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# MCSA NEWS.



Monthly Newsletter



### Domestic Violence Shelter

In case you didn't know, MCSA operates the only Domestic Violence Shelter in Muscatine County! This shelter is a safe place for women and children to regroup after fleeing a harmful situation. The shelter does not charge, and is staffed 24/7 with trained professionals and volunteers to provide guidance and support while the guests start to rebuild their lives. In 2018, 70 women and children called the shelter home, and the crisis line received 568 calls. This shelter is kept alive by community support, so thank you to all of our supporters!

#### New Staff Member

Everyone give a warm welcome to our newest staff member, Marie Franke! Recently, we hired Marie as our part time Program Assistant. She will be working with our Food Pantry program, and connecting with volunteers for various projects. She brings loads of compassion and a huge heart for helping people. Stop in and say hi! IN THIS ISSUE....

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## Adopt-A-Day 2019

Our annual Adopt-A-Day campaign is in full speed! Each year, MCSA arranges a fundraiser in which local businesses and community members can "adopt" a day at our shelter. This is a wonderful experience for us, and we are always so touched to see various businesses and people reaching out.

We have calculated the approximate cost of keeping our shelter open for a day to be \$1,500. Through the support of local businesses and community members, we are able to continue to help guests on their journey to self-sufficiency and independence.

In 2018, MCSA served 303 adults and 82 children across our Family Shelter, Overnight Shelter, and Men's Dorm programs. Adopt-A-Day contributions play a role in assisting the hundreds of people that call MCSA home each year, and we appreciate the ongoing support!



# Volunteer Spotlight

At MCSA, we have the privilege to work with many wonderful volunteers each year. For this newsletter, we want to recognize two of our most incredible volunteers, Warren and Marilyn.

This sweet couple has been regularly volunteering at MCSA for the past year, and we couldn't be more appreciative of their continued support! Marilyn is a master organizer, and Warren always provides a helpful smile at our front desk. Without these two, life at MCSA wouldn't be the same!

#### Follow Us on Social Media!

Want to know what is happening at MCSA? Find us on Facebook by searching "Muscatine Center for Social Action". Check out our Twitter by searching for our handle @mcsaiowa. On our posts you'll see volunteers, fundraisers, events, and more!



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