

# The Echo

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am excited to announce an important development for the Ecumenical Community Center Foundation. We have decided that it will be of great help to ECCF to have a full-time Chief Operations Officer (COO) who will oversee the programs but will focus primarily on outreach and development.

The needs that our programs serve are great, and the resources we have available are never sufficient to come close to addressing all those who are in need. We hope to have a new COO on board in the near future and we sincerely believe that the new COO will be able to substantially enhance our ability to fulfill ECCF's mission.

**Peter Riley, ECCF President**

Please consider a **monthly donation to the ECCF**. It's easy using PayPal. Click the link to **Donations** on [www.ecc-cr.net](http://www.ecc-cr.net).

**YOU CAN HELP:**  
**Assist people with disabilities by enrolling yourself in a CompuPlace class! See page 3**

## Helping Hands Ministry

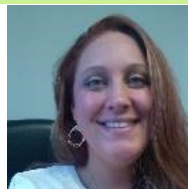
### Helping Hands Ministry

601 Second Avenue SE #2

Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52401

**Phone:** (319)-366-2651

**Email:** [helpinghands@ecc-cr.net](mailto:helpinghands@ecc-cr.net)



**Jessica Stamper , HHM Program Coordinator**

### Your Donations Say “Welcome Home!”

Two young women who had been homeless for nearly three months entered Helping Hands Ministry (HHM) seeking assistance for rent and deposit. Forced out by their parents at the age of 18, they were each told that they had to fend for themselves.

Both had full time jobs, and together would be able to maintain a home. However, the difficulty was in budgeting first month’s rent and a deposit all at once. Calls by HHM to landlords finally found one that could rent to them right away. They desperately needed this help.

The young women had been clearly afraid to be without a place to live after experiencing harassment, and each had been robbed twice. Collaborating with St. Vincent De Paul and Salvation Army that same week, HHM found them a place to make their own.

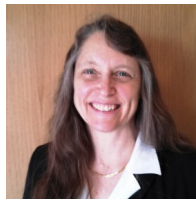
Both young women are actively thankful for this encouragement and support, and have already paid back half of the assistance that they received. Your donations are a “Welcome Home” for these two grateful young ladies, and can now be used again to assist others.



# CompuPlace

## CompuPlace

601 Second Avenue SE #3  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52401  
**Phone:** (319)-362-4284



**Email:** [compuplace@ecc-cr.net](mailto:compuplace@ecc-cr.net)     **Robin Switzer Brunner, CompuPlace Director**

## **A Specialized Computer Learning Lab for People with Disabilities**

A recent reminder not to judge others just because “they may sin differently” provokes thought. Dr. Temple Grandin’s TED talk, “The World Needs All Kinds of Minds” underscores the need to maintain active respect for others’ **thinking**, though it may be different from our own.

At CompuPlace, we focus upon individuals’ abilities both typical and unique. We use a simple formula: find out what interests a learner, what they can do, and what they want to work on. The world opens up when people can communicate better, learn what they want to know, and be recognized as commendable. **Your donations cultivate thinking!**

Training through computer use can be both hard work and fun. Help provide classes to people with disabilities by taking a class yourself or by recommending one to someone you know.

**Downloading**, Friday October 14<sup>th</sup>, 1 – 3 PM

Apps & Software Free From the Internet, & Where to Get It

**Surfing the Internet**, Friday October 21<sup>st</sup>, 1 – 3 PM

Browsing, Links, Searching, & Saving What You Find

**Classes are held at CompuPlace, and pre-registration is required.**

Register for Classes Soon! by phone, fax, mail, email, or online.

Go to <http://www.cedar-rapids.org> and follow these links:

For Residents > Parks & Recreation > Recreation Programs

**Other Classes Could be Developed & Offered to Groups with Particular Needs**

**DIY Computer Tune Up** Taking Care of Your Computer & What’s On It was offered earlier.  
We could schedule another session of this class if requested.

**Contact CompuPlace Online [www.ecc-cr.net](http://www.ecc-cr.net) or Phone 319-362-4284**

# Margaret Bock Housing (MBH) A Home on Third

**1021 Third Avenue SE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52403**

Our mission is to provide humanitarian care and service with the surrounding neighborhood by providing low income, affordable housing with independent living for single adults, men or women, and to seek local, state and federal funding.

