President’s Message
By Rick Mueller

Eat Good Food. Change the World

A couple of weeks ago ECHO hosted its tenth annual Culinary Delight at the Janesville Country Club. The event was sponsored by Data Dimensions and MacFarlane Pheasants. The wine was donated by Al and Diane Utzig, and music was provided by Yuri Rashkin. It was a perfect evening. The food, especially the pheasant, was delicious. The entertainment was outstanding. The company was great. The notable servers dropped very few hors d’oeuvres on the floor. Karen gave a short presentation on ECHO, and some very lucky people went home with some great silent auction baskets. The best part was that we all knew while we were enjoying ourselves we were helping ECHO provide shelter for people who are homeless and buy food for families that don’t have enough.

ECHO depends on its fundraising events to fill the gaps in its budget. Over the last year ECHO has streamlined its already lean operation and cut expenses to the point that additional cuts will mean cuts to vital services at a time when our clients need them more than ever. Fundraising events are a great way to support ECHO and have fun at the same time. I know many ECHO supporters, including myself, are limited by our own budgets in the number of events like the Culinary Delight that we can attend.

I have great news for everyone. October 24th is ECHO’s Empty Bowls event at Parker High School that everyone can support. For $8 in advance or $10 at the door, you can enjoy soup, bread, drinks, and dessert. For an extra $5 you get a hand-thrown bowl to eat your soup in and then take home with you. All of the best soup makers from the greater Janesville area will be there with their favorite soups. This event is being chaired by Larry and Sue Barton and Tim and Barb Cullen and is sponsored by Nowlan & Mouat. Through their hard work, they have already made this a successful event.

I am asking everyone who is reading this to block off from 11 to 2 on October 24th. Karen has arranged for the Badger game to start at 2:30 so no one will miss anything. Come enjoy the food, the entertainment, and the company. Our strength is in our numbers. 5,000 people eating good soup can do anything.

We are ECHO.
**ECHO touches the lives of infants, children, adults, elderly. Lilly is one of them!**

**ECHO is different.** One unusual thing about ECHO is that it is grassroots, not part of a larger organization, not regional, not national. We don’t get funding from an umbrella organization, and we have a small staff, all of which means we have unique marketing and fundraising struggles. But it is amazing what ECHO accomplishes.

**ECHO touches the lives of almost every low-income child and adult in this area!** We serve over 3,600 different households, about 14,000 people, through our food, housing, transportation and other services. Some people come sporadically, others come regularly, for ECHO services that address basic needs.

**ECHO gives people the opportunity to overcome barriers to self-sufficiency.** I’d like to tell you one of the heartwarming success stories this year, someone well on the way to self-sufficiency.

**Lilly’s Story.** Last fall, a 30-year old woman, who I will call Lilly, came to ECHO. She had married a man who turned out to be a violent addict. Lilly fled, but her family would not take her in, upset that she married this man. Her friends couldn’t afford to help her. On top of homelessness, she was recently diagnosed with a fatal heart condition, was told she had about five years to live and not to work or over-exert herself. She was hospitalized almost every other week. She applied for SSI and SSDI, but an exploratory surgery was required first, to learn more about the heart condition. She was unable to get into local shelters.

Lilly came to ECHO, scared and in desperate need of a safe place to sleep. ECHO helped her with lodging in a motel. We told her we could help her get into her own place, once income was closer at hand, either earned income or disability. Divorce was pending in court, her ex was stalking her, threatening her via text messages and the Internet, angry about the divorce. ECHO called the YWCA to help her file a restraining order against him.

Lilly was determined to survive and do whatever she had to do in order to get her life back on track. Despite doctors’ recommendations, she got a job at a fast food restaurant. In December, she found an apartment and put down $80 to hold it. She needed help with security deposit and first month’s rent. We offered her our Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) program, seeing that she may need more than first month’s rent and security deposit assistance. RRH is a multiple-month rent program targeted to people experiencing homelessness. Our regular rent program provides a single-month rent in a 12-month period.

Lilly knew she still needed more if she was going to have to pay all of her own bills. She landed a slightly higher-paying job working for a gas station. She struggled with working extra hours. Whenever she would push herself to pick up shifts, she would end up in the hospital for a few days because of her heart condition. Last spring, she had the exploratory surgery. However, the SSI/SSDI is still pending, with paperwork taking a very long time.

