

# THROUGH OCTOBER THIS YEAR 60 AREA YOUTH CALLED MCSA HOME

Newsletter—Fall 2017



## MEET SCOTT DAHLKE

We welcomed Scott Dahlke to MCSA as Program Director in mid July. He stepped in as Maggie Curry transitioned into her new role “retirement”.

### **Tell us about your background...**

“After college I ran a program for the New York District Kiwanis Foundation serving over 1000 at risk youth and 200 disabled adults annually. My most significant accomplishment was drastically reducing high risk behaviors by utilizing creative programming. From there I went to North Carolina and worked for a Wilderness Therapy program. As the Director of this program, I was proud of the 85% success rate and the progress the teens made in our school system. After moving to Iowa, I worked for the Robert Young Center. When the Robert Young Center opened an office in Muscatine, I gladly filled that office and assisted in developing their Care Coordination Program growing from 1 employee to 8 and helped integrate mental health service in the Muscatine Community.”

### **What brought you to MCSA?**

“Working in the “garden level” at MCSA in the Robert Young Center, I was often consulted on some of the clients MCSA assisted at the shelter. When Maggie approached me about applying for her position I thought it would be a great opportunity to help members of our community who are historically underserved.”

### **What do you like most about MCSA?**

“I love any opportunity to break the cycle of poverty.”

### **What has been your biggest surprise since coming to work at MCSA?**

“Getting to see how supportive our community is was very eye opening. MCSA wouldn’t exist without the support of this town and seeing the number of people who can get energized by our mission is exciting.”

### **Where do you see MCSA in 5 years, 10 years?**

“In five years I would like to see MCSA utilizing unique collaborative techniques to address issues leading to first time homelessness. In 10 years I would like to see MCSA as a leader at implementing strategies to tackle the systematic causes of sustained homelessness.”



### WELDING PROGRAM

We are excited about this new welding program and the collaboration between MCSA, MCC and area businesses. A fantastic opportunity.



### New welding program aimed at helping those struggling financially

MUSCATINE — The collaboration between Muscatine Center for Social Action and East Iowa Community Colleges is offering professional development and...

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### HALLOWEEN AT THE Y—MCSA

We enjoyed hosting Halloween at the Y again this year while the Y is under construction. It was a wonderful evening!



### FIREWORK FUNDRAISER



Jim Simmons, Hy-Vee Store Director, MCSA Board member, brought us a fantastic fundraiser this year. MCSA earned a portion of proceeds from the Firework Tent sales in Hy-Vee's parking lot in the tune of \$15,000.

We are thankful for the many volunteers and Board members that gave their time to help off-set expenses and maximize our potential earnings. Special thanks to Jim and his team at Hy-Vee for their tireless efforts to ensure the success of this fundraiser.



### Hy-Vee fireworks sales lead to \$15,000 donation for Muscatine Center for Social Action

MUSCATINE — More than \$15,000 raised through fireworks sales at Hy-Vee in Muscatine this summer will help the Muscatine Center for Social Action improve...

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## DAY OF CARING

It warms our hearts to have seen so many caring individuals and businesses out in the community taking in part in [United Way of Muscatine](#)'s Day of Caring. A team from MCSA helped out with breakfast. [Team Staffing Solutions, Inc.](#) volunteers helped out at the MCSA Domestic Violence Shelter, sorting clothing for those that come in with only the clothes on their backs. The [Bridgestone Bandag](#) Commercial Solutions team painted the Family Empowerment offices and hallways in our lower level at MCSA.

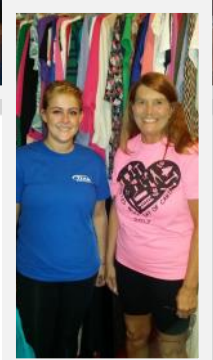
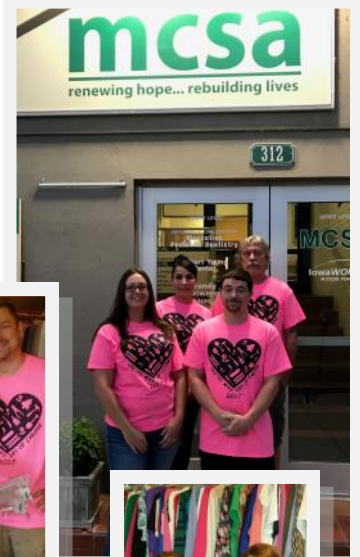
We are so thankful for all the folks that took the time to volunteer. It was much appreciated.

