



# A PLACE FOR YOU

TRANSITIONAL SHELTER IN EAST CENTRAL MINNESOTA  
220 3RD AVE SE PINE CITY, MN 55063

## First Gala - Huge Success

On Oct. 24, 2014, A Place For You Giving Gala was held at the Grand Casino in Hinckley. It was "An Evening of charitable giving, fine dining and awareness building. The dinner along with a silent auction, and live auction netted over \$22,000 for the shelter. The board would like to thank all the table sponsors, businesses and groups that gave donations, and all those who attended the gala. It was a team effort!

## New Interim Director

The Board of A Place For You would like to introduce Linda Cassman, the new interim director for the shelter. Linda is replacing Kala Roberts who left the shelter for a new position in victim services.. Linda comes to us with a strong backgrounds in social service, a masters degree in social work, and a passion and understanding of the culture of homelessness. She exemplifies our mission of treating everyone with respect.

## Give to the MaxDay

On Nov. 13, Give to the Max Day, A Place For You received \$1095 from faithful supporters who believe in our mission and support our purpose of providing food and shelter to those in need who are working to find a job and stable housing.

## Executive Director: Linda Cassman

Staff: Vanessa Kearns, Tim Tranberg, Cindy Nybeck, Deanna Eaves, Darrell Bakke

## M E S S A G E F R O M B O A R D

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2014 has been a year of change, growth, and blessings.

Our two biggest changes were the loss of two employees that had been with us since we opened. The first was Todd Swanson who left to spend more time with his family, and the second was our executive director and case manager, Kala Roberts, who found a new position working with victim services.

Our growth included completion of a new roof over the storage area, a new storage unit for outside equipment, a new fund development plan, strategic plan, and capital plan as well as a complete revision of our policies, and our first gala fundraiser.

Our blessings are many. We are blessed by a hard working board who endeavors to insure that the shelter will be a viable, sustainable entity for years to come. We continue to be blessed by so many wonderful people who give their time, their talent, and their treasure to A Place For You. And we are blessed by our residents who at a difficult time in their lives allow us to help them with the resources and time to find the mental and physical strength to work on stabilizing their lives.

We would like to welcome Pam Greden and Nancy Mach and wish them the best as they take over the reigns as co-chairs of A Place For You. As we step back to allow the shelter to grow and flourish, we feel confident that the foundation of A Place For You is strong and vibrant and will continue to fulfill the mission of providing food, shelter, and resources while treating each resident with dignity and respect.

Gene Bieber

Mary Kay Sloan

**Thank You Gala Table Sponsors**

**Full Table:**

- First Light Health System
- Atscott Manufacturing Co.
- Fedder Motors/Duane and Barbara Butt
- Therapeutic Services Agency
- Pine Tax and Accounting
- Smith - Biever Family
- Steve and Becky Hallan Family
- FoLFG - Carol Nyrhinen
- Sloan Family

**Half Table:**

- Pine Eye Associates
- Kinderwood Farms
- Lake Superior Laundry
- Educator's Financial Services
- Neighborhood National Bank

**Mission:** A Place For You is a safe place for people in distress that provides for basic needs and offers resources to provide life-changing alternatives while respecting the inherent goodness and dignity of each individual.

**Vision:** A Community where everyone has the resources necessary to maintain safe, stable housing.

**Purpose:** A Place For You is a transitional place for those who have no place to go for a night, day, week, month or three months until they can find a home or a safe place to go to. Everyday those that are housed at A Place For You would have to be working on a transitional plan that would help them to better their life

A Place For You has provided shelter for 94 residents since opening on Nov. 5, 2012.

Pine County - 37  
Isanti County - 22  
Chisago County - 24  
Kanabec County - 7  
Mille Lacs County - 4

A special thank you to **John Norris** Atscott Manufacturing Co. for helping with the expenses for the marketing expenses for the gala.

Also, a thank you to the **John & Bonnie Schlager Donor Advised Fund of the Initiative Foundation** for help with the gala.

Kudos to **Les Stromberg**, auctioneer, who donated his auctioneering services for the gala and to **Sam Roberto** for providing music

Thank you to the **United Church of Christ, St. Luke's Catholic Church, Sandstone Evangelical Church** and **Grace Lutheran Church** in Sandstone for hosting a Mexican themed progressive dinner.

Thank you to **Immaculate Conception Church, First Presbyterian, Our Redeemer Lutheran,** and **Pine City Evangelical Church** for hosting an Italian Dinner.

**Financials 2014**

**Expenses**

Shelter expenses	\$152,050.09
Administrative expenses	\$36,434.03
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$188,484.12</b>

**Revenue**

Donations	\$75,273.84
Grants	\$69,493.72
In Kind	\$33,956.33
Event Income	\$25,771.76
<b>Total Revenue:</b>	<b>\$204,495.65</b>

**"But we can't impose our own goals, wishes, or help on anyone. We can only teach, support, and love. We give them more opportunities, more choices. Then we love them regardless of the choices they make, hoping that they will learn to make better ones in the future."**

**— Stacey Bess, Nobody Don't Love Nobody: Lessons on Love from the School With No Name**

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 Biever, Bryan and Cindy  
 Biever, Laurie  
 Biever, John and Linda  
 Elliot, Greg  
 Sanders, Linda  
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 Smith, James  
 Smith, Jerry  
 Smith, Michael & Sheila  
 Smith, Miles  
 Smith, Patrick and Doris  
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 Carol Nyrhinen  
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 Dr. Dylan and Alicia Ascheman  
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 First Presbyterian - Hinckley  
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Dave & Mary Jo Mettler  
 Our Redeemer Lutheran - Pine City  
 Our Redeemer Lutheran WELCA - Pine City  
 Pizza Pub - Pine City, Rick Herzog  
 Brian & Judy Scholin  
 St. Mary's Church - Mora

**\$500 - \$999**

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 Pam Greden  
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**\$250 - \$499**

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 Tony Bacigalupi & Meg Hobday  
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 Campbell, Helen  
 Cavallin Ford  
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 East Central High School  
 Fedder Motors  
 First Presbyterian Women - Pine City  
 Lake Superior Laundry  
 Elisa Mill & Don Lund  
 Kinderwood Farms - Merrick's

Robert & Janet Musgrove  
 Neighborhood National Bank  
 David Nelson & Judith Iwasko  
 Oak Lake Lutheran - Kerrick  
 Our Redeemer Lutheran Vacation Bible School- Pine City  
 Pine Eye Associates  
 Pizza Hut - Pine City  
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 ESI Financial  
 Jack & Mary Schwinghammer  
 Jerry Smith  
 Gail Sutera  
 Carolyn Tuckner

**\$100 and over**

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 Askov Senior Citizens  
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 Paul & Teena Bacigalupi  
 Calvary Lutheran - Mora  
 Helen Clarke  
 Wally & Jane Connaker  
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 Janice Emslander  
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 Grace Lutheran - Mora  
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 Patricia Lones  
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