



Outreach Newsletter

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Adopt A Family

Christmas is less than 2 months away. Some have already completed their shopping, others (like me) will wait till the last minute but for many of the families served by Edgerton Outreach the idea of Christmas shopping just creates a feeling of sadness and fear because their resources are so limited. Few people are aware of ECO's Adopt a Family Program. This program serves families above and beyond the Gifts for Kids gift distribution (infants through 5th grade) or ECO's Giving Tree Program (gifts for youth ages 6th – 12th grade). ECO social work staff identify families that utilizes our services that are facing extreme hardship during the Holiday season.

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Holiday Hours



- ◆ Closed Thanksgiving Day ~ November 26th
- ◆ Day after Thanksgiving ~ November 27th
Open 10am-3pm
- ◆ Closed Christmas Eve ~ December 24th
- ◆ Closed Christmas ~ December 25th
- ◆ New Year's Eve ~ December 31st
Open 10am-3pm
- ◆ Closed New Year's Day ~ January 1st

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Stuffin the Stocking

An afternoon of fun and fund-raising to help the youth of our community!

NOVEMBER 14, 2015

4pm–10 pm

Off the Hook Grub & Pub

3515 W. County Rd M

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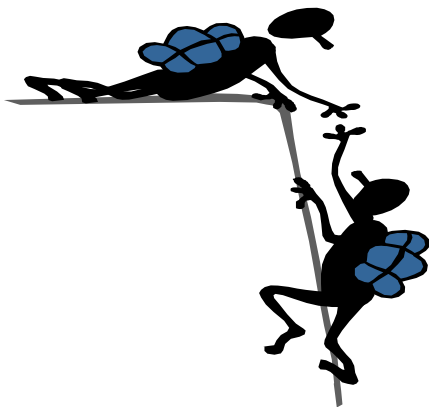
A Note from the Board President

Submitted by: Becky Kapellen,

Welcome to Autumn. Some people think of this time of year as an ending of nice weather and the beginning of hard issues to face as the cold weather sets in. This is where the ECO (Edgerton Community Outreach) comes in. The ECO uses the newsletter to help the community become aware of the needs some people may be facing. As you read the ECO Newsletter, please become familiar with all the services that are provided and events that are sponsored. You may possibly see an opportunity for yourself or someone you know to share your talents and time by volunteering in some way. We welcome visits and any questions about the ECO Agency.

Again, we as an agency are very grateful for all the financial and volunteer support. The ECO is able to provide services because of the Edgerton Community's outpouring of support. Thank you and enjoy this beautiful autumn season.

The Board of Directors of ECO appreciates all the time and talents of our wonderful staff and volunteers.!



Adopt a Family

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Once a family is identified the family is interviewed by Emily Pope, ECO's Director of Programs to identify the needs of these families.

People wishing to "adopt a family" should contact Emily Pope at outreachpope@gmail.com or 608-921-9268. Donors can identify the size of family they wish to support and are provided with the wish list of gifts; wants, needs or both from the family they are paired with. This is a great way to make the season extra bright for those with the most need in our community.

Would you like to receive ECO newsletter via email vs the mailed version? Please send your request to be added to ECO's email list to Sarah Williams @ outreachwilliams@gmail.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**MONTHLY BAG SALE AT THE THRIFT STORE
\$10 ~ STUFF A BAG FULL OF CLOTHING AND SHOES! BEST DEAL AROUND!!**

**WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 25TH
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 27TH
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 28TH**

**Sale runs the last full weekend of each month!*

Director's Perspective

So much to be thankful for. That is the theme that resonates as I think about this past year at Edgerton Community Outreach (ECO). 2015 has been a rebuilding year for ECO. Not “building”, hammers and nails, as was the case for the past 3 years but rebuilding programs. During our remodel process ECO cut back on some of our programs. We had to limit incoming donations for the Thrift Store and had limited sales space due to the remodel process. All of these factors have had carry over affects that have impacted ECO through the end of 2014 into 2015 and the programs we are able to offer as an agency. I am thankful to say that we are beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel and I am thankful for the support of my staff, my dedicated board of directors, and the wonderful community we work and live in.

The biggest challenge for ECO for the end of 2015 and as we move into 2016 is to continue to build our reserves so that we can provide services through our grant programs while we wait for reimbursement from these funding sources. ECO receives funding for our rent assistance programs through a variety of grant funds. ECO provides assistance for a family by paying their landlord either a full months rent or a portion of the clients rent as determined by client need. ECO then monthly submits for reimbursement for these payments. Sometimes ECO waits 3 or 4 months to receive reimbursement creating havoc with

our cash flow. I am thankful that ECO is able to access grant resources to provide needed services and I am more thankful to our donors that support ECO with their financial gifts allowing ECO to carry out our mission.

