



ST. MARK COMMUNITY CENTER

# The Good News

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## Happy Easter to all

The Easter season of hope and renewed life is almost upon us and encourages us to look to the future. It reminds us here at St. Mark's that the end of the school year is drawing closer and that plans need to be made for summer activities. We are grateful to all of you, our friends and supporters, for the many ways you have helped our children and families this current school year. We count our blessings and thank you for all you have done for our children.

As we move into the next season we will keep you informed of our plans and invite you to be involved in whatever ways you are able. May you have a happy and blessed Easter season. – SMCC Staff



St. Mark's Staff: Sister Inez, Kimberly Feltes, Billie Riniker and Sandi Helgerson

## Easter Message

Many children enrolled in our after-school programs are one to two years behind their peers in reading and math. Our teachers and other mentors strive to help every child bring those reading and math skills up to their grade level and to enjoy the learning process as they increase these skills.

It is the vision of our Community Center to "enhance the academic and social development of children in order that they may reach their potential and become productive citizens of society." We do that in a number of ways for the children in the Dubuque downtown area. Our main strategies focus on reading, math, science, and homework assistance through mentoring programs and through encouraging the building of social skills.

Children also have fun in our exercise/nutrition activities and get a chance to attempt new things and experience activities they otherwise would not have the opportunity to try. **Consider providing new hope and renewal to these children by becoming a mentor and/or giving of your resources to keep these programs in place.**



*Easter gives my life meaning and direction  
and the opportunity to start over  
no matter what my circumstances.*

~Robert Flatt

## Easter Baskets of Love Drive

Chuck and Connie, owners of Chuck-n-Jo's Restaurant, are holding for a second year an **Easter basket drive** for the students of St. Mark's after-school program. They are asking people to donate an Easter basket for the less fortunate children in the area and to drop them off at one of the following locations by March 19:



- Chuck-n-Jo's, 890 Iowa Street**
- The Colts Bingo Hall, 1101 Central**
- Eagle's Club, 1175 Century Drive**

Connie observed that "A lot of people donate to children at Christmas time and now we invite them to donate to the little ones at Easter." If you would like to help make our students' lives happier at Eastertime, please consider donating an Easter basket.



## Happy 20th Anniversary!

This year St. Mark Community Center will celebrate the 20th anniversary of its ministry in the Dubuque downtown area. St. Mark's facilities were originally a place of worship for members of a Lutheran congregation, but in 1988 they moved on and gave their buildings to a group of people in Dubuque's downtown area to con-

tinue in downtown ministry, so soon the church and rectory took on new life as St. Mark Community Center.

The SMCC staff and board will hold significant activities during 2008 to celebrate



our 20th anniversary with kids and families. Some of our upcoming events will be an hors d'oeuvres party for agencies, companies and individual supporters, a family play or a gathering in the park with our "families," and finally a tour/open-house for everyone. No dates have yet been set.

## Ponder Becoming a Business or Individual Sustaining Partner

by Sandi Helgerson

The bulk of funding for SMCC'S main programs that serve over 250 children each day in the Dubuque downtown area has been coming from state and federal grants. But we are now in the last school year of funding from the Iowa Department of Education, and our federal funding has already ended. So it is apparent that we need to become less reliant on government grants, diversify our funding streams, and garner more local sustaining support.

We are fortunate that the economic trends for the Dubuque area are in a positive growth pattern. The hard work of community leaders has resulted in downtown area revitalization and a dramatic increase in tourism. We believe now is the time to create partnerships with **businesses** and **individuals** in the Dubuque and surrounding areas to sustain services to the families who live in the downtown area.

St. Mark Community Center has developed a coordinated strategy and plan of funding for the next three years. We recognize that we will not secure the needed dollars without significant buy-in and coordination among state programs, grants, fundraising events, foundations, local city officials, schools, businesses and individuals. Our plan includes such elements as—

- St. Mark Community Center fundraisers
- Government programs
- Grants
- Business partner campaign
- Sustaining individuals

We would be happy to make an appointment with you and discuss ways that we can "partner together" to make your business/sustaining partnership a rewarding experience for all of us. Call Sr. Inez Turnmeyer, 582-6211 (ext. 100) or Sandi Helgerson 582-5655 (ext 102.)

