



Eliminating Domestic Abuse
& Building Stronger Families

Newsletter

The Lettermen Concert to Benefit Willow Tree Missions



The timeless group, The Lettermen, well known for their hits such as "The Way You Look Tonight" and "Theme From a Summer Place", will present a holiday concert on Monday, December 4 at the Monticello High School Auditorium to benefit Willow Tree Missions Family Service Center. The opening act for The Lettermen will be a performance by the Monticello High School Madrigals and other student groups followed by the 90-minute concert by The Lettermen.

"We were approached by a representative from The Lettermen earlier this year about the group performing a fund-raising concert on our behalf and best of all, this group offered to donate their time and talents to support us! Without hesitation we jumped at this opportunity to bring this phenomenal group to our community. This gift comes at a perfect time for us as we are diligently working to complete the renovation of our Family Service Center. The funds from this concert will allow us to begin the renovation on the second floor of our Washington Street location. The upstairs space will be transitional housing for our clients in need as well as programming space for our Domestic Violence prevention program," said Jill Maxey, Executive Director of Willow Tree Missions.

Doors open at 6:00 PM with a silent auction. The concert will begin at 6:30 PM. Tickets go on sale October 1 for \$65 and may be purchased at willowtreemissions.org.

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Save the Date

Wednesday, October 4

Grand Opening - 3:00 PM-6:00 PM

Ribbon Cutting - 5:30 PM

Willow Tree Missions on Washington

Executive Director's Recap



Join Us! In honor of October's Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we are celebrating our Grand Opening of Willow Tree Missions on Washington Resale Shop! The celebration will be the week of October 2 – 7. Different events will happen each day. The Grand Opening Celebration is scheduled for Wednesday, October 4 from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM with a Ribbon Cutting scheduled for 5:30 PM. The entire celebration will be open to the public and will include tours, refreshments, giveaways, and special bargains for shoppers!

We have a few more volunteer days scheduled to help finish up the main room at Washington. Check out the schedule on page 8. Please let me know if another time works better for you or your team.

Since December 2022, Willow Tree Missions has been one mission with two locations. Volunteers, vendors, contractors, and team members equaling hundreds of people have invested 1000s of hours for the first-floor renovation of the Washington location. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! We could not have made it this far without your support!

Amid the construction, we have served 54 families this year alone! The need is real! We are excited to keep the momentum going and work on renovating the second floor next. The second floor consists of the Family Service Center, dedicated space for programming, and two transitional apartments. Funding for the Family Service Center and Resale Shop operations is from revenue generated in the shops, private donations, and volunteer hours. Funding for the renovation project at Washington is thanks to the Willow "Giving" Tree Capital Campaign, gifts in kind, local grants, thousands of skilled volunteer hours, and a major grant from the Illinois Department of Human Services. Check out the updated Capital Campaign progress in this publication! We would appreciate your continued support as we close in on the overall project. We are getting so close! Praise God!

ONE MISSION TWO LOCATIONS

Willow Tree Missions on Washington: Family Service Center & Resale Shop

Store hours are Monday through Saturday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

100 E. Washington St. (217) 762-2350

Willow Tree Missions on Monroe: Donation Center, Furniture, and Home Improvement Shop

Donation hours are Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Store hours are Monday through Saturday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

351 W. Monroe St. (217) 762-2350

Board Update

Welcome to Our New Team Members



Jenny Carroll - Board Member

Jenny Carroll is the Senior Director of Gift Planning Operations at the University of Illinois Foundation, overseeing the “back office” operations for the Office of Gift Planning and Trust Services. She has more than 15 years of experience in the non-profit and higher education industries, in programmatic, legal, and operational roles and earned both her bachelor and law degrees from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Jenny lives in Monticello and enjoys spending time with her family, gardening, and crafting. Jenny is passionate about helping women move forward, become independent, and therefore successful within their families and communities.

Chad Johnson - Board Member

Chad Johnson is Vice President and Mortgage Loan Officer at State Bank of Bement – Monticello and has worked for the bank since the Monticello branch opened in 2017. He is a Monticello resident, Treasurer of Monticello Rotary Club and he is a member of the City of Monticello Planning and Zoning Board. Chad also volunteers for Habitat for Humanity, Willow Tree Missions, Rotary events and Chamber/City/Community events when he can. Chad has a heart for the mission of the organization and wants to help those in need in the community.



