powerless.”

Like anyone facing a major decision, they contemplated, “How can we get this done?” “What if we fail?” Working with HMHI board members, staff, other service

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providers and advisors, and encouraged by the promise of Quad City financial support, the Congregation formed a new corporation.

HMSI opened on September 21, 2008. With the help of supporters and donors from the Quad City area and across the country, it has remained open every day since!

Combined, HMHI and HMSI has worked with 5,952 adults and 2,442 children in finding safe, stable, loving homes since 1990.

In deciding to merge, the Board of Directors of both HMHI and HMSI remain committed to the social justice principles in which the Congregation established both organizations. In December 2016, a unified board consisting of members of both boards was established. A transition team consisting of members of the unified board and staff representing both Housing and Shelter was created. The transition team began to work with consultants Patricia Shea and Chuck Roberson to identify key issues related to the merger process. Deep thanks to Pat and Chuck for their expert guidance during that seven month process.

The next phase of our merger began in August. The unified board signed a two-year contract with Mission + Strategy, a Chicago-based consulting firm specializing in mergers and consolidations of human services organizations.

Mission + Strategy, President and Founder Jean Butzen has worked in the nonprofit sector for 35 years. Prior to launching Mission + Strategy, she was President/CEO of Lakefront Supportive Housing for 18 years. Jean began her engagement with Lakefront as a start-up organization, and grew it to be one of the largest providers of supportive housing in the Midwest with a consolidated budget of $12 million and a portfolio of more than 1,000 units of housing.

We enter this phase of our future with some of the same questions the Congregation faced in 2008, “How can we get this done?” “What if we fail?” Fortunately, we remain guided by a spirit that calls us towards justice, compassion, and resilience.

We are confident the merger builds upon the foundation of that 1989 pilgrimage to Washington, DC and all the work and progress accomplished since then. The struggle continues, as does the call of the spirit to respond to the needs of the poor and those who feel powerless.

We welcome your support, engagement and prayers throughout this process. Please know you will be kept informed!

Sincerely,

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Laureen is all Smiles These Days...

There’s a lot to smile about. Laureen is now a bus driver for a local municipality. She has moved into her own apartment and is moving forward with her life.

In addition, someone wonderful donated this van for Laureen to use to get back and forth to work and get her children to school. She is now able to give back to the community that has helped her so much.

Congratulations Laureen!

Participant’s Son Knows what Direction to Take in His Life

Darrius, the son of Adrienne; already has big plans for his life. Since seeing his mom grow in Humility of Mary’s housing program, he too is setting his sights high.

Darrius plans to be a veterinarian. He loves animals. He is excited to be starting high school in the fall. In his free time, Darrius enjoys cooking, biking, soccer, robotics and especially spending time with animals. He also enjoys music and is hoping to take private lessons. He is interested in playing the drums and the saxophone. Darrius is currently saving money for a new heat lamp and bulb for his bearded dragon and also a set of drums.

Darrius is also showing signs of being an entrepreneur; he has started a lawn and garden service this summer, complete with his own business card.

He can help with: mowing, landscaping, trimming, weeds, raking leaves, snow removal, house cleaning. If you have work for this young man, please call the family’s social worker, Teresa at our office, 563-326-1330.
There Aren’t Enough, Right, Words To Say THANK YOU To Our Wonderful Volunteers!

It’s been a crazy, busy, summer and I just can’t thank my wonderful volunteers enough for their tireless dedication and service. I honestly don’t know where we would be without your help. **A whopping total of 14,043 hours were volunteered to Humility of Mary Housing over the past fiscal year, 7/1/2016 to 6/30/2017!** Thank you everyone!

From reception help, data entry, working in accounting, assistant to the Executive Director, helping maintenance, painting, cleaning, processing in the donation center, working the Fresh Start Benefit Sales, handling recycling, repairing furniture, rehabbing furniture, researching donated items, creating displays in the donation center, assistant to me, Volunteer Coordinator...there is a long list of ways volunteers have blessed us and served our participant families this year.

In addition, there were countless hours worked by RSVP, AARP and those volunteering through workman’s comp. (Companies that have an injured worker have them volunteer until doctors release them to return to work.) They work within the physical limitations dictated by the physician. Studies show there is less depression when people are working and interacting with others. Less depression means faster healing time. It’s a win-win for everyone!