*Your dollars could not be better spent than on the youth and families in Dubuque who need it most.*

### Old Cell Phones

Never throw out old cell phones. St. Mark's has an ongoing collection of used cell phones to earn dollars for education. Clean out your cupboards, collect them from your kids, ask around at your work place. Everybody seems to have them. We recycle them and use the money in our after-school program.



### Pay Pals

Don't forget that SMCC can now accept donations on line. Please visit our website at [smccdbq.org](http://smccdbq.org). (Go to **Pay Pals**. You need not have a Pay Pal account – use ours.)

This is great news for supporters who prefer the option of online giving and can also get travel dollars for their donations on their credit cards. All donations will be acknowledged with a tax-deductible thank-you letter from my office.



## Kids Connection Update by Kimberly Feltes

The before and after-school programs at Audubon, Fulton and Prescott are all going well. Students are learning their day-to-day routine and getting to know each other as peers and as friends. The staff is a very talented, devoted group of young women and men without whom this program would not be making the difference it is today.

While all six programs involved with **Kids Connection** are run in their own unique way in order to meet the needs of all students, the programs are still very similar.

Each staff member is a caring adult who is there to provide comfort for each child as they begin or end (or both) their school day. Each location provides a safe, nurturing environment where kids are encouraged to do their best and achieve as individuals and members of a group. Each after-school program provides students with healthy snacks to nourish them into the evening hours. Each segment or program provides students with completion of their homework and better comprehension, or perhaps a new, inspired way for them to learn.

While each of these components may seem slight, when they are put together to provide the extraordinary program we accomplish each school day, they become part of a life-changing experience that helps our students to grow, to thrive and to believe in themselves.



An artist at work

It is also important to note the wonderful mentors who are part of our program this school year. Mentors work one-on-one or in small groups with students to give them the extra help they may need. Mentors are made up of students from **Hempstead, Senior, and Wahlert High Schools, Loras College, the University of Dubuque, and the University of Wisconsin-Platteville.** Mentors are also community volunteers who have some spare time and want to give back. Without our mentors our staff would be stretched to the limit in order to serve each student effectively.

For more information about the Kids Connection program, please contact Kimberly at (563) 582-5655, ext 104.

## Fulton After-School by Deanna Wieszorek

The year 2008 has brought many challenges for the after-school program at Fulton. The weather has not been kind to us, but we welcomed seven new students along with a new program format.

The structure of the program is 20-30 minutes of silent reading, then a snack break followed by recess. After that we break into groups and do reading and math stations along with writing and fun stations. The students seem to like this format.

In January we had a visit from the **Dubuque Humane Society** along with a few of their animal friends. The students learned about animal safety, especially what to do if a dog is attacking them.



Reading with Rover

In February we began learning about penguins. Students are reading stories about penguins, learning about the different kinds of penguins and where they live, what they eat, and how they survive in the cold Antarctic climate.

On March 3 students will participate in "Read Across America." This is Dr. Seuss' birthday and the students will read his books and do activities pertaining to them. Also in March the

students will do "**Reading with Rover.**" This is a program that provides a dog to the students to read to and is sponsored by the **Dubuque Humane Society.** In April the students will learn about bike safety.

## Prescott Before School by Wanda Warren

At Prescott during the before-school program we help with homework assignments and encourage students to achieve their "Just Read" minutes. There are art supplies handy, and during holidays the teachers supply ideas for greeting cards. We have games and we read together. We have a great group of kids and on Mondays we share about our weekend.



## Prescott After-School by Andrea Zickuhr

This has been a wonderful year for our program at Prescott. We have a great group of children who each bring unique personalities to our program. I have noticed an improvement in many of the students in their attitude towards reading and math. They are excited to pick out books to read. They love fun-math activities such as money bingo and card games that help them practice their math facts.

I believe the most amazing and most important change is the rela-

tionships they have formed. All of our students seem to look forward to spending time together after school. It is wonderful to see them smile and greet each other upon arrival. It is also great to hear new students who were previously skeptical of the program tell us they "like it here!" We can tell they enjoy the program and feel safe and comfortable here. In turn, I have also enjoyed getting to know these unique, amazing children. I learn a lot from them, as they learn from me.



Do you need help?