2023 By The Numbers

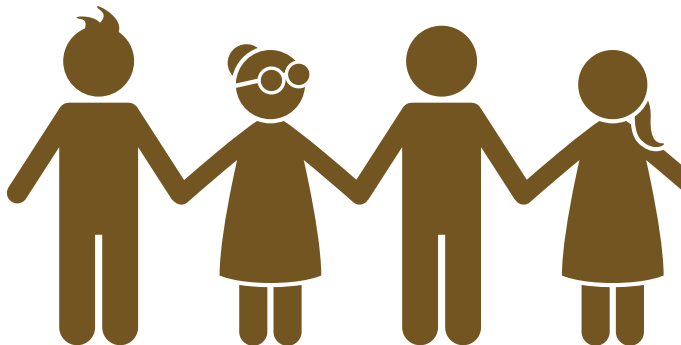
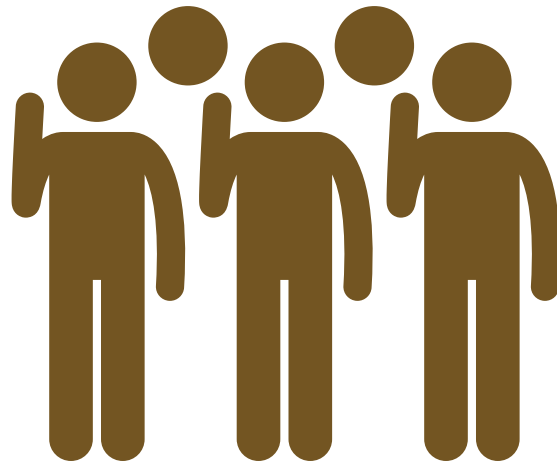


54

Families with
children served

\$340K

Grants & Donations
pledged



700

Volunteer hours
donated per month

Renovation Update

Retail Space at Washington Street Nears Completion



In honor of October's Domestic Violence Awareness Month, a Grand Opening celebration to commemorate the opening of Willow Tree Missions on Washington Resale Shop will be the week of October 2 – 7. Different events will happen each day. The Grand Opening Celebration is scheduled for Wednesday, October 4 from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM with the Ribbon Cutting scheduled for 5:30 PM. The entire celebration will be open to the public and will include tours, refreshments, giveaways, and special bargains for shoppers!

The newly renovated space is the site of the second resale shop, known as Willow Tree Missions on Washington. The Resale Shop will feature clothing and shoes, jewelry, housewares, books, DVDs, CDs, pet supplies, electronics, home décor and seasonal items.

Willow Tree Missions resale shop at 351 W. Monroe will remain open but with a renewed purpose and aptly re-named, Willow Tree Missions on Monroe. All donation drop-offs will continue at the Monroe Street location. Current donation hours are Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Going forward, furniture and home improvement items such as bath fixtures, tools, appliances and building materials will be available at the Monroe Street location.

Will you help Willow Tree to grow?

Just as the roots, trunk, branches, and leaves work together to provide nutrients, strength, pathways, and protection to the tree, your gift will similarly impact the structure of Willow Tree Missions and its client services. Inspired by Shel Silverstein's book, *The Giving Tree*, we believe Willow Tree can be our clients' quiet place to rest, to climb its trunk of resources and swing toward freedom from its branches, to find solace under its leaves.... and to be at peace. Will you help Willow Tree to grow?



Donation Options:

***Mail a check made payable to Willow Tree Missions to
100 E. Washington St., Monticello, IL 61856***

Venmo@Willowtreemissions

Facebook.com/willowtreemissions

Online at <https://willowtreemissions.org/capitalcampaign/>

Renovation Cost Update

Willow "Giving" Tree Capital Campaign

Renovation Costs (as of September 2023)

Renovation Project	Amount Still Needed
ADA Platform lift	\$80,000
Shelving for the Resale Shop	\$41,550
Tuck point various walls	\$25,000
Furniture for 2 transitional apartments	\$18,752
Ceiling fans - middle and main Sections	\$15,600
Second floor updates	\$15,000
Security for transitional apartments	\$15,000
Housewares for transitional apartments	\$13,000
A/C for apartment	\$7,500
Blinds for second floor	\$4,735
Window for housewares workroom	\$2,750
Bed Bug Oven for second floor	\$400
Total Renovation Costs	\$239,287

