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Please Help Keep the Light On!

Dear Friend,

You can help keep the light on and the welcome sign out for the homeless by registering for the **Evening with the Homeless** at New Life Evangelistic Center! The Evening with the Homeless is an educational event to teach the community about the plight of the homeless by creating opportunities for direct interaction.

This year, NLEC presents the public with two (2) different opportunities to get involved, learn about the homeless and get sponsored. An **Evening with the Homeless** will be held on **Friday, September 20, 2013**. This event is a kick-off for the Annual Night with the Homeless and a month of community activities hosted by various groups and organizations. Activities during the Evening with the Homeless will include a rally, tours of the shelter, live music, Experience Stations, Winter Patrol, a telethon and a prayer service at midnight. Registration starts at 6:30 p.m. The final Night with the Homeless event will be held on November 1st – 2nd, 2013 and will involve a sleep out and other activities. There will be more information to come about the final event.



When you come to the evening with the homeless September 20, you will have an opportunity to meet personally many individuals like Pamela.

*Pamela came to New Life Evangelistic Center from a hospital in St. Charles, MO. She was given a list of shelters to call and all of them told her that they were full and could not help her. Pamela states, "If it had not been for New Life Evangelistic Center, I would be on the streets with nowhere to go. **Before I came to New Life I had a relationship with God, but now I feel I am closer to God and learning to fully trust in Him each day.**"*

A dynamic program is planned on September 20th that you will find not only informative but inspirational. In addition to meeting the homeless, you can help those who are hurting and homeless by getting sponsored *each hour* you attend one or both of the events. All proceeds will help with legal expenses, fund job training programs and upgrades to our shelter at 1411 Locust Street, and to **"Keep the Light On"** for the homeless by giving them a place to stay in time of emergencies.

The 1411 Locust building needs major repairs and renovations, including electrical, tuck pointing and guttering work that must be done immediately. This is necessary to continue to provide a comfortable place for hundreds of homeless people that come to the shelter every day. In addition, New Life must continue to meet the daily needs of the homeless by providing in addition to shelter, transportation, clothing, prescription and other assistance.

When you call (314) 881-3210 we will provide you with sponsorship forms and information so that you can talk to your friends and family about sponsoring you. You can also visit our Night with the Homeless website to register for the events, download a Sponsorship Packet, create your team webpage to help you gather sponsors and get more information.

Now your prayerful involvement in this **Evening with the Homeless** is very important. It is being held just a few days before the Board of Public Service hearing takes place. This hearing will determine whether or not NLEC's permit to shelter the homeless is removed. Please pray for the legal defense funds in order that we may mount the strongest legal defense possible. If New Life is not permitted to house the homeless at 1411 Locust this would mean that the last major emergency shelter in the St. Louis area would not be available to people like Jerry, Pamela and many others in their time of need.



*Two men drove by Jerry as he was walking to the store in Wentzville. They were in a large pick-up truck and started yelling things at him. The next thing Jerry knew, they pulled over in front of him, and beat him up with large wrenches, breaking his jaw and leg and badly bruising his forearm. They then threw Jerry in the back of their pick-up truck and took him out into the woods on a dirt road and dumped him there. After crawling approximately two miles Jerry made it to the main road and someone found him and took him to the hospital. The police later arrested the men who beat Jerry up, and told the police that it was a case of "mistaken identity". The hospital "stabilized" him and sent him to New Life Evangelistic Center. Since Jerry could not even walk into the NLEC Staff suggested Jerry be taken to another hospital for further treatment. At the second hospital, they treated Jerry further and gave him a leg brace and crutches so that he could walk and his leg could heal. They also gave him a prescription for pain medication for his broken jaw, leg and bruises. Then, the hospital sent Jerry back to New Life Evangelistic Center at 1411 Locust. **While recovering at NLEC Jerry has been experiencing the new life provided through Jesus Christ.***

Not only did Jerry and Pamela receive emergency shelter at New Life Evangelistic Center but as they said, they also had the opportunity to drink of the fountain of life provided through the love of Jesus Christ.

Please pray that this fountain of life and hope will continue to flow and that \$300,000 will be raised during the **Evening with the Homeless** and **Night with the Homeless** events. Then call (314) 881-3210 to register for the event and obtain your sponsor sheets or visit our website at nwh.newlifeevangelisticcenter.org.

If you are unable to participate in these very special events then please share your much needed gift now of \$75, \$50, \$200, \$500, \$1,000.

New Life receives no city, state, federal or United Way funding. That is why your gift is so important and why I want to thank you so very much for your faithful support. **What a difference for good you are making both now and for all eternity through your gift of love to New Life Evangelistic Center.**

May God bless you in a very special way.

Yours in Christ,



Larry Rice

P.S. Zechariah 13:1 says, “On that day a fountain will be opened...” Please help keep the fountain of New Life opened by sharing your most generous gift now with the New Life Evangelistic Center. Your prayerful involvement at this time is absolutely essential.