

Supporting families  
to help them thrive!



**As we celebrate the most hopeful time of the year, the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, we look with full hearts to the tremendous events occurring each day at Contact Ministries. The gratitude and rebirth that is lived out on a daily basis in our offices.**

Last month Sierra, who has a two year old son in daycare, a full time job and is taking college classes, came through our doors for help. By using the transit system she gets everywhere she needs to. Unfortunately her work hours were cut due to a downturn in business and she was unable to make her full rent payment. We paid one month of rent for her and currently things are going well.

### **A Single Mother's Story**

Hope is a very hard working, motivated mom who stayed with us in our shelter for a month and a half. She has four young children and is willing to do all she can to support them. She came to us after getting behind on her rent and evicted. When asked what she found helpful at Contact Ministries she said "They helped me prioritize and truly focus on my goals for my family. I was also able to save my income to pay off debts." Hope has completed her bachelor's degree, become employed and is doing a wonderful job raising her children.

*"For a single mom with children Contact is a good place to go to rebuild your life."*



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People walk through our door looking for hope. At Contact Ministries people can talk to our case workers about needing food, assistance with rent, utilities, prescriptions or gas. Jesus said "the poor you will always have" so our hope is to meet the need of the day and share the love of God. Your giving enables us to help over 600 families a month make sure their children do not go to bed hungry. You kept 36 families from becoming another statistic of being homeless. Part of our ministry is to the "near homeless". The goal is to stabilize them so they do not fall into homelessness.

### **Making a Difference**

Earlier this month, Theresa came in to receive help with her rent. She and her 10 year old daughter have a home which she has worked hard to maintain through her job at a local restaurant. All was going well until she was diagnosed with a lung disease which led to her having one third of her lung removed. While she was recuperating at home she got behind on her bills. Because of your generous support we were able to help keep this family in their home.

Ruth is a 78 year old woman who receives Social Security. She is the caregiver to her 46 year old son who has terminal cancer. Most of her income is going to pay for items he needs that his medical card does not cover. We helped her with a utility bill which relieved some of the enormous burden she is under. We continue to help her monthly with food assistance.

*"Contact Ministries showed me that there are people who really want to help"*

We are very grateful for you – so are Theresa, Ruth, Sierra, Hope and many others who walk through our doors.

**Your help is needed in the following ways:**

- First, we ask for your prayers to keep us faithful and trusting in God's ability to provide what we need.
- Second, we ask that you make an immediate financial gift that can be returned to us in the enclosed envelope. Your gift will make a difference in the lives of people in the Springfield and Greater Sangamon County area.
- Third, we ask you to please consider a regular monthly or quarterly gift to Contact Ministries.

To continue to provide consistent services we depend on your regular giving.

Thank you for your prayers and support, both now and in the past. May we continue to follow God's command to love Him and love our neighbor.

Ray Wright   
Memorial Golf Outing

@ The Rail Golf Course

May 23, 2011  
\$100 per person

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God Bless,

Jennifer Isringhausen, Board President

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