## Audubon Before and After School by Jenna Stevens-Royer

The students in the Audubon before and after-school programs have been learning how to be flexible in 2008! Due to the crazy weather this winter the program schedule has been off and on almost every week! Students (and adults) have been learning how to be flexible during this unpredictable season. Despite the weather, we have been able to implement and continue

some great elements in both programs. The before-school program is on its fourth novel this year: *The Tale of Despereaux* by Kate DiCamillo, and we are all enjoying this interesting story. We have also read *Holes* by Louis Sachar, *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* by Kate DiCamillo, and *Shiloh* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor. The after-school students are settling into their new daily schedule

and student groups. This new routine paired with consistent adult mentors has minimized student behavior issues and maximized the fun and learning. We continue to work together with **Leisure Services** on a daily basis to improve trust, cooperation, and academic and social skills.

## Head Start by Pam, Stacey and Cindy

Wow! This has been quite a winter. Even though we haven't been able to go outside, we certainly have not been hibernating. The weather gave us the perfect opportunity to have a hands-on approach to learning about snow, winter clothes and winter animals. We even wrote our very own story about Polar Bears. (Keep in mind that these are three and four-year olds.)



Head Start smiles

Next the dinosaurs visited our classroom. The whole room became a "Dinoland," where we romped, measured, sorted and even ate like dinosaurs. We took a taste test and charted if we were carnivores or herbivores. We even made our own paper mache dinosaur eggs.

In February we celebrated Valentines Day with our preschool friends, and we enjoyed a relaxing day in our own pajamas. The kids were given tickets to purchase popcorn and juice while watching a Clifford video. There is something special about snuggling up to a



Do you like my paper?

good book in your pajamas to help pass a winter day.

We have three days to make up as we move into spring. There are a lot more exciting themes ahead that we will share with you in the next newsletter.

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## Summer school

We are currently planning our summer school program for June 16 through July 25. Again this summer we will provide six weeks of reading and math for kids who need extra help and who need to sharpen their skills to retain what they were taught during the school year. Each day starts out with a nutritious meal followed by educational activities and time for character-building and team-work exercises. The length of the day is from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and we can take 60 children in our classes. Children going into

grades one to four for the 2008-09 school year are eligible. We give first preference to kids who go to the schools we presently work with after school, but extra slots are available to students from other schools.

Because grant funds are running out we are charging a small fee each day, but we also don't want to eliminate any child who really needs the extra help. DHS Child Care Assistance and Promised Jobs funds are available for qualifying families.

To reward students who come every day, cooperate with the teachers and are nice to their classmates and get their work done, we have Fabulous Fridays, which include special activities or field trips. We have just written a couple of small grants to help fund these activities.

If you are interested in signing up your child, your foster child, or your grandchild for summer classes at St. Mark Community Center, give Kimberly a call at 582-5655 Ext 104.

## Send a needy child to summer school

Are you thankful for the education you received? Did your parents have to sacrifice to give you the schooling you needed to secure your present job? Are you in a position to help a needy child get some extra school assistance during the summer?

hundreds of dollars giving their children sports camps each summer, but other families can't afford summer schooling they need for their little ones. St. Mark Community Center is a 501 C 3 organization, so your gift to a child is tax deductible. Call Sister

Inez at 582-6211 Ext 100 if you need more details. If you send a check, please be sure to mark the left-hand corner "Summer School" so it gets into the right fund. Bless you for your generosity.

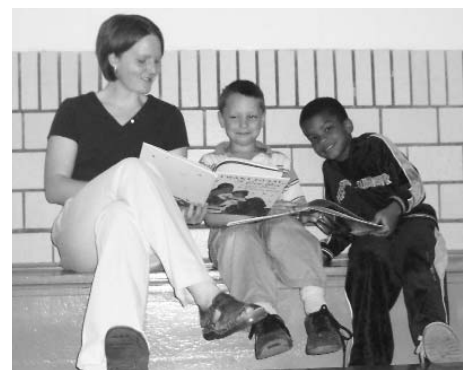
For just **\$60** you can be sure that a child gets extra help with his/her scholastics this summer. St. Mark's offers a six-week summer school for students their schools refer to us. These kids are behind in their studies or just need the extra help to retain what they learned during the school year so they won't forget over the summer months. **For just two dollars a day** we offer these students a nutritious meal (many are on free and reduced lunches during the school year and wouldn't have a balanced meal if not for our program), **certified teachers to help them with their school work, and an educational field trip on Friday.**

**Can you sponsor a child for summer school? Are you willing to encourage a child to come to classes and be in a supervised setting with caring adults instead of running the streets, getting into trouble or staying home alone without proper supervision?** Some families spend

## R.E.A.D.

Family Literacy classes will be offered at **Audubon School** by St. Mark's on March 31, April 7 & 14, and April 15, 22 & 29 at **Fulton**. The evenings begin with a simple meal followed by separate classes for the parents and for students presently in grades kindergarten to grade three. During these classes parents are given ideas on how to help their child/ren learn to read and how to make a book exciting. They also are given activities to take home and do with their kids.

