

# Saint Mark Community Center



## The Good News

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## New Staff Member



Sister Dorothy

**S**ister Dorothy Schwendinger is the newest member of the SMCC staff as of January 2005 and she is heading our upcoming Fundraising efforts. Sister works part-time at St. Mark Community Center under the auspices of a ministry grant from the Sisters of St. Francis.

Born in Dubuque but raised in Monticello, IA, Sister Dorothy has long worked for justice issues and is delighted to serve the people that St. Mark's counts among its participants and benefactors. She says, "St. Mark's is truly a special place and I am delighted to lend a hand."

Previously Sister Dorothy taught in the Chicago area and in Iowa. She served as the chancellor of the Diocese of New Ulm, MN and on the leadership team of the Sisters of St. Francis.

In addition to the work Sister Dorothy does at SMCC, she is a spiritual director, gives retreats and acts as a facilitator/consultant to organizations/groups. She likes to cook, read, write poetry and keep up on current events. She is also caregiver to her 93-year-old parents, Louis and Levina Schwendinger, who recently moved to Stonehill Care Center.



## Texas Hold'em—No Limit Tournaments

There will be a Texas Hold'em on Saturday, April 30, 2003 to benefit the St. Mark Community Center in the Harborview Room in the portside building adjacent to the Diamond Jo Casino. The game Texas Hold'em is fast becoming a favorite pastime. It's a challenge people love. The good thing about the game is that players can lose only their entrance fee and no more. The first tournament starts at 11 a.m. and the second one at 3:00 p.m. and is limited to 150 players each time. Entrance fee is \$50 a player and top prize is \$750. Players must be registered at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the tournament or seats will be forfeited. All players must be 21 years of age or older. Registration is a must! Call 582-5655 to sign up or stop at the Diamond Jo Player's Club, 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Harbor.

Along with the Texas Hold'em Tournament we will be holding a raffle and a 50-50 pot split.

# St. Mark Community Center invites you—

## To be with us in SPIRIT Eastertime 2005

St. Mark's staff, children and families  
are so happy to present  
a grand and gala Eastertime PHANTOM TEA  
quite a special event.

It is the most delightful tea party  
you will never attend  
for you don't have to come  
It's just money that you will send.

So at Eastertime when you are  
enjoying dinner with your family and friends  
We will serve tea  
And you, be where you may . . .

No cookies to bake  
No silver to lend  
No linens to launder  
Or beg from a friend.

You don't have to worry  
About what to wear  
And no cab fare or parking  
To give you a care.

So here is a tea bag . . .  
And a sweetener if you please;  
Don't bother to 'dress' –  
Just sip it at your ease.

Place: Home Sweet Home or wherever you be

Hour: 12:30 p.m.

RSVP: By check or cash (as the spirit moves you)

Donations will be used for programs for at-risk children and low-income family programs sponsored by St. Mark Community Center, 1201 Locust Street, Dubuque, IA, 52001-4709.



## Downtown Cleanup

Joining with the Downtown Neighborhood Association, the Boys and Girls Club and Main Street Ltd, the St. Mark Community Center will again help sponsor a cleanup day on April 23 starting at 8 a.m. We are hoping to canvas the entire expanded 90-block downtown district, but this will depend on the number of volunteers we can enlist for this project. Volunteers are encouraged to start at the Boys and Girls Club, 1257 Locust Street, receive a map of their assigned area along with plastic bags and gloves, go out and clean up the debris and come back to the Club. At the Club hot dogs and beverages will be served from 10:30 to 12:00 to the cleanup crew, compliments of local merchants. If your family or business wants to get involved, please call Dan at 588-4400 to sign up. Local businesses sometimes like to challenge each other for the greatest number of volunteers or for picking up the most bags of garbage. We promise you a fun time. Do join us!



## Legal Problems?

The Dubuque County Bar Association and the Dubuque County Young Lawyers have been offering monthly **free legal seminars** at St. Mark Community Center. It is their hope that people who need free legal advice will become informed through these seminars. Faced with ongoing budget cuts and a statewide hiring freeze, these lawyers are presenting seminars so they can continue to serve as many people as they did in the past. Rather than answering questions about certain topics to several individuals over the phone, they are able to give this information to a large group at one time—a huge time-saver.