We have also been blessed this year by a partnership with Goodwill. We have had volunteers from the Day Rehabilitation group every two weeks. These folks have spread joy as they have helped on special projects.

There is always a project and a place you can join in. Want to learn more about volunteerism? Call Patti, 563-326-1330, Volunteer Coordinator for Housing and Shelter.

**Palmer students prepare a home!**

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**Humility of Mary Housing, Inc.**

**Fresh Start Benefit Sale**

**Sept. 29, 8am to 4pm**

**Sept. 30, 9am to 3pm**

3805 Mississippi Ave  
Davenport, IA

All proceeds benefit the families we serve.
We hope to see you at the Jazz Brunch!

Table sponsorships available.

For further information, to make reservations or to sponsor a table, contact John DeTaeye. jdetaeye@humilityofmaryhousing.com

563-326-1330

HOLIDAYS TIMELINE 2017

Sept 14  Christmas lists given to SC’s
Sept 24  Jazz Brunch Fundraiser
Sept 29 & 30 Fresh Start Benefit Sale
Oct 20  Christmas lists back from families / SC’s
Nov 11 (tentative) Thanksgiving Food Baskets delivered
Nov 24  Office closed for Thanksgiving
Dec 4-5 (tentative) Christmas trees delivered
Dec 11  All gifts in for sorting
Dec 9 (tentative) Christmas Food Baskets delivered
Dec 20-22 Gifts out for delivery
Dec 25-26 Office closed for Christmas
Jan 1, 2018 Office closed for New Year’s
Jan 4-5 (tentative)Christmas trees picked up and stored

CHRISTMAS SPONSORSHIPS

A day of 50 degrees seems like a fantasy now, but the reality is Christmas will be here soon. It’s time to start thinking about sponsoring a family for the holiday!

Each year, participant families are sponsored to make their Christmas wishes come true. Each sponsor is given a list of items that each family wants. Families can be sponsored by one individual, or a list can be split between individuals or groups.

Participant wishes are due in to HMHI by October 20th. Gifts for the families are due back here (Santa needs time to sort and plan his delivery route) by December 11.

Children’s wish lists will follow this sample:

Something that I want,
Something that I need,
Something that I wear,
Something that I’ll read.

If you would like to help make this Holiday special, please call Patti, ASAP, at 563-326-1330 x 105 to reserve a sponsorship slot.
16th St. Gets a New Roof!

Despite the searing heat, workers have been hard at it putting at new roof on our 16th St. location. At this writing, the roof is about halfway finished!

The cost of this roof is being covered by generous support from our donors and through a $3500 grant from the Doris and Victor Day Foundation. Your kindness provides safe shelter for our families so they can heal and reach their full potential. Thank you!

Good-Byes are Never Easy

Sometimes our Board of Directors has to make some very tough decisions. We don’t envy their positions at times like this. Due to trends we are seeing, we are turning two of our properties’ primary focus away from the criteria of brain injury and substance abuse only. These units are becoming harder to fill and with so many people on the waiting list it makes sense to make these units available to a broader group of people.

While we will be able to help more families in need, we have to say good-bye to our site managers, Rosie and Debra who have been with us for many years. Please join us in a heartfelt THANK YOU! and well wishes for their next endeavors.

One School Supply Donor Is Anonymous

Our kids are going back to school well-supplied this year, thanks to our wonderful donors. One donor wrote the following with her donation, “...I have been richly blessed by God all my life and I...(want) to contribute my time, talents and treasures to those causes that I feel strongly about. I remember the excitement of having new school supplies every year, and I hope that in some small way, my donation will create that same feeling in another child.” Thanks to all our donors for helping our children reach their full potential.

New Friendly Face at the Front Desk!

Teresa is our new receptionist. With 18 years experience at Vera French, Teresa is a great asset to our team. She also works part-time as child-care supervisor for St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Married to Michael, with four adult children and five grandchildren, Teresa is looking forward to creating activities for our HMHI children.

We’ve added a HUD Specialist.

Cassy brings her expertise from the Rock Island Housing Authority. Cassy will handle grant administration of all HUD funding. This will free Jennifer, our Grants Manager, to pursue other sources of available grant funding.

Married to Justin, with 2 children, two dogs, and two cats, Cassy is following in the footsteps of her mother and grandmother, who both worked in the housing field for 75 years of combined community service.
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July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017

Humility of Mary Housing, Inc.