Meanwhile the school-age kids will be doing reading-related activities and the younger ones will be involved in child care. We encourage parents to bring only their kindergarten through third-grade children so they can spend quality time with them.



Enjoying a good book

Parents **must** pre-register, and when they sign up agree to come to all three classes. As an incentive, families are given a copy of the book we work with each of the three weeks to take home and to keep in their own family library.

Please call Kimberly, program coordinator, at 582-5655 Ext 104 to register. Class size is limited, so you must be one of the first 15 to register.



## A Time for Giving

Again this year people responded to the needs of families associated with St. Mark's and gave freely of their time, talents and finances. The SMCC staff is always amazed at the people who get involved and the items that come in so we can pass them on to the families we work with.

Please read further and you'll see the generosity that was extended to our families during the past holiday season. Gifts came in all sizes and shapes, and from a variety of people with generous hearts.

Thank you, each and everyone of you, who contributed to the St. Mark's family this past Christmas. May you be blessed in a special way and may your own family have health and happiness.

### Christmas gifts

**Edwin and Barb Blinks** brought brand new toys for us to pass on to kids who would have a sparse Christmas without these toys under their tree.

**Dick & Dianne Heim** helped supply the candy for Santa's treat bags.

The **Classy Sassy Red Hatters** got together and filled the candy treat bags for Santa.

**Hillcrest Family Services** sent some passes to **Reflections in the Park** for our families.

The **Diamond Jo Casino** donated frozen pumpkin pies to our families. The take-from-freezer, thaw-and-serve pies were delicious.

**DeLaine Niebuck and friends** knitted hats and mittens for our give-away and they sent socks, too, with an offer to give something that was needed during the year, recognizing that children need clothing items all year, not just at Christmas.

**Mary Kay Frick** did what she did last year, knitted hat-and-scarf sets for lucky kids here at the Center.

**Grand View Methodist Church** made St. Mark Community Center part of their Christmas Giving Tree this year.

**Dorothy Kelley** knitted lots and lots of mittens for the kids at St. Mark's. Dorothy now lives in TX, but she still sends us mittens each year. – something she started when she lived in Dubuque.

**Finley Hospital Nurses Alumni** sent a check for whatever need is the greatest. For this we are grateful.

**Girl Scout Troop 7138**, with students from **Hoover, Carver and Irving schools**, chose to help St. Mark's kids this year by supplying candy canes for our Family Night craft activity and for inclusion in Santa's treat bags.

For the second year now **Deb Harvey, owner of Westside Hair Studios Designs**, has given up a Sunday afternoon to cut and style hair for kids who needed it. Haircuts were free to the families who signed up.

Underwear and socks are always needed at the Center. Thanks to **Dennis and Diane Hartogh**, we now have some for the kids for future presents.

**Larry Zettel's** letter said, "Each year my brothers, sister-in-law and I select one charity to receive a donation rather than exchanging Christmas gifts. We rotate the selection of the recipient, so this year it's my turn. I chose St. Mark's." Enclosed were three checks.

**Lois Muir** went shopping for little girls' shirts and sweaters and brought them in for our clothes give-away. Later she and her hus-

band Bert brought us a bag of hats, mittens and scarves.

The students at **St. Mary's grade school in East Dubuque, IL** collected lots of hats and mittens for our kids. It's beautiful to see "kids giving to kids."

**Charles and Mary Lou Putchio** brought seven new children's jackets that they found on sale at JC Penney. Mary Lou saw the coats and couldn't pass up the good deal. Our children benefited.