These hour-long seminars started January 9 and will be offered through December 2005. The young lawyers hope these seminars will help make people aware of their rights. They believe that many people don't realize their rights until it is too late. Topics for discussion are:

**April 7** - Sexual Assault & Awareness

**May 5** - Landlord & Tenant Law

**June 2** - Family Law Child Support and Child Custody

**July 7** - Soldier & Sailors Relief Act

**August 4** - Guardianship, Conservatorship, Mental Health

**September 8** - Bankruptcy

**October 6** - Domestic Violence

**November 3** - Simple Will, Power of Attorney

**December 1** - Public Safety, Driving Safety



## SMCC WEB Site

***Look for great things to be happening to our web site.***

Two *University of Dubuque* students, Lindsay Ehlers and Cassie Melick from Alan Garfield's **Advance Web Publishing** class, are giving the Center's web site a new look. They are making it more user friendly and accessible so we can go in and change postings and continually update the site. Alan says, "I likes my students to use their talents and gifts to help important faith-based groups like St. Mark's."

Do check us out at [smccdbq.org](http://smccdbq.org), you will be glad that you did!

## Art on Saturdays

St. Mark Community Center will launch art programs for children and youth this coming summer. Classes will be held for an hour a week for eight weeks. The programs include a variety of hands-on, age-appropriate projects that can be completed within one class period. Children and youth will have the opportunity to explore hands-on through drawing, painting, sculpting, mixed media and a visit to the Dubuque Museum of Art. A certified art teacher and helper will staff the programs. There is no fee. The Summer Art Programs are made possible through the generous donation of Mosaic Lodge.

Art programs are important to the growth and development of young minds. They give children and youth the necessary tools needed to understand the human experience, adapt to and respect others' ways of working and thinking, develop creative problem-solving skills and communicate thoughts and ideas in a variety of ways. Program Dates:

**Make and Take Art**, for children in kindergarten through second grades, will be held on Saturdays from 9:30–10:30 a.m. beginning on May 7 and ending on June 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Adventures in Art**, for children in third through fifth grade, will be held on Saturdays from 11:00 a.m.- Noon beginning on May 7<sup>th</sup> and ending on June 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Art Classes for Youth** will be held for youth in 6<sup>th</sup>–8<sup>th</sup> grades during the summer months. Dates and times to be announced.



## GoGirlGo!

GoGirlGo! is a program for 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls. It is held after school two days a week for eight weeks. The goal of the program is to educate girls about health risk behaviors and life lessons (bullying, body image, diversity, stress and more) as well as increase physical activity in their lives. Each week the girls participate in a forty-five minute lesson and then go for a run. At the end of the eight-week period the girls will participate in a three-mile run/walk. High school Ambassadors will serve as mentors to the girls participating in the program. The program is made possible through a ministry grant given to St. Mark Community Center by the Sisters of St. Francis.

## Kinship Care

by Amber Russell

St. Mark Community Center is always looking for ways to fill in the gaps of service for families in Dubuque. We have found an increasing number of people caring for children in their family who are not their own. Grandparents raise their grandchildren, aunts and uncles raise their nieces and nephews, and so on. Many of these caregivers make great sacrifices to cover for parents who are unable to raise their own children due to drug and alcohol use, incarceration, not wanting to be a parent, or a host of other reasons.

We feel this is a growing group in Dubuque that could use some extra support and resources. By the summer months we are hoping to have a Kinship Care Support Group established to provide many services to all who need them. We will hold a group session twice a month with time set aside for all caregivers to share their stories and learn from each other's experiences. We will also bring in guest speakers from the community to talk about issues directly related to kinship care such as obtaining guardianship/adoption, federal and state assistance programs, government compensations, and other topics. Hopefully this group will be a valued resource for any kinship caregiver. If you are interested in more information about this group, please contact the program office at 563-582-5655 and talk to Brooke or Amber.

## THINK Together

By Amber Russell

The **THINK Together** program is in full swing with two more sites being added! We are now on site at Lincoln and Marshall Elementary Schools besides being at Jefferson/Fulton/Audubon. We are at these schools two days a week directly after school, two hours each day. During the program we help kids with all of their homework needs as well as provide computer time to finish reports and use their online math program. Once all academic activities are completed the kids can choose from a variety of educational games to play as a group. Between the schools we have 50 students.



During the months of March and April we are having a family night for each of the three groups of kids. The kids are all looking forward to bringing their families to play games and enjoy a meal together. We will use this time as an informational meeting for the parents and guardians of the students in the program as well as a family game night.