Transitional Housing: (TH) for single-parent families that include an adult or child with a disability.

Permanent Supportive Housing: (PSH) for individuals with longer term needs who have a disability that challenges the achievement of their educational/vocational goals.

Rent It Forward: for those who have completed the TH program but continue to struggle with affordable housing options.

40 households served, including 125 participants (85 children)

In addition to overcoming the crisis of homelessness, our parents and their children also faced additional challenges in the following areas:

Additional Challenges

- Intimate Partner Violence: 83%
- Mental Illness: 32%
- Alcohol Abuse: 3%
- Drug Abuse: 9%
- Chronic Health Condition: 10%
- Physical Disability: 6%
- Developmental Disability: 4%

79% (51 out of 62 participants) exited to permanent housing
58% (11 out of 19 adult participants) were employed at program exit
84% (16 out of 19 adult participants) had cash income at program exit
100% (19 out of 19 adult participants) had non-cash benefits at program exit
Katie is a New R.N.!

Words cannot express how unbelievably grateful I am for you. Without this program, I can only imagine where I would be right now. I had no where to go when I was pregnant. I moved into my apartment two weeks shy of giving birth to my son, Keltin. While I was in the hospital, I promised my newborn that someday I would be able to provide for him. Almost six years later, that day has come! I graduated from nursing school and our future is bright!!

Lauren and Sandy: Thank you for always supporting me and encouraging me throughout my journey. You are amazing women and I’m so thankful for you!

It was by the grace of God and true dedication that I am where I am today. And I could never be here if it wasn’t for this program. God bless you all!!

Thank you, Katie RN

Katie has accepted a RN position at a local hospital and will be starting, pending the passing of her boards. Boards are scheduled for the third of August!

Congratulations Katie on all your hard work!

By the time we were ready to go to press with this issue, we received confirmation that Katie has passed her Boards and is officially a nurse, working at a local nursing home.

Now Katie is giving back to the community that has supported her efforts!

HMSI Participant Letter Published in QC Times

In May, a Humility of Mary participant publicly responded to a Davenport City Council alderman’s comments regarding homeless persons. The participant’s letter to the Quad City Times appeared on May 14. He was advocating for the re-opening of a breakfast program which has since re-opened.

...Homelessness is a fact of life, which encompasses all walks of individuals with no prejudice to race, color, status, religion, sex, or creed. To the individual that would use the media to publicly degrade myself, or any other person who may be in a less fortunate position than yourself, all I can say is thank you, on behalf of the person who will replace you in public office.

Common sense should tell us that as concerned citizens, in order to prevent more crimes and destitute situations, there needs to be a place provided to offer some help, guidance, information and encouragement. This center, Timothy’s House of Hope, would offer a positive forum for men, women, and young people to live in a city we are all supposedly so proud of.

John Coulter, Davenport
Hi, my name is Seth. Before I came to live at Shelter, I lived on the street for several years. I slept where people wouldn’t mess with me, like parks and mostly outside. Summers were bad because it gets so hot and I didn’t have anywhere I could go to get out of it. Then I came to Shelter. Shelter gave me a safe place to sleep, and people that helped me get my life back. I worked with my coordinator and she helped me get my ID, so I could get a job. I worked on my resume in the computer lab and was able to email job applications. Now I have a job again. It feels good to earn my own money and have responsibilities. I missed working and I’m happy to have my own job.

I also now have my own apartment! Last night I slept on my own bed for the first time in years. I have a shower, and my own kitchen. My apartment is near the bus line, so I can ride the bus to work. Shelter helped me get on my feet and gave me dignity back. One year ago I was sleeping by the river and now I’m sleeping on my own bed. Humility of Mary Shelter helped make that happen.

Thank you Shelter for all your help!

For our readers, the new section, “In Our Own Voices”, a blending of stories from both HMHI & HMSI, offers a window into the lives of our participants and will perhaps help remind us all that our participants are much more than recipients of a “program” or “charity” and are, in fact, real people, just like us.

Tahlea is Setting a Record Pace!

Tahlea is the daughter of Kasey. She ran in this year’s Bix Marathon! She trained for the Bix with her mom’s niece and took part in the Bix at 6. This was the first Bix she ran. Her time was 1 hour 37 minutes.