Renovations Funded	
New Flooring - East & Middle rooms	Broken Window Replacement
Tuck point North Wall - limited	Build out - East and Middle rooms
Building wide LED lights retrofit	Electrical - East, Middle, & Main rooms
Paint - East, Middle, & Main rooms	HVAC first floor (3 furnace & 3 a/c units, ductwork, crane services)
Interior Doors - East, Middle, & Main	Fire Alarm System Installation
Asbestos/Lead Paint Abatement	New Flooring (infill) - Main Room
Lead Paint Abatement-Main Room	New Exterior Door
New Roof and Repairs	ADA Fitting/Meeting Rooms
Tuck point East Wall	ADA Hardware
Fire Rated Wall Assemblies	Shopping carts
Camera System	Willow Tree building signage
Dumpsters (3)	Refinish Main room original wood floor
Intercom System	Installation of recycled wood for trim
4 Egress windows for apartments	

Thank you for your continued support!

How Does Willow Tree Missions Help?

How do I receive services from the Family Service Center?

- Call or text us at 217-631-1018.
- Walk-in during business hours at 100 E. Washington.
- E-mail andrea@willowtreemissions.org
- If you are not safe right now, call 911 or you can go to your police department, sheriff's department or courthouse (during business hours)

What does it look like to get an Order of Protection in Piatt County?

- Enter the courthouse and tell security you need an Emergency Order of Protection.
- You will be directed to the Circuit Clerk's Office on the second floor.
- The Circuit Clerk's Office will contact either a Willow Tree Missions advocate or the States Attorney's Victim Advocate to assist you with the court process.
- You and your advocate will meet in a private room so you can safely share and document the reason you need help.
- You and your advocate will go into court together, where you will be sworn in by a member of the court staff, and asked to share with the Judge why you need an Emergency Order of Protection.
- Assuming the order is granted, the Judge will sign and review the terms of the Order of Protection with you answering any questions you may have.
- You and your advocate will return to the Circuit Clerk's Office where you can obtain copies of the signed Order of Protection.
- At this point you will have an active Emergency Order of Protection.

What happens next?

- The Respondent (the individual you have the order against) will now be served a copy of the order by the Sheriff's Department. This can be as quickly as the same day or can take several weeks depending on the location of the individual.
- The Emergency Order of Protection is only effective for up to 21 days. A new court date will be given on or before 21 days from the date it is issued where you must appear if you wish to maintain the active Order of Protection.
- At this assigned court date, you and your advocate will return to court together. The respondent has the right to attend this court date.
- The Judge will ask if you are interested in seeking a Plenary Order of Protection. This means extending the order for up to two years.
- Assuming you want to remain protected, another court date will be set to give you and the respondent the opportunity to seek legal counsel. From there a hearing date will be scheduled where you can prove a Plenary Order of Protection is needed.

We will help you every step of the way and are here to provide support with the legal system as well as with the day-to-day struggles that come with living with, and fleeing from, domestic violence.

Upcoming Events

Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for people who want to help us prepare and move into our new retail space!

Join Us
SEPT.
9-28

WE NEED HELP WITH:

- Installation of trim and flooring
- Moving inventory
- Cleaning



Workday Schedule

CLEANING & CONSTRUCTION
SEPTEMBER 9 - 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
SEPTEMBER 10 - 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
SEPTEMBER 16 - 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
SEPTEMBER 23 - 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

MOVING
SEPTEMBER 26 - 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM
SEPTEMBER 27 - 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM
SEPTEMBER 28 - 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

To sign up or for more information

info@willowtreemissions.org



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Ribbon Cutting | Refreshments



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Upcoming Events



THE Lettermen

In Concert



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Monticello High School Auditorium

Tickets available for purchase at
willowtreemissions.org

(after October 1)

To benefit Willow Tree Missions
Family Service Center



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Thank you for your support of Willow Tree Missions!



Calvary Baptist Church Youth Group



Resale Shops

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100 E. Washington St.

Willow Tree Missions on Monroe
351 W. Monroe St.
217-762-2350

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Monday - Saturday
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Family Service Center
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