One wonderful part of this program is pairing up each child with a mentor. The children value their mentoring time and it is an experience they will remember forever. By just spending an hour a week with a child, you can make a huge impact on their lives. We currently have 20 wonderful mentors for our program and we have another 30 kids who are asking us each week when they are going to get a mentor. If you are a caring individual who thinks that you could give one hour a week to spend time with a child who needs you, please give Amber a call at 563-582-5655 or 563-542-6179.

## Literacy Classes

by Kristie Ostrander

Currently two literacy classes are going on through St. Mark Community Center. The first one, **Reading Family Fun**, targets children under the age of five and their parents. In partnership with NICC, we run two sessions of Family Reading Fun a year. This year one was held at Central Alternative High School and the second is currently going on with the Head Start program. Family Reading Fun is six classes one-and-a-half hours long designed to help parents use what is in their home to help their children learn to read. Parents meet with the facilitator for one hour and then incorporate what they talked about in an activity with their children for the last 30 minutes.



**Read, Eat And Do (R.E.A.D.)** is the second literacy class offered twice a year. It targets children kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Parents and children attend three sessions, an hour-and-a-half each, focusing on reading together and then taking subjects they read about and doing activities that go with the book. A meal and child care are provided each night. Currently the first session is meeting at Audubon. The second one is coming up soon. Please call for details.

Space is limited for each session. For more information or to register for a class please call Kristie at (563) 542-2674.

# Update on programs

## Kids Connection

by Kristie Ostrander

This year has gone by so fast! Only 8 more weeks of our after-school program are left this year. It has been great. Lots of students from last year returned and have been with us all year again. It is encouraging to see how they grow from year to year. During their time with us after school they are engaged in reading, math, homework, and enrichment activities which vary from Leisure Service, drama and art to Spanish, computers and Second Step. **Second Step** is a new violence prevention program we are using this year. Through pictures and videos the children are able to open up and talk about situations they see at school or on the streets. They seem to enjoy it, and every child has a story to share each time the teachers do the program.

We are sad to see the year come to an end but are looking forward to seeing all their smiling faces next year. Before we get to next year we have a summer school program with Audubon, Prescott and

Fulton kids who will be going into 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> grade next year. Summer school runs Monday through Friday from 11 to 3:00 with focus on reading, math, and science skills, the same as our after-school program. Our prevention program in the summer is "**On Apple Bee Pond**," a puppet program that talks about bullying and other issues children may have with each other and how to deal with each issue.

Both of these programs (Second Step and On Apple Bee Pond) have been bought for the Center by funds from the Sisters of Charity, BVM.

During summer school each child is served a lunch, and if they attend regularly during the week they are able to go on a Friday field trip financed by the Downtown Kiwanis Club. Trips include the River Museum, the Ham House, the Fire Station and the New Jail, a blowing party, Skate Country and a pizza party.

## Music in the Park

St. Mark's will again help with the music events that are scheduled for Jackson Park on June 12 and August 14. This is a yearly chance to listen to good music, enjoy a hot dog and visit with your friends. Look for more details later.



## Beyond School Hours VIII Conference

by Brooke Gassman

Kristie Ostrander, “Kids Connection” coordinator, and Brooke Gassman, associate director, attended the Beyond School Hours VIII Conference in Atlanta, Georgia in February. The national conference promoted the expansion of quality after-school programs that provide safe havens for children, improve academic achievement, and offer positive social interaction in a healthy environment. Nationally the number and types of programs continue to grow, but it becomes increasingly difficult to implement creative ideas, recruit and retain great staff and explore all funding possibilities. The conference gave St. Mark staff the opportunity to examine these challenges and turn them into opportunities in order to sustain programs and partnerships and assure quality.

The conference also allowed staffs to network with community leaders, learn about new products and services for before and after-school programs, learn about best policies and practices in after-school programs, explore creative methods of obtaining funding and share success stories with after-school educators from around the country. After attending the conference, it is clear to us that quality after-school educational programs build a brighter future for children, families, and their communities

## After-School Survey

submitted by Joe Herrity (Department of Education)

A new study finds that American youth overwhelmingly agree that structured after-school activities play a “crucial and positive role in their lives.” Eighty-five percent of teens say that peers who participate in after-school activities are better off than those who do not. Nine in ten (92 percent) say they made good friends at their after-school or weekend activity, 86 percent say they learned a lot, and 85 percent say they usually have a lot of fun.

Yet, despite the popularity of after-school activities, there is a shortage. While 57 percent of middle and high school students participate in some kind of non-school activity nearly every day, almost three in ten are home alone at least three days a week.

The study “All Work and No Play: Listening to What Kids and Parents Really Want from Out-of-School Time” also finds that low-income and minority families in particular have trouble finding quality after-school programs.