Facing challenges keeps us humble and I am thankful for that. Getting to hear the stories of those seeking out our services also helps ECO keep perspective that there are people in our community facing larger challenges than we could ever imagine.

It is my prayer for all reading this newsletter that you have a blessed holiday season and that you take a moment to reflect on all there is to be thankful for.

Sarah Williams, LSW
Executive Director



Do you know someone looking for help this Holiday season? ECO began signing up families (children) for Gifts for Kids and the Giving Tree Program October 1st. Those needing help can contact the ECO office for more information 608-884-9593. Families seeking help must reside in the Edgerton School District and need to provide proof of residency.

Meet ECO's Intern

My name is Lisa Helms, and I am currently a student in the UW-Whitewater Social Work program. I will graduate in December after I complete my internship here at Edgerton Outreach. I'm having a ton of fun here.

I chose to study social work because one thing I've always known is that I wanted to help people. Through studying social work I've learned so many different ways to help individuals and communities, so it was definitely a good fit.

My family lives in Evansville, Wisconsin. Some of my hobbies include writing, painting and taking walks.

Volunteer Opportunities

Do you have a desire to help others and get involved with a great bunch of volunteers? Edgerton Community Outreach relies on the time and talents of many volunteers to make our operation run smoothly. We are currently looking for volunteers in these areas:

- * Thrift Store Cashier
- * Thrift Store Welcome Center
- * Thrift Store clothing sorting
- * Thrift Store Toy Department
- * Thrift Store Book Department
- * Food Pantry Distribution

ECO appreciates the work of our volunteers. Annually 10,000 volunteer hours are donated by 55 regular volunteers!

Year Round Thrift Store Hours:

Monday 10am-5pm

Tuesday 10am-7pm

Wednesday 10am-7pm

Thursday 10am-5pm

Friday 10-5pm

Saturday 10am-3pm

Donations of gently used clothing and household items are accepted during these hours. ECO also accepts furniture. Please no items with rips, stains, or pet/smoke smells. We are not able to accept TV's, computer components of any kind, or sleeper couches. To arrange for furniture pick up please contact Tanya Bennett, Thrift Store Coordinator, at outreachbennett@gmail.com or 608-921-9578. Thank you for your donations!!

Special thank you to Bette Schieldt, Tom & Sharon Gretebeck, and Erika Prater for their work on our Renovation Campaign donor wall. Also thank you to Christy Kapellen and Print Max of Milton for designing the donor plaque for the women that sponsored the Retail area through our 100 Women Initiative. Both plaques are displayed in the main entrance of ECO! Thank you for your talents and generosity!!

Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve Community Meals



Everyone is Welcome

Please Join Us!!

On Thursday November 26, 2015. Edgerton Community Outreach, Inc. with the help of many volunteers will cook, serve, and deliver (to those that request so) a delicious Thanksgiving dinner. Come join us and look for fellowship and a great meal. There is no charge for the meal. Diners will enjoy turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green bean casserole, dinner rolls, and dessert. Annually over 100 people are served at St. John's Lutheran Church, 207 E. High Street in Edgerton. An additional 425 or more meals are delivered to local residents. Volunteers are needed to help peel potatoes on Wednesday the 25th. Our potato peeling party is held at 3:30pm at St. Johns. We need to start packaging the meals that are to be delivered at 9:00am on Thanksgiving day. Donated turkeys are needed and greatly appreciated! Turkeys can be dropped off at ECO during regular business hours. For those wishing to dine in the meal will be served from 11am-12:30pm at St. John's Lutheran Church.

The Christmas Eve meal follows the same protocol. Those partaking in the meal will feast on ham, cheesy hash brown casserole, scalloped corn, fruit salad, rolls and dessert. Volunteers are needed on Christmas Eve morning at 9:00am to help package and deliver the carry out meals. Those wishing to dine in are able to do so from 11:00am-12:30pm. Once again the meal served to everyone free of charge.

Monetary donations are appreciated to cover the cost of carryout supplies and can be mailed to 106 S. Main Street, Edgerton WI 53534 or online at www.edgertonoutreach.org. To have a meal delivered or to sign up to volunteer please contact the Edgerton Outreach office at 608-884-9593.

