Following a November 2018 emergency meeting called by HHSI to ensure the Quad Cities winter emergency shelter opens on time, the QC Housing Cluster (QCHC) convened a visioning meeting in January 2019. HHSI managed the winter emergency shelter serving 386 persons - - in addition to the 70 plus persons who sought emergency shelter on a daily basis at the year round HHSI shelter.

Over 70 community leaders representing local government agencies, community organizations, QC Chamber members and faith leaders participated in the QCHC visioning meeting. We were challenged to answer the question, “What are the opportunities and challenges to eliminate the shortage of affordable housing in the Quad Cities and ensure all residents have access to safe and decent housing without being cost-burdened?” There are approximately 16,500 QC households* earning extremely low incomes - - $21,970.00 and less - - who are either cost - burdened or severely cost - burdened - - paying more than 50% of their income on housing. No household of any income level should spend more than 30% of their monthly income on their housing.

Ideas, goals and dreams were put on paper. From that meeting two smaller working groups developed. Christie Adamson, HHSI Assistant Director, is chairing the short-term working group to ensure the winter emergency shelter opens this year. They are also working on a five year plan to improve homeless services and expand affordable housing units in order to eliminate the need for the winter emergency shelter in five years. Ashley Velez, HHSI Executive Director and Ryan Bobst, HHSI Grants Manager, are serving on the long term planning group with a different set of community leaders.

The long range planning group is exploring a comprehensive and holistic approach to preserving and expanding affordable housing options for QC residents with extremely low incomes. The group is considering a combination of policy recommendations, expanding services, and innovative options to increase affordable housing units throughout the greater Quad Cities area.

HHSI believes housing is a human right. We are proud to be participating in this collaborative effort involving multiple sectors of our community. We know families are stronger, neighborhoods are safer, and communities are more vibrant when everyone has a place to call home. Stay tuned!

*(2015 Rock Island County and Scott County, National Low Income Housing Coalition)
IN HONOR OF PAUL ALLEN
Our dear friend, agency advocate and long time volunteer, Paul Allen has passed away.

Paul leaves behind a lifetime legacy of pursuing social justice, university education, and active efforts to help others to be more human. He received his Ph.D at the Aquinas Institute, and inspired countless students through his teaching of issues of social justice, liberation theology, and the ethics of world religions in his long career at Loras College (1964-2005) in Dubuque, IA. He had traveled the world in his focus to help others. After retiring from teaching, Paul continued his efforts to serve, learn, and inspire. One of the places he chose to work was with Humility of Mary.

Paul was an adventurer, had a great sense of humor, loved the Three Stooges, corny jokes and goofy tricks. He felt his greatest achievement was “never having stopped being 10 yrs. old”.

Terry & Joe, our maintenance men, worked with him weekly and say ‘he talked about life, not death, he lived on his own terms’. Joe says, “He was like a brother and a father to me.”

Please visit humilityhomes.org to be inspired by Paul’s legacy.

We miss you, Paul!

SEPTMBER 21
THEISEN’S/BUSH FILL-THE-TRUCK

2019
CHRISTMAS and HOLIDAY WISH LIST SPONSOR

It’s hard to think about Christmas when it’s so hot out…but we are planning now to help our participants create good memories of the upcoming holiday season. It truly doesn’t matter what our circumstances are, we all like to be remembered and loved—even more during the holidays. Here’s how you can help!

We will need 250 Dollar Tree gift cards ($20) for the single adults in our Shelter and supportive housing and veterans programs. Gift cards from Dollar Tree are preferred because the stores are located on bus routes and they don’t sell tobacco or alcohol.

Per your request: Bringing back the family wish list! We will have 25 families in our housing and veterans programs that will need gifts. The theme is:

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

Contact Patti by Oct. 15 to be a sponsor at 563-326-1330 or p.trapp@humilityhomes.org! Santa begins making his rounds on Dec. 23!

SEPTEMBER 27-28
FRESH START BENEFIT SALE

The Invisible Class offers an in-depth look into the root causes of mass homelessness in the United States and a realistic portrayal of life on the streets.

Homelessness is solvable!

The movie can be shown either in one 2 hour session or four sessions allowing for small group discussion following each 20-25 minute segment.

Sandy Dimmer - - 19 years of service

Sandy reflects, “There is no better feeling than opening a door for a family, having their kids run in excited... looking at the different rooms... deciding which room is theirs.” There is also relief for the parents when they finally have a place to call their home. “You can see the stress and burden washing off the parents. When they are stressed and scared, their children feel it. When those are lifted, everyone in the family benefits.”

Please visit our website: humilityhomes.org to read more about Sandy.

SEPTEMBER 29
JAZZ BRUNCH

Please contact John De Taeye at: j.detaeye@humilityhomes.org or call 563.326.1330 for more details.
Quality new and used items, furniture, household goods, bedding, toys, books, dishes, jewelry, collectibles, antiques, gifts, clothing, and LOTS of miscellaneous. Most children’s clothing just 50 cents each!

Donations are welcome through Sept. 18 and can be dropped off at 3805 Mississippi Avenue, Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. **No after hours drop offs please.** We ask that all items be clean and in working order. Cash and MC/Visa accepted.

Volunteers Welcome! Call Patti for details 563-326-1330

**OCTOBER 6 QC CROP HUNGER WALK**

**NOVEMBER 1 GIFT SHOPPING BEGINS**

**DECEMBER 10 GIFT DROP OFF DEADLINE**

Tenth Annual JAZZ BRUNCH
Help us honor our 30th year!
Sunday, September 29 at Crow Valley Golf Club.
11:00am to 2:00pm
$75 per person / $600 for table of eight

Contact John DeTaeye, 563-326-1330 or j.detaeye@humilityhomes.org

Eight words that says it all.....

“I am finally moving into my own place!”

...said Eric as he left the Fresh Start Center with his social worker, Jordan.

We wish you could have seen the twinkle of hope and pride in Eric’s eyes.

Thank you Quad Cities for supporting the Fresh Start Center!
FALL/WINTER BASIC NECESSITIES LIST
--in order of importance--
Always Needed: Coffee, sugar, dry creamer

Laundry detergent
Hand dish soap
Toilet paper, paper towels
Deodorant, razors
Pull-ups size 2, 3 & 4
Diapers size 5

In addition, the following items are also in short supply:
Multi-surface cleaners, magic erasers, bath cleaners,
toilet bowl cleaners, kitchen size trash bags,
facial tissue, and bus tokens. Shampoo and body wash.

Did you know? 300+ people a day depend on your generous donations of basic necessities, like toilet paper and laundry soap. These items can’t be purchased with food stamps! These items are basic necessities for all of us-and are used and depleted daily or monthly. Sipping coffee helps bridge communication between staff and participants at the shelter. Please consider purchasing these items when shopping. Thank you!

Make your donation count twice! See our website for the link to Amazon Smile.

Have you considered including Humility Homes and Services, Inc., in your long-term financial plans? Your gift makes a lasting difference in our community.