She will be going into 5th grade this year. Her favorite subject in school is math.

Her favorite sports are basketball and softball.

What she likes about living at HMHI? The new friends she has met through the program.
Dear Friends,

Summer is upon us, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the part you’ve played in helping us continue our mission. You contributions of time, supplies, and financial donations make it possible for us to continue providing for individuals experiencing homelessness, and to aid in helping them become more physically, emotionally, and mentally stable. You continue making this possible, and for that, we are truly appreciative.

Summer also brings us an opportunity for upkeep on our facility, which for us this year is a much needed renovation of our Men’s Shelter bathrooms/showers. Shelter is the gracious recipient of a grant from the Day Foundation, which will enable us to provide:

- New toilets and urinal
- Brand new sinks
- Rebuilt shower facilities, with new tilework

With hundreds of participants staying with us every year, it is important to keep our facility as clean and functional as possible. This grant will go a long way to helping us make drastic improvements that in turn help provide hygiene and dignity for our participants as they navigate a difficult time in their lives.

Humility of Mary Shelter looks toward the future with hope and excitement, while we continue building stronger relationships with others in the community who also aim to make the Quad Cities a better and safer place for us all to live, work, and grow up in.

We celebrate the successes of our participants, and look forward to sharing more of their stories with you in the future. If you’re interested in seeing exactly how your donations are helping, or are just interested in seeing our facility and learning more about what we do, please contact us to schedule a tour.

From myself, and my entire team, we thank you for all you do to support our mission, and we look forward to serving our community for years to come.

Sincerely,

Christine Adamson
Director of Services

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Shelter Current Needs List

All donations come to HMHI, 3805 Mississippi Ave. for processing and storage.
*Be sure to state items are for Shelter at drop off.

- City of Davenport Bus Tokens
- Razors, Socks, Underwear, and Deodorant
- Coffee, Sugar, Dry Creamer
Development Update

As we approach the end of the calendar year - kids and grandkids returning to school, vacations a distant memory, Humility of Mary Housing and Humility of Mary Shelter will be hosting and participating in a number of fundraising events. Events like the Fresh Start Benefit Sale and Jazz Brunch are Humility of Mary traditions – raising thousands of dollars each.

Humility of Mary has also been invited to participate in the upcoming St. John Vianney 5K Run/Walk in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the parish on Saturday, September 23 and the annual Quad Cities CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, October 1. Please watch our Humility of Mary websites and Facebook pages for ways to register and support these fun and meaning-filled events.

This year’s John Deere Classic Birdies for Charity pledges to support Humility of Mary Housing and Shelter were record breaking! At last count, 388 supporters pledged just shy of $46,000! An additional $50,000 was raised in direct contributions bringing the total to nearly $100,000. With the JDC match of 5% per pledge, we expect to exceed $100,000. Thank you!

Humility of Mary Housing and Shelter appreciates your support for our participants and the Quad Cities own John Deere Classic! We are grateful to JDC Tournament for their PGA award winning commitment to support Quad City Area community-based organizations like Humility of Mary.

I am entering my sixth month with Humility of Mary as the development director. Each day, I learn something new. When I meet a new donor or volunteer, I hear their personal story of why Humility of Mary is important to them. In visiting with participants, I hear about their challenges to find jobs, and earn enough money to support a family and home. I learn more about the obstacles and barriers they face to timely and adequate physical and mental health services - services that are necessary to stay on schedule towards reaching their goals and fuller potential. In meeting with city officials and elected officials, the fear of shrinking federal assistance for housing, health care, public transportation, and education - has everyone wondering, “how bad will it be?” And finally, I learn a lot about myself when interacting with our participants, donors, and volunteers. I am learning to be more patient, a better listener, and passionate with the right persons and officials at the right time.

We are one community in the Quad Cities - each watching out for the other - even those we may not know and may never know. When we all have a chance to do better, we all do better!

John DeTaeye, Development Director

“From Darkness to Light”

Over the last several months Humility of Mary has convened community planning sessions with service providers and advocates that are working with persons and families experiencing homelessness. The group is committed to building and sustaining a collaborative approach to reduce homelessness and increase the availability of home opportunities for extremely low income persons and families and persons living with severe mental health and substance use challenges. Success requires all of us working together!