The study was commissioned by The Wallace Foundation, a national supporter of expanded learning and enrichment opportunities, to bolster the voices of parents and children in the national debate on after-school and out-of-school time. It was conducted by the nonpartisan opinion research organization, Public Agenda.

“All Work and No Play confirms what the After-school Alliance found in its household survey, which was funded by the J C Penney After-school Fund,” said Alliance Executive Director Judy Y.

Samelson. “The majority of students and parents want after-school programs which give students a healthy mix of learning and fun activities that support their development. There is a tremendous unmet need for these programs.”

In the new Public Agenda study, parents and youth said they want more than academic help from after-school pro-

grams. Parents expressed a desire for activities that, rather than simply extending the school day, help youth develop values and cultivate extracurricular interests.

“The best after-school programs incorporate learning and academics into activities that are fun for students, rather than just preparing them to take tests,” Samelson added. “We need to do better in terms of supporting the after-school programs that keep kids safe, inspire them to learn and help working families. We must make after-school available to all families by the year 2010.”

The study was based on two national random sample surveys conducted in June - one of middle and high school students, and the other of parents of school-age children.



# Credit goes to . . .

## Volunteer baggers

Students from Wahlert High School—Sister Kay Gaul's religion class—gave their free afternoon on early dismissal day, December 8<sup>th</sup>, to help fill 500 bags of treats at Choo Choo Charlie's. Treats in the bags were supplied by Choo Choo Charlie's and St. Mark Community Center. Every child that came to the **Jingle Bell Hop** received a bag that included candy, educational supplies, a pizza coupon, trinkets, etc.



## Nurses Give of Their Time

Two nurses from Mercy Hospital, after working all day, still found time to help Sister Inez get the December newsletter out. At St. Mark's the nurses and their children/friends folded the newsletters in preparation for bulk mailing. It wasn't only work, because the women had a great time enjoying each other and finding out more about the Community Center.



*L to R Elizabeth Wylie, Abby Mueller & Lydia Wylie*



*L to R Polly Kaiser & Deb Mueller*

There's still time! Are you wondering what to make for dinner? We still have some SMCC Family Cookbooks available for just \$10.00 at the SMCC office. Salads? Crockpot surprises? Sr. Inez's family favorites? They're all here. Call the SMCC office at 582-6211 for your copy today!



## Gift Wrapping

Younkers supplied wrapping paper and encouraged local organizations to wrap gifts for mall shoppers at a table near the mall fountain during the Christmas holiday season. St. Mark Community Center took advantage of this opportunity on Friday, December 10. We were there from 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. greeting people, wrapping gifts and having fun! Appreciation from people whose gifts we wrapped was shown by their generous donations to our free-will containers. The wrappers asked to do it again next year, and a few who couldn't come December 10 have already volunteered.



*Red Hat Club got involved*



*SMCC staff share work and play*



*Retired Sisters Lucy Kurt and Mona Wingert*

## Jingle Bell Hop

With grant funds, St. Mark Community Center hired the Trolley of Dubuque and transported some 40 kids and parents to the Fairgrounds for the **Jingle Bell Hop** on Sunday, December 12.

There our families joined about 400 other people in the third annual holiday event. Paul Connor from Choo Choo Charlie's organizes this event every year with help from many other people, and everyone has a great time. It is enjoyable to see so many parents dancing to the music and having fun with their kids.



*Trolley goes to the Fairgrounds*



*Record number of kids and parents*

**December 15, 2004 to March 30, 2005**

Patricia Forbes

John & Judith Hantelmann  
Bernilda Britt  
Anonymous Donor  
Bill & Phyllis Jaeggi  
Patricia Kelly  
Charles Plamondon  
Nancy Zillig & the 1949  
Class of St. Joseph Academy  
Sue Reilly  
Charles Veach  
Ray & Mary Jane Schmerbach  
Gail Chavenelle  
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Conlon Construction Co.  
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Jim & Nancy Klauer  
Kathryn Whitlow  
Irene Jacklin  
James & Ellen Kaune  
James & Dorothea Green  
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Forever Club  
Frank & Theresa Ciccirelli  
John & Mary Schloz  
Mr/Mrs John Aslin  
John Pesetski  
Mary Schmitt  
Lois Ellwanger  
Henry Goldstein/Linda Chapman  
Ruth Maclay Flatt  
Pastor Donald Flatt  
Donald & Wilma Sanders  
Maryln & Joyce Bausman  
Lowell & Betty Muntz  
Melvin & Marilyn Berendes  
Terry & Delores O'Brien  
Charles & Mary Schweitzer  
John & Mary Schreiber  
Robert Daykin  
Perfection Oil  
Richard & Joyan Holdridge  
Maryann Rolling  
Carol Flynn  
James & Linda Ramler  
William & Mary McGeehan

