

Dear Friends:

The House has been really busy lately and our volunteer statistics-keeper has told us that we have provided 100 more nights-of-rest YTD over same period last year! Wow, we are really serving a need, and it is thanks to all of you who are supporting our mission to serve our guests!

Here's some NEWS you can use:

1. We would like to invite ALL of our wonderful volunteers to a "VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PICNIC" on Sunday, September 20th from 5-7pm. Just bring a lawn chair, and we will provide the rest; hamburgers and hotdogs, beverages, salads, and desserts. This is our way of saying thank-you to all of you who help us out at the House. So, if you are on the cookie, fundraising or gardening committees, or are a Friendly Face, or have helped us out in ANY way, please come and enjoy the evening with each other and share in our joy and appreciation!
2. If you think you'd like to join our wonderful team of volunteers, you can attend an orientation session to learn more on Sunday, Sept. 20th from 4-5pm at the House. Then you can stay for the volunteer appreciation picnic and meet some of our other great volunteers!
3. Remember our new fundraiser - Empties4Cash? The House can earn extra cash when you just drop off your used printer cartridges at the House! For more info go to: [_www.payitforwardhouse.org_](http://www.payitforwardhouse.org) (<http://www.payitforwardhouse.org>)
4. Also, you can purchase our new lovely and reusable tote bag, made exclusively for the Pay-It-Forward House for a small donation of \$5.00 per bag! The bags are available and on display at the House.

Sincerely grateful,

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FYI: The American Red Cross is holding a blood drive on Sept. 10, 2009 from 8:00am-1:00pm at American National Bank, 1985 DeKalb Avenue in Sycamore (Sponsor Code: 5463) This blood drive is a part of the Kishwaukee United Way's Day of Caring Event. For your convenience, we are offering the ability to schedule your appointment online. Please click [here](#) and enter the sponsor code listed above, or call 1.800.GIVE.LIFE (1.800.448.3543) to schedule your blood donation appointment. Your single whole blood donation can help save the lives of up to three people. Please schedule your appointment today.

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