On June 21 the City of Davenport, in recognition of this collaborative approach, issued a Proclamation in support of the work moving forward!

A copy of the City of Davenport Proclamation, can be viewed on pg. 15

Titled: “From Darkness to Light: Honoring Survival and Resilience”
Program Supports our Veterans

Cathy Jordan, Grants Liaison for the VALOR Program wants to let everyone know about a wonderful service that helps our veterans as they move into apartments of their own.

It’s called, ‘Helmets of Hope’, a ministry of First Christian Church in East Moline. Their organization boxes and delivers basic essential household products to homeless soldiers moving into housing through VA subsidies. Each box contains 20 items; they also supply free refills of product as needed.

Since starting this unique service they have distributed 40 boxes, with over 7,300 supply items. The total number of boxes delivered in the first quarter of 2017 is 240% higher than the same quarter in 2016.

This ministry has captured national attention in the form of the upcoming Outreach Magazine profile.

Cathy says, “Our VALOR Program wouldn’t be successful without the help of Helmets of Hope.”

Thank you, Helmets of Hope for supporting our vets!

VALOR Program and HMSI Team Up to Help Veteran

For privacy reasons, veteran’s name withheld.

The veteran is single and has been chronically homeless for approximately six years living in shelters and a vehicle. This veteran had difficulty trusting anyone and was extremely resistant to any type of services. The veteran also had significant physical health problems and since he was chronically homeless, he was using the local emergency rooms to meet his medical needs.

The VALOR Program had enrolled this veteran two different occasions in the past three years in hopes to help the veteran connect to stable, affordable housing. The veteran verbalized several times that, “nothing good ever happens to me. I probably will never find a place to live and will probably live in my vehicle forever”. The VALOR Program struggled to keep this veteran engaged in case management services while looking for affordable housing. The veteran eventually exited the VALOR Program before housing was located.

Earlier this year, the veteran agreed to work with the VALOR Program again in hopes of finding the correct housing that would best meet the veteran’s needs. The VALOR Program was able to team with Humility of Mary Shelter’s Permanent Supportive Housing Program and when an apartment became vacant, the veteran agreed to enroll in that program.

The veteran has now remained safe and stably housed in this apartment for over three months and continues to do well.

Shelter joins HMHI Server Network

With the coming merger, one of our areas of focus is our computer usage and how we can best integrate the two agencies into one unified whole.

Last year a server was installed at the HMHI office and the transition process ran smoothly. In August, we began the process of updating the Shelter computers to begin the connection process to the server.

By doing so, authorized staff at both offices can see and use crossover software, read documents, make changes, etc. This is important as we have many staff members who hold dual positions for both agencies. It also increases our data security.

This is one more step in efficient workplace practices as we move towards the merger goal.

Our thanks to ABS Business Machines and RSM for IT support.
“Everyone should have a place to lay their head”.

Each month we are grateful for the outpouring of financial support we receive from Quad City Area businesses and residents. In May, one contribution was particularly moving.

As a middle-aged mom and wife approached her final days on earth, she shared reflections of the many blessings of her life in a note to her family. The note read as a personal beatitude. She concluded with the following:

“Blessed to have a lovely home. I can sit and see the outside - it provides a lot of comfort. I have a place to lay my head when I don’t feel well. Everyone should have a place to lay their head.”

Humility of Mary Housing and Shelter believes whatever our circumstances in life, we all should have a safe, clean, and healthy place to lay our head at night.

- very low-income families in a community with limited affordable housing options…
- veterans returning home with little family support and war-related PTSD…
- persons with severe mental and physical health challenges…
- families fleeing violent situations in their home country, community, or within their own homes and need a place to hide…

… Everyone should have a place to lay their head

PARTICIPANT CHOICE IS A GIFT THIS CHRISTMAS

HMSI this year is changing its focus at Christmas. Instead of sponsorships of backpacks and necessities, we would like to try giving each shelter participant a gift card and let them decide the best way to spend it. “We think participant choice is important,” says Christie Adamson, Director of Services, Humility of Mary Shelter.

Shelter is asking for gift cards of $20 that are limited to a Dollar Tree Store (there are several along the bus routes). This way participants can purchase what they need, making their own decisions and choices.

Gift cards for the Shelter may be dropped off at Humility of Mary Housing, 3805 Mississippi Ave. Davenport, Monday through Friday 8am to 4pm. Be sure to let desk know that your gift cards are for the Shelter programs (HMHI became the donation hub in February of this year).