### Christmas angels who supported a child for Christmas:

- Don & Jane Ward
- The Classy Sassy Red Hatters
- Sue Reilly
- St. John's Lutheran Church
- Kathleen Conlon
- Amy Edwards
- Kate McDermott
- Brian & Michelle Covey
- Dennis & Diane Hartogh
- Rosemary Cronin
- Dick & Dianne Heim
- Jan Malone
- Craig & Nancy Adams
- Emma Fjellman
- J T & Janet Faley
- Carol Rausch
- Jean Lange and her sisters
- Tom & Kim Brandt
- Veronica Bagenstos, osf
- Philip & Marueen Larson
- Rev Jeffrey & Amy Miller
- Sue Hess
- Patty Jackson
- Molly Krause
- Patti Lachecki
- Steve & Tracy Launspach
- Gina Smith
- Chris & Pam Theisen
- Bert & Lois Muir
- Noon Optimist Club
- Bill & Martha Hutchins
- Karen Beetem
- Chad Darter
- Doug Fisher
- Beth Stephenson
- Wendy Runde
- John Vondal
- Carrie Tedore
- Jeff Cue

## Sponsor a child by Kimberly Feltes

This year's **"Sponsor A Child program"** was a phenomenal success! Over 70 youngsters from St. Mark programs were sponsored, making this Christmas brighter for so many deserving boys and girls!

Though the needs of people vary from year to year, the fact that there is need remains constant. We thank all those special angels who made so many dreams come true on Christmas morning! Without you

there might just have been a tree with nothing underneath it to inspire joy in the hearts of our youth this holiday.

From the time families were assigned partners until the gifts were due at St. Mark the weather was very inclement, that did not stop our "elves" from going out and having a lot of fun shopping for their families! In fact, during the weeks of December 10 and 17 the

main entryway and board room of the St. Mark office building were jam-packed with presents that made it look like Santa's North Pole shop.

Parents were happy when they came to pick up the donated gifts. Some cried tears of joys, others couldn't say "thank you" enough times, and others were speechless.

### A cut above the rest

On a cold Sunday in December, hair stylist **Deb Harvey from Westside Studio Hair Designs** braved the temperatures and for the second year in a row headed to St. Mark Community Center to provide haircuts for children involved in St. Mark programs.



Some needed the haircut more than others. In fact, two of the young ladies had grown their hair the extra 10 inches required to donate to **'Locks of Love'** to benefit the **American Cancer Society**. For young Michaela it was her second time growing out her hair for cancer patients. However, this was the first time for her little sister Rachael. Though a bit apprehensive, Rachael sat in the chair like a pro and was pleased with the look of her much shorter haircut. So Deb's kindness in sharing three hours of her time and extraordinary talent with those who need it resulted in Michaela and Rachael helping others.

Each family who came to get their child's hair cut in time for the Christmas holiday were very appreciative and enjoyed their time talking with St. Mark staff while their kids were treated to a haircut.



### Good Search

Reminder: When you are searching Internet, please use **GoodSearch.com** as your search engine. If you use St. Mark Community Center, Dubuque, IA as your charity of choice, we will get a penny for every hit made in our name. Pennies add up – and pennies help kids.

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### The Good News

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# Christmas By-gone

## Jingle Bell Hop

For the fifth year in a row Santa made his appearance at the annual family **Jingle Bell Hop** and thrilled the little ones who sat on his lap and had their picture taken by **Bryce Parks** from **Dubuque 365**. Before each child left they were given a treat bag of goodies supplied by businesses around town and assembled by the **Classy Sassy Red Hatters**.

As in past years the event was spearheaded by **Paul Connor, Liz Picker** and **Sister Inez**. The **Diamond Jo** generously chipped in and provided some of the needed funds for St. Mark's families to participate.

There was a DJ (**Carl Droessler**) who provided music and dancing and got the kids and their parents involved in the music. The karaoke session was a popular hit as kids got to try their voices and sing their favorite Christmas songs into a microphone.

Students from **Hempstead** and **Wahlert** High School and one from



Sitting on Santa's lap is always fun!

**Dubuque Senior** pitched in wherever they were needed helping Santa, passing out cookies and hot chocolate, face-painting and working with children in arts and crafts projects.

We can't forget the **Tigger Bounce House** brought by **L T Amusements** – a favorite place kids kept going back to whenever they had a free moment.

A popular activity was the door prize drawings that happened every hour throughout the afternoon. Prizes were donated by **DDI, Skate Country** and **St. Mark's**.

St. Mark's families who didn't have transportation to and from the Dubuque Fairgrounds were treated to **trolley rides** out and **limo rides** back.

