



GRACE HOUSE

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Dear Friends,

October has been a busy month as we're gearing up for the next cycle of overflow sheltering. During a recent Winter Overflow Shelter Plan formal evaluation, area faith leaders unanimously agreed to continue partnering with Grace House to provide additional shelter for our community's growing homeless population. The faith community also approved moving to a six-month Winter Overflow Shelter Plan (WOSP) cycle, which will run from November 2, 2014 to May 2, 2015.

We are deeply grateful to the following churches and their congregations for participating in WOSP: St. Joseph's Catholic Church, United Methodist Church, New Song Alliance/Grand Rapids Alliance, St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Community Presbyterian Church, Zion Lutheran Church, and Solid Rock Church of God.

With the month nearly over, there are few things we'd like you to know:

- This month's *Coffee, Chocolates & Conversation* (volunteer support meeting) will be held **Monday, October 27 at 1:00 p.m.** We'll provide a short training on Grace House's alarm/security system.
- Grace House volunteer and paramedic, Simon Gretton, will provide free CPR, First Aid and Automated External Defibrillator (AED) certification training on **Tuesday, October 28** from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The life you save with CPR is mostly likely to be someone you love. The CPR training **will take the place of** the 5:30pm *Coffee, Chocolates & Conversation* meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, October 28**.
- November begins the snowbird season for many of our volunteers who'll soon be heading south for the winter. With the next round of overflow sheltering right around the corner, the demand for overnight volunteers is even greater. Please consider signing up to work an overnight shift at the Grace House or any participating WOSP host site. Encourage your friends, coworkers or family members to attend our Volunteer Orientation & Training session **Monday, November 10 at 5:30 p.m.**

Our top 5 Critical Needs this month include:

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| 1. HE Liquid Detergent | 4. Butter |
| 2. Men's NEW Boxers or Briefs Sizes Small & Medium | 5. Coffee |
| 3. Volunteers, Volunteers and More Volunteers! | |

Best Always,

Sherry Shadley

Executive Director