



City of St. Charles  
ILLINOIS

# Proclamation

## Lazarus House 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration St. Charles, Illinois

- WHEREAS,** Lazarus House, which was founded 20 years ago by a group of concerned citizens under the leadership and direction of Darlene Marcussen as a 501(c)3 not-for-profit emergency homeless shelter located in St. Charles; and
- WHEREAS,** Lazarus House is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to all men, women and children who have a connection to St. Charles, Geneva, Batavia and western-rural Kane County and whose mission is “to offer guests connected to our communities who are homeless or in need, hope for the future by providing hospitality, food, safe shelter, and education – tools for life. May all who enter feel the love of Jesus”; and
- WHEREAS,** Lazarus House provides assessment and case management services to address employment needs as well as problems that cause homelessness, and referrals to a variety of professional resources as appropriate to address mental health, substance abuse and health or other issues; and
- WHEREAS,** Lazarus House’s Center for Transitional Living program provides individual rooms, space for families to stay together and increased supportive services to address the unique problems that families face, and a more specialized case management plan to meet the need of families with the goal of attaining permanent independence; and
- WHEREAS,** Lazarus House’s Outreach program provides one-time rent, mortgage and utility assistance to help families attain or retain housing; and ongoing rental subsidy; personal budget assistance; referrals to other community resources, case management; and Lazarus House continues to meet its goal of giving all those coming through its doors a hand up rather than a hand out; and
- WHEREAS,** Lazarus House is a resource to those living independently in our community who are food insecure, by providing three meals per day/seven days per week, and serves as a crisis line to those calling who are in need of direction to vital resources; and
- WHEREAS,** 20 years ago our community’s eyes and hearts were open to our homeless neighbors, and since that time Lazarus House has served as a sterling model of community-based support with its approximately 1900 volunteers annually, and their consistent demonstration of compassion and generosity.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Raymond P. Rogina, Mayor of the City of St. Charles, along with the St. Charles City Council, do hereby proclaim that September 9th, 2017, shall hereby be known as the Lazarus House 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in the City of St. Charles.

SEAL:

Raymond P. Rogina, Mayor