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Dear Scott Dahlke,

Thank you very much for taking the time to show us MCSA. I really enjoyed you talking to us and showing us around. On this trip I learned that MCSA has more than one use. In the future I would like to start trying to donate to MCSA all the time because I know that you are really helping our city. Thank you again for taking time out of your day to teach me and my friends about MCSA.

Sincerely,  
Scarlett —CMS 6th grade



## COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS



[Walmart Muscatine](#) employees gave their time on a Saturday morning to paint and clean the carpet at MCSA. We are grateful for their commitment in helping those we serve.



## A SAMPLE of GENEROSITY



[Muscatine Community College](#) held a drive for MCSA. We are grateful for their generosity of much needed pantry items and \$555 in monetary donations.



The MHS Key Club slept outside in cardboard boxes to raise awareness and funding of \$665.75 for homelessness! A great group of young people.



Check out all these wonderful blankets, handmade by the talented ladies from [Church of Christ](#). We are so grateful they chose MCSA to be the recipient.



Muscatine Youth Group stopped by for a tour and brought adorable hand-made blankets for the children.



200—6th grade students from CMS toured MCSA in October. They raised \$350.25 for MCSA during their penny war challenge and collected jars of peanut butter and jelly.



These caring students attending Vacation Bible School at [Musserville United Methodist Church](#) made blessing bags for those we serve.



## AFFORDABLE HOUSING NEEDED



### Study shows a need for more affordable housing in Muscatine

There's a shortage of housing, there are limited opportunities to build new housing, City officials break down the numbers after a new housing study

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Lack of affordable housing is the leading cause of homelessness.

## THANKSGIVING & LOAVES & FISHES



### The knights of noodles

For the last nine years, parishioners and volunteers have been coming together in Gannon Hall to turn pounds of dough into fresh noodles. The noodles are for the Knights of

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Mary Louise Caponette has been serving meals to our community for 25 years at MCSA. [Learn More](#)

## MCSA HEALTH SCREENING EVENT



MCSA hosted a Wellness Fair and Health Screening event on November 11th. We are incredibly fortunate to have so many committed service providers in our community!



We are thankful for the multitude of volunteers that worked together so we could have a Thanksgiving meal at MCSA. From Jim Weigand and the Knights of Columbus to those that came in on Thanksgiving day to help serve our Thanksgiving meal. Here are just a few of the volunteers from Thanksgiving day—we thank them all.

We don't know where we would be without Mary Louise Caponette and all the volunteers that come in every Saturday to serve a hot meal for MCSA and the community during Loaves and Fishes—we are grateful, thank you.

## MCSA DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER



### Muscatine comes together to support shelter during Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Your sister. Your mother. Your girlfriend or wife. Your...

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**Muscatine HS** @MuscatineHS · Sep 21

Support @mcsaiowa at this Friday's Football game against Bettendorf!  
#muskienation

**Mike Morgan** @CatholicHawk81

Come join us tomorrow as we host Bettendorf. \$1 from every ticket sold will be donated to the local Domestic Abuse Shelter.  
@MuscatineHS



*Save the Date*

**April 7, 2018**  
6:00 to 9:30 pm  
Geneva Golf and Country Club in Muscatine

**16th Annual Benefit & Raffle for the MCSA Domestic Violence Shelter and "New Beginnings" Sponsorships**

Cash Bar • Interactive Food Stations  
Live and Silent Auctions • 50/50 Raffle  
Games of chance to win jewelry and special items  
Door Prizes • Isabel Blooms  
"New Beginnings" Sponsorships

Registration deadline is Friday, March 30, 2018  
Register online now! [www.mcsaiowa.org](http://www.mcsaiowa.org)  
Find us on Facebook / Twitter  
For more information call (563) 264-3278

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Mark your calendars and join us for this fun night out. [Registration](#) available online.

Grateful to live in a community where the schools are involved in raising awareness and support for domestic violence.



Our community is full of thoughtful caring folks as shown by the generosity during the MCSA Domestic Violence fundraiser organized by [Grandma Cindy's Kitchen](#), [EXIT Realty Group - Muscatine Iowa Real Estate Homes for Sale](#) & [AnewU Salon and Spa](#). They dropped off a check in the amount of \$2,060. Organizers, Cindy, Cathy, Stephanie, and Heather did an amazing job. We can't say thank you enough to everyone that participated, the donors, shoppers, planners, and organizers. We are so thankful to be part of this wonderful community - thank you!

