

# Hope For All Who Enter

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## A Celebration of Hope

As we start a new year, Home Sweet Home Ministries has a lot to be thankful for as we celebrate our Centennial. Billy Shelper founded Home Sweet Home Ministries in 1917 on Thanksgiving Day. With the help of many friends and churches in town, Billy opened the Mission in a store room located at 233 East Front Street in Bloomington with a seating capacity of 75 people. This location also happened to be Billy's birthplace. Shelper made it his mission to provide "Hope for All Who Enter."

Home Sweet Home Ministries has changed locations and programs over the years, but the spirit remains the same. We exist to share the love of Jesus with our neighbors. Our doors remain open to those seeking safe shelter, nutritious food, and a second chance. Last year we were blessed to help provide shelter to over 400 people and serve 108,000 meals.

The community has played a huge role in our existence. From day one, donors have provided money, food, clothes, and their time to our ministry. As a result, thousands have been given an opportunity to secure housing, jobs, and new friendships. Individuals come to us broken and leave with hopeful hearts. We look forward to continuing our mission to instill hope, restore lives, and build community in 2017.



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Please join us in celebrating our Centennial. If you have a story or memory you would like to share please email our Communications Coordinator, Leslie Bunge, at [lbunge@hshministries.org](mailto:lbunge@hshministries.org).

## Sharing the Light of Hope Fundraising Gala



On November 4, 2016, HSHM held our first Sharing the Light of Hope Fundraising Gala at Second Presbyterian Church in Bloomington. Over one hundred people attended the event featuring both live and silent auctions. Through the generous support of the community, Home Sweet Home raised **\$41,000** to benefit all of our programs and services! This blessing will help us continue to extend a helping hand to the men, women, and children in need in our community. Home Sweet Home cannot thank the community enough for making this gala a big success. Your support ensures that we can continue to make an impact for those in need. Thank You!



## MISSION STATEMENT

**Home Sweet Home Ministries demonstrates Christ's love through innovative approaches that instill hope, restore lives, and build community.**





## A Message from Mary Ann

*"Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality."*

- Romans 12:11-13

A new calendar is in front of us, marking the 100th anniversary year for Home Sweet Home Ministries. Would our founder, Billy Shelper, recognize the Home Sweet Home of 2017? Some of our programs, policies, and practices might cause him to scratch his head, but I do believe that he would recognize the same spirit that has guided Home Sweet Home for the past century.

Billy Shelper lived a life of "sharing with the Lord's people who are in need" and "practicing hospitality." He also spelled out the importance of these messages in signs that were prominently displayed in Home Sweet Home's locations in the early decades of the 20th century. He posted signs that read: "Hope for all who enter." "Strangers and the poor always welcome." "God loves you. Mother loves you. We love you."

We recently gave a fresh look to our front desk area, including the message, "Hope for All Who Enter." This is not an empty phrase, but an inspiration for us at Home Sweet Home as we strive to live up to our calling as described in Romans 12:11-13 and as instituted by our founder, Billy Shelper.



During this Centennial year we will be looking back, but also looking forward, to see how God will lead us to continue sharing with those in need and practicing hospitality. Please join us through your faithful prayers and support.

Blessings,

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## Give Thanks 2016



Home Sweet Home Ministries and Midwest Food Bank's Give Thanks 2016

Campaign was a big success! The community responded to our need of collecting 2,000 turkeys in just 25 days. The turkeys, along with meal baskets, were distributed to almost 2,300 households, impacting over 11,000 individuals. In addition, HSHM served 150 meals in-house and delivered 530 meals on Thanksgiving Day. Thank you to all of our partners and all who came to help! We are so blessed for the outpouring of community support. Your time, donations, and prayers help us to restore hope in those we serve.

## Women's Auxiliary Spring Meetings

Home Sweet Home's Women's Auxiliary has the following meetings scheduled:

- March 13, Jeff Schwartz, Founder and Project Director of the McLean County Diversity Project.
- April 10, Jean Witkowski, Oh, You Beautiful Doll!!
- May 8, Judy Brucker, CASA and CAC Executive Director

Meetings are held at the Billy Shelper Center, 303 E. Oakland Avenue, Bloomington, at noon with a potluck luncheon and a program. All are welcome to attend.