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General Information/Thrift Store

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Stuffin the Stocking

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Stuffin the Stocking is a fundraising event to benefit the Giving Tree (Christmas gifts for students 6th-12th grades) and the Adopt a Family Program (extra special help for families that are facing extreme hardship).

This evening of fundraising and fun will include the delights of a magician (4:30pm-8:30pm), silent auctions, and Karaoke (7:30pm-11:30pm).

Bring a gift and your first beverage is free! Contact Emily Pope at 608-921-9268 or outreachpope@gmail.com for more information.

Thank you to Off the Hook and Jody and Shannon Demrow for partnering with ECO to make the Holiday Season extra bright for those less fortunate in our community.

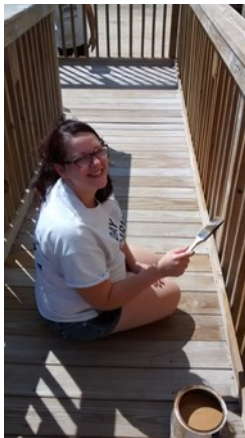
Also on the 14th at Off the Hook there will be a Walleye Tournament at . Registration is from 7am-11am. Fish check in ends at 8pm. Prizes will be awarded for the top three in weight and length. Prizes will be awarded at 8:30pm.



Ring Bells Raise Hope

Bell ringers are needed to man the kettles for Salvation Army. Funds raised locally stay local and are used to provide a variety of services for low-income families in the Edgerton area. This year ECO will have kettles at Piggly Wiggly, Deegan's/Family Dollar, and Carl's Shell. Shifts are two hours long. This is a great opportunity for youth needing volunteer hours for school, church, or clubs. Scheduling is extremely flexible, times are available during the day and evenings and weekends. Contact Amanda Rendon, ECO's Volunteer coordinator, at 608-205-7080 for more information or to volunteer. Please consider signing up today!!!!

Thank you to the employees of Grainger, ABC Supply Co., and RW Baird & Associates for painting the front steps at ECO as part of United Way of the Blackhawk Region's annual Day of Caring!



Special Thanks

We are very appreciative to all of our many supporters!

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| Lakeland Seasonals | Carl's Shell |
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| Turning Point Church | Newville Culver's |
| Edgerton Women's Golf Community | |
| JC Penny Foundation | Trinity Lutheran Church |
| Edgerton Public Library | Hair Doctor's |
| In Honor of Connie Carter | Gram's Insurance |
| Central Lutheran Church | Petry Chiropractic |
| Busseyville Community Church | JARPA |
| Tobacco Day's Horseshoe Contest | |
| Raymond Farms | St. Joseph Catholic Church |
| Edgerton Piggly Wiggly | Family Dollar |
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| St. John's Lutheran Church | Save A Lot Foods |
| In Honor of Emily Pope | |
| In Honor of Dr. Mark Coombs | |
| In Honor of Dew Wellman | |
| In Honor of Clark Bretthauer | |



A Special Thanks To The Groups That Have Supported ECO This Quarter

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 Die Hard Fitness
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 Becker Construction
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 Lakeview Campground and Bar
 Emigail's Roadhouse
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 The Depot Café
 Dunkin Doughnuts
 Ray's Restaurant
 Off the Hook Pub
 Edgerton Subway
 Creekview Par Three
 AT&T
 In Honor of Nancy Dickenson

◆ Gifts can be made in honor or memory of a loved one. Please Contact Edgerton
 Community Outreach for More information at (608)-884-9593.

\$25	\$50	\$125	\$250	\$500	Other _____
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Name(s) _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ ZIP _____ Phone _____

Please send your donation to or drop off at **Edgerton Community Outreach, 106 South Main St.**
(608)-884-9593 **Edgerton, WI 53534**

For payment by credit card : Circle one: VISA MasterCard Discover

Name on Card _____

Credit Card # _____ Expiration Date _____

Credit Card Mailing Address/City/State/
 ZIP _____

Your gift is Tax Deductible as allowed by law.

Thank you for Your Support!

Edgerton Community



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Food Pantry Needs:

Canned fruit, peas, cream style corn, whole kernel corn, potatoes, tuna fish, chicken, boxed dinner, ravioli, spaghetti's, peanut butter, jelly, rice sides, boxed potatoes , size 3-6 diapers, baby wipes, dish soap



Like Edgerton Outreach on Facebook for updates on programs and Thrift Store Specials.

Edgerton Outreach Thrift Store

The Edgerton Community Outreach, Inc. Thrift Store is open to the public!! We accept gently used clothing, household items, and furniture. Donations are greatly appreciated and accepted during regular business hours.

Hours

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