## Christmas Appeal

Eleanor Wickre  
Judy Hemingson  
Virginia Brown  
Mary Boyle  
Vernon & Joyce Naffier  
Kane Appraisal & Real Estate  
Tom & JoAnn Becker  
Pat & Ann Hosier  
David & Nancy Wahlert  
Rev. Jeffery & Linda Goldsmith  
Anonymous  
Brian & Michelle Covey  
William & Barbara Kruse  
Patricia Cawley  
Eugene & Catherine Konrardy  
Sidney & Janice Scott  
Gunnar & Iyla Ant  
Rev. Robert Vogl  
Terrence & Tammie Gassman  
Judy Schmidt  
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(Hempstead High School)  
Jean Lange  
Sharon Kress  
Dorothy Furda  
Arnold & Catherine Van Etten  
Beverly Kolz  
Richard & Mary Ann Andresen  
Rev. Jim & Judy Bailey  
Rev. Joseph O'Brien  
Woody & Mary Kay Bockhaus  
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David Weber  
Dennis & Joanne Rice  
Jim & Ann Michalski  
Bridgette Schuhert

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(Capri College)  
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Donna Bauerly  
Michael & Kristen Igo  
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Thomas & Janyce Rawson  
Michael & Sharon Conlon  
John & Mona Hanley  
Bob & Mary Kay Frick  
Shirley McCullough Family  
Bob & Rose Carr  
Dave & Barb Setter  
Chuck & Eileen Carr  
Skip & Judy Carr  
Jean Rienets  
Rev. Eugene Kutsch  
Dale & Sue Schultz  
Terrance & Paula Friedman  
Ronald Robbins/Karen Cherry  
Michael Scherr  
James & Margaret Kircher  
Carl Heathcote  
George & Lillian Freund  
Peter & Margaret Beaves  
Bob & Dorothy Krayner  
Joellen Price, PVBM  
Luan Herrig, osf  
Pat Turnmeyer  
Carolyn Schlueter, osf  
Elizabeth Read  
Charles & Kathryn Reynolds  
Eleanor Raforth  
Mary Haas  
David & Deborah Tschiggfriede  
Richard & Sue Whitty  
Don & Caroline Koppes  
Mary Lou Mulgrew  
Ann Connolly

## Memorials

**Hazel Kersten** sent a Christmas memorial to the Community Center in honor of her late husband, **Lawrence Kersten**.

**Arden & Eleanor Johnston** sent a memorial in honor of their friend **Ms Lorraine Martin** of Spartangurh, SC.

**Wes & Harriet Heitzman** sent a memorial in memory of **Dorothy May** of Scottsdale, AZ.

**Ruth Maclay Flatt** sent a donation in memory of her son **John Maclay**.

**Bob & Mary Kay Frick** sent a memorial to the Center in honor of the **Joe Frick Family**.

**Norma Denlinger** sent a memorial in honor of her deceased husband, **Virgil J. Denlinger**.

**Rob Tully** sent a Christmas memorial in memory of his parents, **Tom & Marge Tully**.

**Paul & Susan Blackman** sent a memorial to the Center in memory of her brother **John A Maclay**.

**Don & Barb Smith** sent a memorial in honor of Barb's cousin's husband.

## In Honor of . . .

**Helen Johnston** sent a donation in honor of **Sue Riedel**, a long-time friend and supporter of the Fine Arts.

**Grand View United Methodist Church** sent their "Bethlehem Revisited Donation" in honor of parishioner **George Holland**.

