

FALL 2011 NEWSLETTER

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A Note from the Executive Director

Manhattan Emergency Shelter, Inc. is anticipating a busy fall season. Over the last few months, MESI has welcomed new staff and board members to our team, and anticipates big changes in the future. Our theme this upcoming year is community awareness—as we strive to unite our community against poverty. MESI will be speaking to many groups and civic organizations to educate about homelessness and poverty, and how to achieve small victories in the realm of social services.



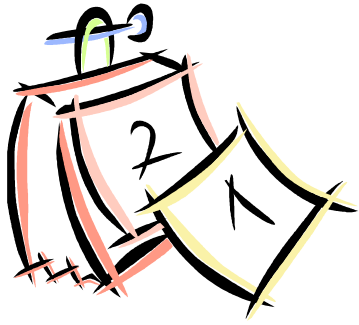
MESI's services extend beyond emergency shelter to supportive housing, and homelessness prevention to help the most susceptible members of our community. MESI has served over 500 individuals with its three programs so far in 2011—306 of which were provided emergency shelter at our location at 416 South 4th Street. We are seeing more and more families that live paycheck to paycheck—where any financial setback places them at eminent risk of homelessness. For many in the community, MESI is the only safety net available.

Manhattan Emergency Shelter, Inc. is continually impressed and proud of the enormous support this community provides. Thank you for your on-going generosity and support in our important cause during the past 27 years. We welcome you to come for a tour of our facilities so you can see what an immense impact you have made!

- Emily Wagner

If you would like to receive this newsletter by email, please send a message to info@mesi.us.





Save the Dates!

While celebrating Halloween and Thanksgiving, please remember the holiday season of giving in December will be here before you know it! Our annual **Adopt An Ornament** project invites you to visit our office from **November 20th through December 20th** to choose an ornament from the agency's Christmas tree. The ornament will have a wish list from individuals and families inside. We hope you will help us make their day merry and bright by donating gifts!

Tip-Off for TP, organized by K-State's Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), will be helping us offset nearly \$5,000 of our monthly expenses consisting of toilet paper, paper towels, and trash bags as fans donate these much needed items at the following games:

- Wildcat Men's Basketball vs. Oklahoma on **Sunday, January 28th 2012**
- Wildcat Women's Basketball vs. KU on **Sunday, February 12th 2012**

Our annual charity event, **Bag Lady Luncheon**, will be celebrating 10 years of purse power **Friday, April 13th, 2012!** Join us as we continue to educate the community about our supportive services in an exciting effort to raise the funds necessary for MESI's sustainability by auctioning off designer handbags.



A Social Support System!

Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube have proven to be excellent resources for many non-profit agencies. We have "gone social" and would like to encourage you to "like" us on Facebook and "follow" us on Twitter for the most up to date opportunities to volunteer, tour the facility, support a fundraising project, or for information about our area's challenges. YouTube videos will be coming soon, which will help to create enthusiasm for Bag Lady Luncheon!

Take a moment to visit our new website: **www.mesikansas.org**!



Needed Items at MESI:

All-Purpose Disinfectant Cleaner

Bleach
Dish Soap
Laundry Detergent
Toilet Bowl Cleaner
Windex
Bath Towels
Diapers
2% Milk

Food

Twin and Full Bed Sheets
Paper Towels
Toilet Paper
Trash Bags 13 or 55 Gallon Size
Black Ink Pens
Post Its
Stamps
Printer Paper



Monetary donations contribute to about **20% of the needed operating costs for MESI**. These contributions allow MESI to maintain a safe 24-hour facility which offers multiple services to community members in need. Every donation makes a difference to this community and our services would not be possible without you!

Yes! I want to help MESI continue its work in providing temporary shelter, supportive housing programs, and homelessness prevention to those in need. Please accept my tax deductible contribution of:

\$25

\$50

\$75

\$100

\$250

\$500

Other: _____

Please, keep my donation anonymous.

Please, add me to your electronic mailing list.

Please, remove my name from the mailing list.

Name/Organization:

Address:

Phone:

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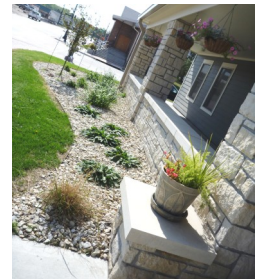
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Jim Bertels—Opportunities Program Peer Support Advocate
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Robert Lake—Night Staff
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