Lilly wanted more for herself. She didn’t have time to wait around, and she got a better job through a temporary help agency. She loved the job and her co-workers, and she was determined to continue to succeed. With ECHO helping her with the rent, she was able to obtain this steady job, get some furniture for her apartment, and make payments on a reliable vehicle. She was hired into the company after her 90-day period with the temp agency. This got her a $2/hr. pay raise! She was doing wonderfully except as soon as her income went up, she lost her Badger Care insurance. The medical bills quickly piled up to well over $6,000. She had to wait another 90 days (early Sept) to get insurance through her job.

Lilly’s managers at work helped her advance, completing various in-house training sessions to obtain higher positions. She thinks that by December, she will be making $13.45/hour, almost double what she was making a year ago. This fall, she registered for electro-mechanic classes at Blackhawk Technical College. She had been registered there four years in a row, but she never had the courage to follow through. This is going to be her year. She was very excited to start this school program this fall, and her employer will refund her costs when she graduates in two years. She will get a much higher position. (continued on page 3)
Lilly (continued from page 2)  Lilly was able to do this because of ECHO’s help. We provided the security deposit, seven months’ rent, other services and case management throughout the program. The ECHO client advocate stressed to her that the desire to be successful was the key. Lilly took advantage of the time in this program and worked on stabilizing her life. She was recently elated to tell us that she budgeted out her rent payments for the rest of 2015, as well as paying for her education and making payments on the medical bills.

Sustainability is a challenge. It takes collaboration, duration of effort, focus, and ongoing resources. It is difficult for a program that literally changes people’s lives for the better to become self-sustaining. It takes perseverance and financial resources, but it also takes relationships, face-to-face, hundreds of times a year. With that, together, we can change things. Funding has been extremely tight in 2015 – we have been operating on a loan for several months and have cut back services. It is difficult when we have to deny services due to funds.

Finishing my 21st year at ECHO, I love knowing that the place I work is able to keep someone safe in lodging and get them into stable housing, rather than having to sleep in a car or in some bushes beside the river. I love knowing that families will be able to sit down to a traditional Thanksgiving meal, prepared with the Thanksgiving groceries we provide. It’s heartwarming at Christmas to imagine the child we helped at Christmas being able to go back to school after break and talk about the gift they received, just like everyone else. Imagine seeing the faces of the people ECHO serves through community support; there is hope reflected in their eyes and more smiles on their faces when they leave than when they came in. Thank you all for giving me the opportunity to see that day-in and day-out.

We stretch every dollar you give us. With expenditures and in-kind together, ECHO’s direct assistance to administration ratio is 98% to 2%, respectively. ECHO is about Everyone Cooperating to Help Others - people giving, to help people they don’t know but care about, expecting nothing in return. That makes a difference in this community and in your lives and hearts! Thank you for helping keep ECHO afloat and making Janesville a better place to live. We need and appreciate your support throughout the year, as well as the extra boost you give us during the holidays.

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Sleep Outside
so our homeless won’t have to
Friday, November 6
6 pm to 7 am
Rock County Fairgrounds

What to bring: Pack your tent, bag chair, sleeping bag, blanket, pillow, guitar and/or playing cards.
What to do: Engage in poverty simulation, a cardboard shelter contest, a candlelight vigil, games and more!
What you can win: Prizes for top child, youth, adult and team fund raisers.
What this is for: All proceeds benefit homeless residents by funding local programs at ECHO, Edgerton Community Outreach, G.I.F.T.S., House of Mercy and Project 16:49.

To register, visit www.rock-hitf.org.
Cost: $10 advance/$20 advance with t-shirt; $15 after October 25.
For more information, call Jessica at (608) 754-5333.
Thanksgiving Basket Distribution

Saturday, November 21

Thanksgiving Baskets have been a part of ECHO since at least 1975. The basket includes a turkey, vegetables, instant potatoes and gravy, stuffing, homemade cookies or bars, pumpkin pie and whipped topping, and other miscellaneous items.

Sponsors are needed for the Thanksgiving Baskets. Each basket costs $30. If you would like to make a donation to help feed families for Thanksgiving, please send a check to the ECHO Office at 65 S. High St., Janesville, WI 53548, made out to: “ECHO Thanksgiving” or visit www.echojanesville.org to make a donation online.