Oct 11, 2017

Dear Scott Dahlke,

Thank you for giving us a tour at the homeless shelter. I found it very caring of MCSA to create shelter and food and water for the homeless. I just know if I was homeless I would start crying of happiness when I found out you had a place for me to stay at night and food for me and my family. I am pretty sure everyone appreciates what you do for our city. Without you, there would probably be lots of homeless people on the sides of the road. My favorite part of the shelter was the seeing the dorms. I really like them because they are probably comforting to the people that stay there. Thank you from everyone in 6th grade.

Love,  
Hannah—CMS 6th grade



**RIVER CITY THROWDOWN**



**River City Throwdown**

River City Throwdown is a showcase of 18 different bands from all over the midwest. The event is Saturday, October 14th at Pearl City Station in Muscatine. All of the proceeds for the concert benefit the Muscatine Domestic Violence Shelter.

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We are appreciative for folks like [Sam Koester](#). He organized another amazing event, [River City Throwdown 2017](#), three years and running! We can't say thank you enough to everyone involved, to Sam, the performers, the sponsors: [Vintage Sound 93.1](#), [Hale Printing inc.](#), [UVxDesign](#) & [Wolf Den Wares](#), the volunteers, food vendors, MCSA Domestic Violence Shelter staff, guests, anyone that played a part in the making and support of this event for the benefit of the [Muscatine Center for Social Action](#) Domestic Violence Shelter. We are so very grateful.

**BBQ RIB COOKOFF**



4,256 Views

Voice of Muscatine  
October 6

[View](#)



**MUSC BBQ CHARITY COMPETITION**

Barbecue chefs will be spicing things up at a hot, new event Saturday, and they're hoping it brings home the bacon, for a great cause.

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**Cooking for a cause**

Muscatine's Domestic Violence Shelter is one of the organizations that used to be subsidized by state and federal funding. This changed a few years ago, and w

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Again, our community is the best! From all the press to the individuals and businesses that reach out to us with amazing ideas to raise money.

Watch the video to see the powerful moment as the folks at [Chamberlin Heating & Air Conditioning](#) presented the MCSA Domestic Violence Shelter with a check for \$4,120! Funds were raised during the BBQ contest that took place September 30th at Chamberlin. This donation will help the Shelter continue to be a safe haven for women and children fleeing domestic violence situations.

Dear Scott Dahlke,

Thank you for talking to us about all the amazing things MCSA can do. I really enjoyed seeing parts of MCSA I had never seen before. I also enjoyed knowing that everybody is welcome. It however made me really sad was hearing that not only are there little kids there but you guys have never had an empty building. I learned that MCSA is kind of like a little town, people who don't have houses can sleep there. Now that I visited MCSA I know that there are people in Muscatine that have it harder than me. Thank you for letting me visit MCSA it was an amazing experience. I learned so much about it.

Sincerely,  
Lucy—CMS 6th grade

## MAGGIE'S RETIREMENT



Mark Patton, Maggie Curry, Sister Irma Ries, Mike Johannsen

Oh, all the smiles and hugs. It was a GREAT day of celebrating Maggie's impact on MCSA and those we serve. Thank you to Maggie for the many years of service and to all that joined us in celebration!

## BOOTS

Boots enjoying the fun during the August eclipse.



## Current Needs

- Disposable bowls
- Disposable plates
- Jelly
- Sugar-free jelly
- Peanut butter
- Almond butter
- Low sugar cereal
- Saran Wrap
- Foil
- Shaving cream
- Bath towels
- Kitchen towels
- Wash Cloths
- Foam Cups
- Disposable Utensils
- Twin & full sheet sets
- Laundry Soap
- Slow cooker liners
- Cleaning rags
- Deodorant
- Pillows
- Air mattresses
- Gloves, hats & mittens
- \$5 & \$10 gift cards



**MCSA:** 563-264-3278

- 312 Iowa Avenue - Muscatine, IA - 52761
- Email: [mcsa@mcsaiowa.org](mailto:mcsa@mcsaiowa.org)

**Domestic Violence Shelter Crisis Line:** 563-263-8080

- Location Undisclosed, Muscatine, IA 52761

**University of Iowa Pediatric Dental Clinic:** 563-263-0895

- Lower level of MCSA

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