People obviously had fun, and we have already scheduled the Jingle Bell Hop for next year

### Jingle Bell Hop supporters

DDI, Inc.  
Myers Cox Co.  
HyVee (Asbury)  
Swiss Valley Farms  
DBQ Fairgrounds  
Super Hits 106.1  
EZ Sell USA  
Carl & Sue Droessler (DJ)  
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Radio Dubuque  
Diamond Jo Casino  
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LT Amusements  
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Trolleys of Dubuque  
Dubuque365.com  
Skate Country  
Cumulus Radio  
Scion Services  
Chariot Limousine

## A special thank you

The **Toy Give-Away** was a big hit again this year. We had enough toys for 30 St. Mark families, which included 70 children! Each year the toys we receive are collected around town in the **Marine Corp Toys for Tots** boxes. **Bob Parks** has been in charge of gathering toys for our give-away for at least five years now. As many of you know, if it weren't for Bob Parks' love for children and fun toys, many children would go without the joy of opening a new toy on Christmas.

St Mark Community Center along with our families would like to offer a great big "Thank You" to Bob for his hard work and dedication! You bring a smile to all our faces!

## Programs cont.

### THINK Together by Billie Riniker

This school year has been flying by for us! Despite the quirks the crazy weather put in our schedule, we've managed to go with the flow and work around it. During the **THINK Together** program the children continue to work on their academics, reading, and character-building skills. This school year we have been blessed to have a group of mentors from the **University of Platteville** join us. They help the kids with homework, studying and reading skills, and take part in some of the fun activities we do such as educational and large group games. The children enjoy their presence in the program and build a close relationship with them.

During the fall the kids took part in an outreach program. We went door-



The THINK Together crew

to-door delivering flyers offering leaf-raking. We had three responses from elderly residents, so we took a day, worked hard, and gave back to the community by raking their lawns. I was very proud of the children's excitement and joy in helping others, as were their parents!

This coming trimester will be full of learning opportunities, including another service project and an end-of-the-year field trip.



## Community service

S MCC has put together an hour presentation that is inspiring and gives a snapshot picture of the vision, services and scope of programming provided to children and families in the downtown area. It champions and gives a voice to the families we serve who often don't have the tools or connections to express their needs.

For instance, many people don't know that:

- We have before (1 ½ hrs.) and after-school programs (3 hrs.) that meet right at the school.
- We hire teachers and paraprofessionals to assist with reading, math and science.
- One-on-one volunteer mentors and small group mentors role model and teach curriculum on topics such as diversity, respect, substance abuse prevention and positive family dynamics.

Our "Come and Learn" meetings are held at St. Mark Community Center. We would love to have you join on:

Thursday, March 27th, 7:30 AM  
Thursday, March 27th, Noon

To register, contact Sandi Helgerson, Development Director, 582-6211, ext. 102, or [sandi.helgerson@yahoo.com](mailto:sandi.helgerson@yahoo.com).

## Apples for Students

For the 12th year St. Mark Community Center is announcing a city-wide collection in June and July for funds to buy school supplies for needy children. Money collected will buy basic school supplies for children whose families need that help. Donations are accepted from private individuals, churches, clubs, businesses, etc.

Each year about 1,200 students in grades K to 8 are given supplies. To date over 12,500 students have been served through this program. Each year the numbers increase, and we find that more and more families need that extra help. Each \$20 collected will buy a bag containing pencils, paper, crayons, markers, scissors, glue, spiral notebooks, eraser, ruler, tissues, pens, paints, calculator, folders, etc. To donate school supplies for a child, please send \$20 to St. Mark Community Center, 1201 Locust Street, Dubuque, Ia 52001.

Please mark the left-hand corner of your check "Apples for Students." St. Mark's is a 501 C3 organization, so your gift is tax deductible. Thank you!



Our volunteers are wonderful!

## Mid-Town Golf Tournament

About 150 golfers gathered to play golf on a frozen golf course on a cold Saturday morning in February. The **Ice Golf Charity Classic** has been held for the last five years, and this year the group golfed for St. Mark Community Center. (Each year a different charity is chosen.)

The brave golfers hit tennis balls and meandered along the course in

groups of four, pulling their makeshift carts. They had fun and said it was a getaway from the cabin fever of snowy weekends.

The donated funds will go toward the Kid's Connection after-school program. Thank you, one and all!