Volunteers are needed at 7am to load at the W Court St. Sentry and set up at Rock County Fairgrounds (1301 Craig Ave.). Assistance is also needed at 8am to begin packing the Thanksgiving Baskets at Rock County Fairgrounds. Volunteers are needed at 9:30am for distribution of the Thanksgiving Baskets. Please call our volunteer coordinator, Fran, at 754-5333 with questions or to volunteer.

Grocery bags can be picked up at ECHO for youth groups and organizations to decorate. Please bring your decorated bags to ECHO by Friday, Nov. 20.

Volunteer bakers are needed. Drop off your pre-packaged cookies and bars (one dozen per zip-loc bag) at Rock County Fairgrounds on Saturday, November 21, 7am-10am or at the ECHO office on Friday, November 20, 9am-Noon.

Please help make a family’s holiday a thankful one!

A Donation of THANKSGIVING

ECHO expects to assist 900 families who are low-income.

Yes, I would like to sponsor ____ Thanksgiving Dinner(s) at $30 each and/or I would like to make a donation to help feed families after Thanksgiving by sending in a check to the ECHO Office at 65 S. High St., Janesville, WI 53548, made out to: “ECHO Thanksgiving”.

$30 □   $60 □   $120 □   $250 □   $500 □

Any donation is appreciated □ $___________

Please help make a family’s holiday a thankful one!

Donations can also be made online at www.echojanesville.org
Christmas Toy Drive and Distribution Info

Please be a part of our holiday tradition this year. ECHO is accepting cash and new, unwrapped toy donations for children in need in our community now through December 17 at the ECHO office for our Toy Distribution. Holiday wrapping paper and batteries for toys are also needed and can also be dropped off along with the toys.

The Toy Distribution will be held on Friday, December 18 (Snow Day - Saturday, December 19) at St. John Lutheran Church, 302 N. Parker Dr. Preregistration is required from Monday, November 2 - Monday, December 14 at ECHO for participation in program. Participants need to bring in a photo ID, current utility bill, and proof of income for the entire household to sign up.

Many volunteers are needed to make this distribution a success. If you would like to be a Santa’s helper or help with setting up “Santa’s Toy Shop,” please call Fran at 754-5333 to schedule a time.

Toy Wish List

- CDs
- Shoes
- Skateboards
- Makeup
- Jewelry
- Watches
- Books
- Baby Toys
- Legos
- Puzzles
- Art Supplies
- Movie Certificates
- Sports Equipment
- Movies (New releases)
- Small Electronic Gadgets
- Perfumes
- Colognes
- Cars & Trucks
- Learning Games
- Board Games
- Bedding - cool sheets
- Barbies & Dolls
- Store Certificates

Adopt-A-Family Program

Families who are chosen for the program complete a wish list for the donor to purchase items the family needs. Families who are not in the Adopt-A-Family are able to sign up for the Toy Program. The deadline to sign up as a donor for the Adopt-a-Family Program is Friday, November 13, 2015. To sign up or for more information, please contact Jessica at 754-5333 or by email at jschafer@echojanesville.org.

FREE ECHO CHRISTMAS DINNER

Friday, Dec. 25 from 11AM to 1PM
(Open to everyone in the community)
St. William’s Catholic Church, 1820 Ravine St., Janesville

Everyone’s welcome! Please join us!
Visit with Santa and listen to festive holiday music!
The ECHO remodel and addition is nearing completion. It all started in April with the demolition of the little house between ECHO and First Congregational Church to make way for the Social Services addition. Soon after, the foundations went in for the Social Services and Food Receiving/Storage additions. A rainy spring caused things to go a little slower than planned but when it wasn’t raining, workers were here doing their magic. Photos showing the remodel/addition from the beginning are at www.echojanesville.org. ECHO was closed for services about one and a half weeks during September in order to complete the inside remodeling of the Social Services and Community Room areas. The closure of services was necessary to ensure the safety of our clients, volunteers, and staff while the construction crew worked around the clock to minimize a longer closure or unsafe areas for our clients. ECHO would like to welcome the general public to come tour the building and see the new additions and remodeled areas on November 11 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. There will be tours, information about our services, and refreshments. As the holidays are approaching, please consider stopping by with a new toy for our Toy Distribution.

