



Dear Community Member,

In our community, a single mother and her children have been living in a rental with no heat or water for the last five months. The unit is falling apart around them with no assistance from the owner. Muscatine Center for Social Action staff has stepped in to advocate, but finding an affordable unit for the family has been a challenge. The City of Muscatine website shows that our community is **990** units short of affordable housing, which causes couch surfing, over-occupancy, poor grades for children, and potentially worse. We cannot let this continue.

The catalyst for change is an affordable housing property that MCSA is working to renovate in Downtown Muscatine. First Presbyterian Church saw the chance to change lives and stepped up to the plate.

Now is your chance to act!

The **Double Your Dollars for Housing Campaign** will be the launch towards better housing for all Muskies. For every dollar donated, First Presbyterian Church will **DOUBLE** your gift up to \$30,000 for the full renovation of the housing property (\$60,000) into a single-family home. We challenge you and your fellow community members to **double your dollars** and join us in this campaign. Together, we can all double our impact to make Muscatine beautiful, support our vulnerable neighbors in their journey to self-sufficiency, and work towards stable futures for all.

While dollars are important, so is **sweat equity.** Swinging hammers alongside others is a great way to build relationships with other service-focused individuals in our community. Anyone interested in volunteering may call or text Paula Stover at 563-506-3079. First Presbyterian Church and MCSA leadership are also available to present to your congregation or business.

There are many more families out there like our single mother, struggling to make ends meet and find safe and affordable housing. We have the power to change this, and that change starts with **you!**

Sincerely,

MCSA and First Presbyterian Church