



The LC Newsletter

We are Eastern Niagara's only
Emergency Homeless Shelter
192 Genesee Street Lockport, NY
<http://www.lockportcares.org>
Admission number 716.939.0926

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What's Happening

"Lockport CARES is a wonderful, homey peaceful place. All the staff has been great and helpful..." ~ Alicia

NOTE: THANK YOU to Linda and Sue for an OUTSTANDING job selling Bon-Ton Community Day Books. They raised over \$2000!

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On Oct 25th, the new shelter beds arrived! The beds are bed bug resistant and much easier to maneuver. Thanks to the employees from Jamestown Mattress who moved the old beds to the garage. The old beds were passed on to St. Johns to be utilized by others in need. The purchase of the beds were made possible through recent generous grants from Yahoo! & East Hill Foundations.

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On October 7th, volunteers with The Chapel's Love Serves Community Work Day were very busy here at the shelter! Gestures of love included painting the shelter office & trim outside, cleaning inside & more.

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Beginning October 10th, a Health Home representative will visit the shelter every other week instead of weekly. Incoming guests will still be given information about this area resource.

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Dr. Chandrashaker Gona, MD, and his wife Dr. Jayakumari Gona



From left to right: Kim Mansfield, Fundraising Director, Dr. Chandrashaker Gona, MD, Dr. Jayakumari Gona, Marty Nagy, Executive Director CARES, and Toby Mansfield, Vice President/Director of Promotions are pictured presenting the donation check.

Dr. Chandrashaker Robert Gona, has always been involved in many local and international charities, including the local Lockport C.A.R.E.S. Homeless Shelter. Dr. Gona continues his legacy of caring for the local community through a financial donation to the CARES Emergency Homeless Shelter. Dr. Gona and his wife Dr. Jayakumari Gona have been actively supporting CARES for the past six years. Dr. Gona and his wife Jayakumari, are grateful for all the blessings they have received, so they are now giving back to the Lockport Community with a large monetary donation, which will enable Lockport CARES to continue its ministry to the homeless population of Niagara County.

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On the morning of Oct 13th, employees from the Orleans Correctional Facility dropped off a HUGE donation of shelter needs. Items donated include laundry detergent, toilet paper, disinfectant wipes, powdered drink mixes and much needed office supplies. Thank you for making Lockport CARES a part of the Orleans Correctional Make a Difference Day!

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On the evening of Oct 13th, Girl Scout Troop #70311 visited the shelter blessing the shelter with a wonderful snack! The evening consisted of a tour of the shelter, answering great questions from intelligent young ladies and spending time with the shelter guests. The girls were encouraged by our guests to stay in school and to make wise choices.

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Lockport C.A.R.E.S., Inc.
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Lockport CARES Campus Administration Team:
Shelter Manager -
Christine Yoder
Administrative Assistant -
Dani Kelkenberg
Core Office Hours
Tuesday 10 – Noon
Friday 1 – 3pm



Wish list items needed for the shelter:

Toilet Paper,
Paper Towel,
Cases of water,
NEW sports bras,
Disinfectant spray,
Disinfectant wipes,
Laundry detergent,
Bleach,
Zip lock bags
(all sizes),
Snacks for lunches
and
VOLUNTEERS!

All blessings greatly appreciated

Chris

Anyone wishing to donate can bring items to the Shelter (192 Genesee St, Lockport) after 4pm or please contact the shelter at 438-2273

VOLUNTEERS

CELEBRATING Lockport CARES Volunteers



George and Phyllis McKinney

George and Phyllis are retired educators who have been volunteering at Lockport CARES since January 2010. They took their training during a large group orientation at Lockport Emmanuel Methodist Church.

Lockport CARES is thankful for the McKinney's who serve as a positive Christian model of a married couple for the guests. George and Phyllis volunteer the 4-7PM shift weekly and enjoy the conversation at the dinner table as guests open up and share their day's events. When asked about their experience as a volunteer Phyllis states "It is rewarding when people land on their feet and we don't see them in shelter again." George also enjoys the conversation at the table and agrees with Phyllis that everyone deserves to be listened to, without judgement, as they share their dreams. Lockport CARES wishes to thank the McKinney's for their many years of dedicated service.

CARES is looking for at least 12 new volunteers in 2018. There are many various times and ways that a person can volunteer, to find out more call Chris at 438-2273. Please consider giving the gift this season that only you can give, a little of your time, to help those less fortunate than yourselves. Please, just sign up and shadow once to see what CARES is all about.

May Our Lord Richly Bless you this Christmas season, Marty

And the reason for the Season is CHRIST THE LORD
"He too was homeless once" Merry Christmas everyone!

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www.lockportcares.org
or call **716.438.2273** and leave a message
or visit us on **Lockport CARES Facebook page**

