

In Awe

NEWS from BRIDGEHAVEN

OUR MISSION:

To empower choices for life through Christ-centered education and support.

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We Survived the Flood

On September 22nd, our staff shared reflections of God's faithfulness in our morning prayer time. Little did we know how that day would unfold. Just five hours later, I would be hovering over my computer listening to our mayor share a message that I hoped never to hear again in my lifetime. Both locations, Bridgehaven Pregnancy Support Center and Treasures Quality Resale Shoppe, were just inside the projected flood zone and decisions had to be made.

We chose to evacuate both locations but it had to be done quickly. So many people came. I am still blown away by the love, persistence and determination of those who showed up to help. If you were standing in the middle of the center on Friday afternoon, you would have experienced a whirlwind of people rushing past you with hands full of items and furniture on its way to our second floor. You would have seen people from all over; young people from Kennedy and Xavier High Schools, faithful volunteers who know our ministry inside and out, new volunteers who were just getting to know us and even people right off the street who were just walking by and decided to jump in and help. We had approximately 130 people over a two-day period between both buildings working with us to protect our ministry.

God is so good! Cedar Rapids was spared! He gets all the glory for uniting our ministry through a very difficult experience. Everyone played a role, from helping hands-on with the efforts, to praying every day that Bridgehaven and the city of Cedar Rapids would be spared and protected. Thank you to all who played a part and are yet to play a part in our recovery as we continue to put things back together.

We experienced the joy in knowing that our hope was in Him because we knew the miracles He performed for Bridgehaven in 2008. We were patient through our time of waiting to see what the flood waters would do. And we will continue to be faithful with our prayers of thanksgiving and worship to our all-powerful, all-knowing and faithful Lord God!

Chelsey McDill,
Executive Director



We are so grateful for all your helping hands and hearts. We couldn't have made it through without you!

Holiday Needs:

- Boxes of scalloped, au gratin and mashed potatoes + gravy
- Corn muffin & brownie mix
- French onions
- Evaporated milk
- Pie crust packages
- Cranberry sauce
- Jello & canned fruit
- Christmas Room items including: new toys, games, DVDs, CDs, and clothing for children 0 to 18.

To view all needs, visit our "Get Involved" page at bridgehavencr.org

Honorariums & Memorials:

In Honor of

- Grandson, Wyatt Jonathan
- Irene Espe
- Julie Gettemy
- Peg & Ralph Lund
- Diana Bredenberg

In Memory of

- Kathryn Justice

Special Thanks to:

- **Target** and **Hy-Vee** for their weekly donations
- **CRST, Inc.** for lending a truck to store contents of Treasures store and **Marion First United Methodist Church** for storing Bridgehaven furniture & supplies during the flood.

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. (Romans 12:13)



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Treasures Christmas Reveal

Begins Thursday, Nov. 3 at 10 am
Get first dibs on shopping our amazing selection of Christmas items for your home. Treasures Quality Resale Shoppe is located at 405 8th Ave SE and all proceeds benefit Bridgehaven.

Gazette Gives Back

Begins November 15
Cedar Rapids Gazette subscribers will have the opportunity to designate advertising funds to non-profits starting on Nov. 15. Bridgehaven is on the list this year so please watch for the announcement and vote for us.

Baby Bottle Boomerang

Begins Sunday, Jan. 15, 2017
Email kylee@bridgehavencr.org or call 319-364-8967 for information and to schedule your church's launch date.

Bridgehaven Banquet

Save the date: May 8, 2017

2016 In Her Shoes



Thanks to all who ran, walked, donated and volunteered for the 2016 In Her Shoes 5K Fun Run & Walk on October 1. We had 190 participants (a 50% increase over last year) join us on a misty Saturday morning and raise over \$22,000 to empower choices for life!

We want to give a special shout out to Coe College who graciously offered the use of their Clark Field (on a game day!) when we needed to move the event from Bridgehaven because of the flood.

Special thanks also goes to our event advertising sponsors: KCRG Show You Care (Dave Wright Subaru, U of I Community Credit Union, Eells & Tronvold Law Offices, Mercy Cedar Rapids) and Lamar Advertising.

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