ECHO’s website has gotten a facelift for the first time since 2004! The new site is responsive to the screen size of your viewing device. The ECHO site is kept up to date with information about ECHO services and events. There is also a new page where you can view photos from ECHO events and special distributions. You can also sign up to receive info about upcoming ECHO events and newsletters as well as purchase tickets for events or make online donations. Thank you Kacey, Kristina, and Rachael from Local Matters Digital for assisting us on this great change!

Name: Mike Briggs
How long have you volunteered at ECHO? 10 years plus.
How did you get involved at ECHO? Got involved by my dad and mom Bruce & Beverly Briggs who volunteered at ECHO in various capacities.
What do you do at ECHO? Help with tasks when needed. Pick up donations from grocery stores three times a week. Work with the volunteer crew that helps unload donations from trucks with various large amounts of food for the pantry.
What is your favorite thing about ECHO? I enjoy working with other volunteers and interacting with the clients. It’s a social thing.
What is one thing about ECHO that surprised you when you started volunteering? The number of people that are in need of help with everyday staples.

Are you a friend of ECHO? www.facebook.com/ECHOJanesville
Empty Bowls
a fundraiser for ECHO

Saturday, October 24, 2015
Parker High School
3125 Mineral Point Ave., Janesville
11a.m. to 2:00p.m

- Lunch and Fundraiser to support ECHO, fighting to end hunger in Janesville
- Handmade soups from restaurants along with artisan breads
- **Soup, Bread, Beverage Only:** $8 ($10 at the Door)
- **Soup, Bread, Beverage, and Hand-Thrown Bowl Lunch:** $13 ($15 at the Door)
  *ask about the Reserved Seating: $35*

Soups by
Barkley's • Best Events • Big Foot Country Club • Blackhawk Technical College • Bon Ton Bakery
Buckhorn Supper Club • Charlie’s Place • Chef Stan Arnold • Citrus Café • Dean/St. Mary's
Eagle Inn • The Edgewater • ECHO • GR Sandwich Shoppe • Kerry Ingredients • Lake House Inn
Lois Carlson • Lucy’s Loon Lake • Luke’s Deli • MacFarlane Pheasant • Mac’s Pizza Shack
Mercy Health System • My Apartment Pub & Grill • Panera Bread • Park City Restaurant
Quaker Steak & Lube • Red Robin • Skip’s Friendly Village • Sneakers • South Padre Street Food
Steve’s Deli Dog House • Texas Roadhouse • Time Out Pub & Eatery • Trading Spaces Bar/Grill

Chafing Dish Sponsor - Tim & Barb Cullen

For more Info call ECHO at 608-754-5333

ADVANCE TICKETS AVAILABLE AT:
ECHO: 65 South High St, Jvl
Quaker Steak & Lube: 3111 Wellington Ct, Jvl
Online at www.echojanesville.org

Entertainment by
Steve Pease & Julie Sewell
and Parker H.S. Music Dept.

Other In-Kind Donations by
Aramark • Best Events • Culvers • E&D Water Works • Kealy’s Kafe
Kwik Trip • Starbucks • Whiskey Ranch
2nd Annual ECHO Turkey Trot
At Riverside Park
November 14, 2015
1 Mile Run - 5 Mile Run - 1/2 Mile Kids Fun Run

Sponsored by
Android Industries
Angus-Young Associates, Inc.
E&D Water Works
Festival Foods
Friends of Riverside Park
McDonald Law Office
Midwest Financial Group Inc.
Silent Sports
TriMark Dental Clinic

Registration Fees
$25.00 - 1 or 5 mile (registered before 11/9/15)
$30.00 - 1 or 5 mile (registered after 11/9/15)
$15.00 - 1/2 mile Kids Fun Run
$75.00 - Family rate (4 to 6 people)

Register online at www.echojanesville.org

FUNDRAISING NIGHT

Help support
ECHO, Inc.
Tuesday, November 3, 2015
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
at the Panera Bread bakery-cafe at
2753 Milton Avenue