## Angel Food Ministries

St. John's Episcopal Church is taking part in **Angel Food Ministries** and has extended the offer to families and friends of St. Mark's. Go on line to see what it is all about. ([www.abgelfoodministries.com](http://www.abgelfoodministries.com)) As we understand it, you can get a certain amount of food at lower price than you would pay at the grocery store. If you are interested and want to try it, call Janet Vance at St. John's 563-556-0252.

# Supporters of St. Mark Community Center

November 1, 2007 to February 15, 2008

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St. Matthew Lutheran Church  
St. John's Lutheran Church  
First Evangelical Lutheran  
Church (Manchester)  
DACU Dubuque Area  
Congregations United

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Mark O'Brien  
Kathleen Orthaus, osf  
Virginia Brown  
Michael Carroll  
Jean Peterson  
Rev. Ardel Barta  
Bernilda Britt  
Bernardine Dillinger, osf  
Patricia Forbes  
Rev Joseph O'Brien  
Robert Lange  
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Dale & Sue Schultz

## Capital Fund Drive

Church of the Resurrection  
Pat & Darlene O'Neill

## Community Foundation

Dr. Peter & Cynthia Alt  
Rich & Sue Whitty  
Paul & Judy Brandt  
Betty McKay  
Connie Norby

## In-Kind Donations/Time

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Barbara Weber  
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Bette Thompson  
Robert Thompson  
Beth Duccini (videos)

## Luncheon

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Catherine Kloft  
Frank & Theresa Ciciarelli  
Celestino & Julie Florez  
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## Scholarship Fund

**Norma Denlinger** sent a check to our scholarship fund to help families who need our services and can't afford the \$1 a day charge in the morning or the \$3 charge in the afternoon.

**Micah & Jamie Steele** gave a Christmas donation to the scholarship fund.

The **Dubuque Rotary Club** gave St. Mark's a \$5,000 grant to be used for families who can't afford the \$1.00 a day price we charge.

## Memorials

**John Deere Construction & Forestry Division** sent a memorial to the Community Center in memory of **Mary Fleckenstein**.

**Don and Barbara Smith** sent a memorial in honor of **Mary Schroeder** – their son Tony's best friend's grandmother.

**Mary Schloz** sent a Christmas memorial in honor of her husband **John Schloz**.

**George Nacos** sent a memorial to the Center in memory of his wife, **Mary Nacos**.

**Karen Hammel** sent a memorial in memory of her daughter, **Julia Keller**.

**Dave & Mary Benedict** sent a Christmas memorial in honor of Dave's step-dad, **Glen Ikerd**.

**Mary Ann Andresen** sent a memorial to the Center in memory of her husband, **Richard Andresen**, who died this past summer.

**The Unsen Family** held their family Christmas party at St. Mark's as in past years. They gave a donation in honor of **Marcella Vincent**.

**Ruth Maclay Flatt** gave a Christmas memorial to the Center in honor of her recently deceased husband, **Rev Donald Flatt**.

**The Robert Carr** family gave a donation to the Center for use of the hall for their Christmas party in memory of **Mick & Mae Carr**.

**Jean Peterson** brought a memorial from the **Fort Richardson Veterans** in memory of her husband **Lyle Peterson**.

**Jim & Judy Giesen** gave in memorial to the Center in memory of Bob Minnehan

## In Honor of ....

**Dr. Arden & Eleanor Johnston** sent a monetary Christmas donation in honor of **Mae Rioux**.

**Grand View United Methodist Church** gave a donation in honor of **George Holland**, who sponsored a display of his Nativity Collection at their church during December.

Instead of giving a Christmas gift to her relatives, **B J Lochner** gave a donation to her favorite charity - the Center - in honor of **Phil and Harry Lochner**.

## Grants

**Prudential Foundation** gave us a \$10,000 grant for our before and after-school programs.

The **Iowa School Age Care Association** gave us a \$1,923 grant to replace school materials we use with our programs.

**Noon Optimist Club** gave us a \$250 grant for the scholarship fund. This is used when families can't pay for child care and SMCC subsidizes.

## Supporters *continued*

The **Mosaic Lodge # 125** contributed \$1,000 to our scholarship fund, thus providing funds for families who can't pay for before and after-school care provided by SMCC.

### Christmas Appeal

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### Other Donations

**Phyllis Jaeggi** gave up Coca-Cola during Lent and sent the money she would have spent on herself this Lent to the Center.

### **Mission Statement**

*"St. Mark Community Center provides support for the educational and social needs of school-age youth and their families."*

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