Shelter will need 179 gift cards this season, split between the following programs:

51 gift cards for Permanent Supportive Housing,
13 gift cards for GVeterans Transitional Housing,
70 gift cards for Emergency Shelter and
45 gift cards for Supportive Services for Veteran Families

For further information please contact Jesse at 563-322-8065 x 402 OR Patti at 563-326-1330 x 105.
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July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017

Humility of Mary Shelter, Inc.

Emergency Shelter: For adult men and women, currently able to serve 60 participants each night.

Veterans Transitional Housing Program: The 13-bed program provides service coordination and housing for up to 24 months to veterans experiencing homelessness.

Permanent Housing Program: Assists persons experiencing homelessness and who have a disabling condition which impedes their ability to live independently. Eligible participants may include those experiencing severe and persistent mental illness, persons in recovery from drug or alcohol dependence, and persons with chronic illness or physical disabilities. The current capacity of this program is 51 adult men and women.

VALOR: Supportive Services for Veterans and Their Families: Serves very low-income veterans who are homeless or are at imminent risk. This program serves 135 households annually.

642 households served, including 691 participants (25 children)
164 were veterans

Additional Challenges

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33% (184 out of 552 participants) exited to permanent housing
21% (111 out of 532 adult participants) were employed at program exit
55% (277 out of 532 adult participants) had cash income at program exit
88% (468 out of 532 adult participants) had non-cash benefits at program exit
On June 21 the City of Davenport, in recognition of this collaborative approach, issued a Proclamation in support of the work moving forward!

“From Darkness to Light: Honoring Survival and Resilience Proclamation”

June 21, 2017

WHEREAS, on any given day hundreds of Davenport residents including kids, families, and single adults are living in precarious, temporary living situations and as a result can be defined as “homeless”;

WHEREAS, the City of Davenport respects the inherent dignity and worth of all persons, especially residents living at the lowest income levels;

WHEREAS, the City of Davenport understands providing safe, quality short-term emergency shelters for extremely low-income residents, and increasing longer-term housing options for very low-income residents can reduce homelessness in Davenport;

WHEREAS, the City of Davenport knows mental health treatment and substance use treatment can help prevent homelessness and enable people to move out of homelessness;

WHEREAS, the City of Davenport recognizes ordinances that may expose homeless persons to heightened law enforcement actions can result in arrests and thus, additional barriers to securing employment and housing;

WHEREAS, the City of Davenport embraces harm reduction programs including ready availability of naloxone;

WHEREAS, the City of Davenport joins the National Health Care for the Homeless Council and New York City, Baltimore, Miami and several other cities across the United States in the June 21 Summer Solstice “From Darkness to Light: Honoring Survival and Resilience” observance;

BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Davenport joins the Quad City Shelter and Transitional Housing Council, business owners, and faith leaders in recognition of the June 21, 2017 Summer Solstice “From Darkness to Light: Honoring Survival and Resilience” as we honor our homeless residents Davenport who on a daily basis demonstrate resilience and strength;

BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Davenport is committed to end homelessness not only for individuals, but also as a society, with affordable housing, adequate incomes, health care, and supportive services.

BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Davenport honors the women, men and children who have overcome homelessness despite the odds, which give us the hope that together we can find the strength to create the political will to end homelessness for everyone. The fight for justice comes not from despair; it comes from hope – the hope that we can achieve Justice.
Housing Needs List 2017

Necessities:

**Laundry supplies:** laundry detergent  
**Cleaning supplies:** hand dish soap, multi surface cleaners, window cleaner, spray polish, magic erasers, scouring pads, bath cleaners, toilet bowl cleaners, kitchen size trash bags  
**Paper products:** toilet paper, paper towels, facial tissue  
**Toiletries:** bath soap, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant  
**Diapers & pull ups:** diapers; size 5. Pull ups; 3t, 4t, 5t.

Bus tokens

Household Items:

towels & washcloths, twin sheets & blankets  
saucepans & skillets, toasters & crock pots, coffee pots  
twin mattresses & boxsprings (new)  
**Cleaning Tools:** sponge mops, replacement sponges, brooms, dust pans, toilet bowl brushes and holders, vacuums (no-bag style)