Bring this flyer when you dine with us on Tuesday, November 3, 2015, and we’ll donate a portion of the proceeds from your purchase to ECHO, Inc. It’s a handcrafted, delicious meal, all for a great cause!
Learn more about Fundraising Nights at Panera Bread at:
www.PaneraBread.com/fundraiser

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IS A PROUD SUPPORTER OF
ECHO
Everyone Cooperating to Help Others

Tuesday November 24th
5:00-9:00 PM

10% of sales will go towards fighting homelessness in Janesville at ECHO
Dine in or Carry Out Orders
Please Bring Flyer
2201 Humes Rd #190
(608) 531-9138
A Special Thanks to Everyone Who Supported Culinary Delight

The 10th Annual Culinary Delight was wonderful. All enjoyed the culinary experience provided by Chef Sara from the Janesville Country Club and musical skills of Yuri Rashkin.

Thank you to the people who made reservations and the many individuals and businesses who donated items for the silent auction.

We would also like to thank Data Dimensions, Jax Custom Printing, MacFarlane Pheasant Farm, and Yuri Rashkin for their in-kind sponsorship of Culinary Delight.

The following businesses and individuals were monetary sponsors of Culinary Delight: The Title Team, Richard Arnold in memory of his brother Arthur Arnold, and Al and Diane Utzig.

“McBuddies” School Supply Program Thanks

Thank you to everyone in the community who donated school supplies and helped ECHO collect and distribute these supplies on August 21 to 502 students in 200 families.

Thank you to these businesses for being a school supply drop-off location: Big Lots, Commercial Bank, Johnson Bank (Main St), Walgreens (Milton Ave), Data Dimensions, the Gazette, Anchor Bank, Office Pro, Associated Bank (Center Ave), McDonalds, Rock-Green Realtors Association, Park Place Chiropractic, First Community Credit Union, Jax Custom Printing, and Rock County Clerks Office. And thank you to the volunteers who helped pack and distribute the school supplies.

Extra thanks to the Janesville Wesleyan Church and Faithworks for partnering with ECHO for the BACK TO SCHOOL BASH on August 22 that provided a totally FREE day of food, carnival games, two bounce houses, giveaways and prizes!

Farmers Market Food Program

The ECHO Janesville Farmers Market (JFM) Food Voucher Program was greatly appreciated by ECHO clients. ECHO distributed vouchers from June through September 2015, thereby assisting ECHO clients with fresh, locally-grown fruits, vegetables, meats, cheese, eggs, and honey. Community donations and a matching grant from anonymous donors through the Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin made it possible to distribute vouchers again this year. ECHO appreciates the support it received from the Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin, the Janesville Farmers Market, and the JFM Board of Directors.
**In Memoriam:**

Since our last newsletter, we received contributions *in memory* of the following ECHO friends. Their families and friends are in our thoughts and prayers.

- Arthur Arnold
- Father John Auby
- Lois Brennan
- Ardis Corey
- Norman Diece
- Barbara Edmonds
- Mark Gaydos
- Gail Hemmer
- James Johnson
- Sandy Kahl
- Jim Lee
- J. Thomas Mack
- James Manz
- Betty Meyer
- Omar E. Pfeiffer
- Mary Reid
- Jeanette Reis
- Raymond Roach
- Bobby Riddle
- Betty Roth
- Dave Schauer
- Mary Jane Schieve
- Kathy Sharp
- Charlie Smith
- Clem Sonntag
- Herb Sorenson
- John “Jack” Watson
- Mary Lou Wemstrom
- Thad Wingfield

**In Honor:**

We join the families and friends in congratulating the following ECHO friends who were *honored* by donations in celebration of their birthday, anniversary, or special occasion.

- Kathleen & Clayton Adee – 25th Anniversary
- Chef Stan Arnold
- Al Erdman – 80th Birthday
- Doris Frye
- Mike & Kit Hinaus – 49th Anniversary
- Jan Kinnaman – Birthday
- Maria McDonald
- Chris & Judy Quick
- Joan Shadel – Retirement
- Marge Smith Peterson – 80th Birthday
- Mary Utzig – 90th Birthday

**We thank you all for thinking of ECHO!**

Memorial and honorarium card packets are available at the ECHO office or through participating churches. Each packet contains:

1. An ECHO information sheet and envelope for you to mail or bring in your donation to ECHO.
2. A postcard to send to the person or family to let them know that a donation was made to ECHO in honor or memory of the person you are remembering.
3. Checks may be made payable to ECHO, Inc. (Your gift is tax deductible as allowed by law.)