# Save the Date!

## Night in the Car: February 3rd

# Sharing Hope

"Volunteering is the filling of my cup. So it's really a time of excitement for me because I know when I walk away, my cup is going to be filled. It's so incredible to me."



Judy Redemer has volunteered at Home Sweet Home for several years. She enjoys helping out in the kitchen, especially on Thanksgiving.

"It makes you feel full of joy. You get so much more back than you could ever possibly think about giving. It's not really giving, it's sharing," adds Judy. "I think that's my favorite part of it. The faces. The family. The sense of togetherness."

Judy loves devoting her time and energy to support those in need. "I love being side by side with caring people as we extend a hand to others," says Judy. "Through Home Sweet Home, one has the opportunity to make a difference by lifting one another up through the everyday things of life: a word, a smile, an encouragement, a sandwich, or a drink of water."

She encourages others to experience touching another person's life. "Be a part of making a difference one person, one day, one event at a time." Volunteer today! Visit [hshministries.org](http://hshministries.org) for more information.

## jury's out Mission for the Mission

Each year we are blessed with an outpouring of community support. Some teach a class, others donate items, but Patrick Campbell and his rock band, Jury's Out, do it through song.

Patrick Campbell has been the lead singer for Jury's Out for 11 years. When he's not at work, he's singing 80's tunes at establishments all over the Midwest.

Recently, Patrick created "Mission for the Mission." It first started with Patrick doing one man piano shows.



"I started getting tips from people. A dollar here. A five there. And I felt guilty since I was already getting paid to play."

So he decided to give it back.

"Home Sweet Home Ministries is an important part in my life because I'm in recovery myself. A lot of the people that I see outside, I know."

An empty guitar case soon turned into over \$1,000 in 2015.

"It's definitely caught fire. Not every band can say that they do what we do for the community. I'm not saying we're anything special. I'm just letting everyone know that it's not that hard to do something special."

Last year, the band took it with them to every show and raised \$6,000 for Home Sweet Home.



"This small little thing has blossomed into just something that we do."

The beat goes on for Patrick and Jury's Out. He's already getting donations lined up this year and hopes to raise even more.

Patrick says it doesn't take much to give back. Just create a way that works and have fun with it.

"To be able to give back, to take care of our community, it's a great time."

**Centennial Event:**  
**July 1st HSHM Family Reunion at Miller Park Pavilion**



# Walk Down Memory Lane

Home Sweet Home Ministries held its 10th Annual Art Show on October 11th. The evening included art, a photography contest, music, and refreshments. The theme was "A Walk Down Memory Lane," showcasing the artistic talents of our clients both past and present. Clients displayed many forms of art work including paintings and photographs. The art show served as a powerful display of healing and hope.

Our Creative Expressions program serves as a wonderful outlet for the stresses of life, encouraging growth, and offering a sense of hope and peace. Thank you to everyone who came out and celebrated a decade of art with us.



# Mobile Health Project Moves Indoors



With the winter months, our mobile health unit gets put away, but the clinic continues to operate inside Home Sweet Home Ministries and at the McLean County Center for Human Services.

"We are excited about the continuity of care this will provide for those who seek our services every month," adds Brittany Cline, Home Sweet Home's Outreach Coordinator. "After receiving the Illinois Prairie Community Foundation grant, we purchased a medical backpack and table, which allows us to offer mobile services in various locations. Instead of waiting until spring to resume services, we will have the opportunity to continue offering these services year-round."

The Mobile Health Project held 13 clinics in 2016, providing services to 93 people. The next indoor health clinic will be on February 20th from 12:30 pm-3:30 pm at Home Sweet Home Ministries.

# Prayer Requests

Please continue to pray for Home Sweet Home and the work that we do. We ask that you prayerfully consider our clients, staff, volunteers, donors, board members and their families.

Help us pray for:

- our residents and individuals in need of shelter.
- participants and volunteers for a "Night in the Car."
- clients and staff involved in the Mobile Health Project.

# Community Partners

It has been another bountiful season of giving! Many elementary students collected socks for us during "Socktober."

Several volunteer groups helped sort goods at our warehouse including the Bloomington Thunder Hockey Team.

We had a huge outpouring of support for Give Thanks. Washington Elementary students collected 300 pounds of food. Almost 170 volunteers helped deliver 530 meals this Thanksgiving.

We even had some lovely donations of soup and scarves to warm our clients' hearts.

We're so thankful for all the support!