**Ruth Maclay Flatt** sent a donation to St. Mark's in honor of her daughter and son-in-law, **Susan & Paul Blackman**.

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## Churches & Congregations

St. John's Lutheran Church  
Kingdom Ministries  
Grand View Methodist  
Church  
Westminster Presbyterian  
Church  
Immanuel Evan. Lutheran  
Church (Earlville)  
St. Raphael's Cathedral  
First Congregational Church  
St. Luke's UMC Women  
St. Matthew Lutheran Church  
First Evan. Lutheran Church  
(Manchester, IA)  
Our Lady of the Mississippi  
Abbey  
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
New Melleray Abbey

## Individuals

Henry & Emma Fjellman  
Mark O'Brien  
Ann Connolly  
Anonymous Donor  
Jane DuVue  
Richard & Elaine Core  
Luann Herrig, osf  
Ron & Carla Klosterman  
Ann Barrash  
George & Mary Nacos  
Lois Ellwanger  
Richard & Mary Jean Gregory  
Phyllis Jaeggi  
Pat Forbers  
Michael & Mary Pat Ament  
Bruce & Laura Howes  
John Oberhausen

## Clubs/Businesses

Gateways To Home  
Stardust Beauty Salon  
Eagle Door & Window  
Management & Employees  
Mosaic Lodge #125  
Downtown Kiwanis Club  
Hillcrest Family Services  
St. Stephen's Food Bank

## In-kind Time/Materials

Marvin and Cathy O'Hare  
Mark O'Brien  
Joe Salucka  
Autum Gartner  
Amber Russell  
Karen St. George  
Paul Paider Licht  
Barba Blinks  
Nancy Klauer  
Linda Weidner  
Mona Wingert, osf  
Lucy Kurt, osf  
Eileen Schoenherr, osf  
Angeline Harpman  
Nikki Wedig  
Katy Armstrong  
Linda Schmidt  
Bette Thompson  
Judy Hemingson  
Pat Turnmeyer  
Karen Rousch  
Sally Meyer  
Kathy Thompson  
Pam Kueper  
Mark O'Brien  
Sandralee Scott  
Sylvia Scott  
Kim Kelly  
Merrill Crawford  
Delores Morley  
Todd Gassman  
Terry Gassman  
Derl Wuertzer  
Mary Gassman  
Colleen Lester  
Mike Smith  
Dick Kiefer  
Dennis Zirkelbach  
Kohl's Department Store  
Dollar General Stores  
Alan Garfield  
Barb Manders

## Donations

The ladies at **Curves** (JFK & Cathedral Square) collected hats, mittens, socks and underwear for the kids at St. Mark's.

The members of the **Mothers Good Counsel Club** collected a huge bag of socks and mittens for the kids at St. Mark's.

As in past years St. Mark's was the recipient of many socks and mittens that the **RSVP at Finley Hospital** collected during the holiday season.

The generosity of the **Molo Oil Company** (Toys from the Heart) and our **local Marians** (Toys for Tots) made it possible for hundreds of kids to receive toys this Christmas.

**John & Carolyn Hauptert** sent a Christmas donation for the after-school program from the **Hauptert Family Foundation**.

**Someone** brought in 4 fleece-tied blankets that she made for the kids. Didn't want to give a name.

**St. Luke's Methodist Church parishioners** collected hats, mittens & socks during Advent and gave them to the students at St. Mark's and Prescott School.

The **Jingle Bell Hop** proceeds were given again this year to St. Mark Community Center by Paul Connor from Choo Choo Charlie's. Other local businesses contributed to the Christmas party for Dubuque's kids.

**Mosaic Lodge #125 A.F. & A.M.** gave us start-up money (\$1,848) to hold art classes on Saturday mornings during the next couple of months, for the neighborhood young budding artists. This will take care of staff and materials.

The **Downtown Kiwanis Club** contributed \$ 1,250 to help sponsor the Friday field trips this summer during our summer school session.

**Main Street, Ltd.** asked us to check coats for the February Chamber meetings. All tips came to the Center for our program fund.

The **Sisters of St. Francis**, Mt. St. Francis, gave us a grant of \$1,850 to start a new program called GOGIRLGO!

**Phyllis Jaeggi** gave up coke during Lent and sent what she would spend for pop to the Community Center.

The **Arby's Restaurant** managers made a generous donation to the Community Center. We received the profit from their cookie sales.

The new **Kohl's Department Store** has generously given to us left-over seasonal merchandize to use and to pass on to our families.

The **retired Sisters of Charity, BVM** at Marian Hall made and filled 130 Easter baskets for the after-school students.

The **Dollar General Stores** bring their left-over seasonal merchandize to the Center. You can be sure the candy was a big hit with the students.

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## Support St. Mark Community Center

St. Mark Community Center exists because of generous contributions of time and money from our friends. Please send your support to St. Mark Community Center, 1201 Locust Street, Dubuque, Iowa 52001-4709.

\_\_\_\_\_ Promote the work of SMCC

\_\_\_\_\_ Programming

\_\_\_\_\_ Memorials

\$500 \_\_\_\_\_ \$250 \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ or \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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