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**Kids Helping Kids**

Holiday Toy Drive on December 11, 2015

to benefit ECHO and The Salvation Army at Blain’s Farm & Fleet

More info to come at www.echojanesville.org

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**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS BROUGHT IN DONATIONS OF FRESH PRODUCE FROM THEIR ABUNDANT CROPS!**
Food and Fund Drives

Special thanks to the following businesses and organizations that held food, fund and other drives:

Asbury United Methodist Church
Basics
Bimbo Bakeries USA
Bird’s Eye
Brownberry Bread
Butternut Bakery
Cargill United Methodist Church
Catholic Charities
Chambers & Owen
Community Garden Outreach
Country Quality Dairy
Crystal Farms
CVS
Daniel’s Sentry Food Stores
Delta Kappa Gamma
Dunkin’ Donuts
E & D Water Works
Fagan
Faith Lutheran Church
First Baptist Church
First Congregational Church
First Lutheran Church
First Presbyterian Church
Gardner Bakery
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Hedberg Public Library
Helping the Homeless
Hendricks Properties
Hormel
Humane Society of Southern Wisconsin
Hunger Task Force - Milwaukee
Janesville Senior Center
Jay’s Big Rolls
Jones Dairy Farm
Kerry Ingredients
Kids Against Hunger
Little Debbie
McFarlane Pheasant Farm
Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church
Mt. Zion United Methodist Church
Nativity of Mary Catholic Church
NHA-WIC
NFI
Olive Garden
Our Savior Lutheran
Peace Lutheran Church
Pepsi
Pick’n Save
Riverplace Senior Housing
Rock Green Realtors
Rock Prairie Presbyterian
Royal Neighbors of America - Chapter 310
Ruby’s Pantry Food Bank
St. John Lutheran Church
St. John Vianney Church
St. Mark’s Lutheran Church
St. Mary’s Hospital Janesville
St. Patrick Catholic Church
St. Paul Lutheran Church
St. Peter’s Lutheran Church
St. William Catholic Church
Sam’s Club
Save-A-Lot
Schnucks
Seneca Foods
Starbucks
Trinity Episcopal Church
Trinity Free Lutheran
Unitarian Church
VFW Ladies Auxiliary
Wednesday Morning Optimists

Everyone is invited to share and sing in a special holiday musical event:

The Walk-In Messiah

Sunday, December 13

New Time 4:00 PM

Cargill United Methodist Church (2000 Wesley Ave., Janesville)
Performed by Members of the Community & Conducted by Richard Severing
FREE WILL OFFERING FOR ECHO
**ECHO Calendar of Events**

- **10/24 Empty Bowl Soup Fundraiser** – 11 AM - 2 PM at Parker High School. (See page 7 for needs and info.)
- **11/6 Sleep Out to End Homelessness** – at the Rock Co. 4-H Fairgrounds (See page 3 for more info)
- **11/14 Turkey Trot** – 8 AM at Riverside Park. (See page 8 for needs and info.)
- **11/21 Thanksgiving Basket Distribution** – at the Rock Co. 4-H Fairgrounds (See page 4 for more info)
- **11/29 ECHO Holiday Express** – 1-4 PM at the Pontiac Convention Center. (See page 9 for more information.)
- **12/18 Christmas Toy Distribution** – at St. John Lutheran Church (See page 5 for more information)
- **12/25 Christmas Dinner** – 11 AM - 1 PM at St. William’s Catholic Church, (See page 5 for more info)

**Large Brown Paper Bags, Plastic Bags, Twist Ties & Plastic Bottles Needed**
Drop them off at ECHO (65 S. High St., Janesville) Mon.-Fri. 9am-Noon, or Mon.-Thur. 1-4pm

For removal from our mailing list, call (608)754-5333, notify us in writing, or email office@echojanesville.org

National Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week is held each year the week before Thanksgiving. This is a time for us all to start to think about what we are thankful for, and a perfect time to share our compassion with our neighbors who are experiencing homelessness. This year, National Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week will be held from November 14-22, 2015.