A eight member volunteer Board of Directors meets monthly and is active between meetings as well. This is our 17th year as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Our facility has 35 rooms typically fully occupied for single adults with low incomes. Tenants pay only \$300-320 on a month-to-month lease that includes utilities. A deposit of one month's rent is required and applicants are screened.

Contributions to help cover costs for insurance, maintenance, utilities, tenant furnishings, building supplies, plus office expenses are always welcome and needed. Our wish list includes single beds, sheets, pillows, lamps, and end tables. Our grant request from City Housing to replace our outdated fire alarm system was not successful. We continue to add new flooring both upstairs and down.

On March 20, May 22, and again on September 18, MBH provided a picnic at our building.

*Please consider supporting Margaret Bock Housing and join us as we strive to continue improving MBH. To make a pledge donation prior to the end of 2016, go on-line to the MBH website at [ecc-cr.net/mbh.php](http://ecc-cr.net/mbh.php)*

1. Click on *ECC E-Mail Contact Form*
2. Fill in contact information including in the comment field that you wish to make a donation to MBH. Your information will be forwarded to MBH.

**Jim Federer, President  
319-362-6936**

## ECCF Board of Direc-

**Peter Riley**, President, At-Large

**David Jiruska**, Vice-President, Westminster Presbyterian

**Ron Detweiler**, Treasurer, At-Large

**Jim Kennedy**, Secretary, First Lutheran

**Scott Olson**, Development Committee Chair, At-Large

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Marcia Whiteford, First Congregational / UCC

Vacancy: Christ Episcopal  
Vacancy: First Presbyterian

Vacancies: Wellington Heights & Moundview Neighborhood Assoc.

Meet: 4th Thursday/mo @ 7:00 pm in the Ecumenical Community Center 's Scott & Penny Olson Community Room

# ECCF News, Events, & Support Jan & May 2016:

## ECCF Endowment Fund

The Ecumenical Community Center Foundation (ECCF) is pleased to announce the creation of an endowment fund to be administered by the Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation. This endowment fund was made possible by a gift from Scott and Penny Olson of \$10,000.00 to establish the fund. Scott and Penny have been generous in their support of ECCF, not only financially, but Scott has served on the Board of Directors, as President, and in other official capacities, since ECCF was created.

The endowment fund will provide a vehicle for gifts that will ensure for the long-term future and success of ECCF. In honor of their contribution, the ECCF Board of Directors voted to rename our Board Room the Scott and Penny Olson Community Room. If you are interested in this new way to help beneficiaries of ECCF services, please contact us, or the Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation for additional information.

Know anyone who can donate their time for a photo project? Help CompuPlace make learning games!

Learn and Give at the same time!

Contact Robin for details. Thanks!  
And High Five's this Thanksgiving!

## THANK YOU !

**RUTH M. AND CLIFFORD M. ALTERMATT  
FUND OF THE GREATER CEDAR RAPIDS COM-  
MUNITY FOUNDATION**

**BUFFALO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**ECHO HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH**

**LIVING WATER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**LOVELY LANE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**METCO CREDIT UNION**

**OAKLAND CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**

**OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**PEACE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**

**PEOPLE'S UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST  
CHURCH**

**SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**ST. PUIS X CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**TOKHEIM FAMILY DESIGNATED FUND FOR  
LUTHERAN CHURCH INITIATIVES FOR THE  
HOMELESS OF THE GREATER CEDAR RAPIDS  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**UNITY CENTER**

### HHM Wish List

For distribution to clients:

- Laundry soap & quarters
- Money for local bus tickets
- Hy-Vee gift cards (special dietary needs)
- Feminine hygiene products
- 4-roll packages toilet paper
- Deodorant
- Shampoo/ conditioner

For office:

- Postage Stamps
- Colored 8-1/2 x 11 copier paper
- White 8-1/2 x 11 copier paper
- Financial donations for general support

### CompuPlace Wish List

- A-2 (invitation sized) envelopes, pastel or bright colors, for quarter-fold greeting cards
- Photos and sounds of animals, vehicles and more—help us develop learning games!
- Internet hubs (maybe 4 port?)
- Volunteers to help teach clients, or for Power-Point and/or Photo projects making learning games for specific clients' needs
- Volunteers to help run basic anti-malware and other simple maintenance software
- \$ for software specially designed for adults with disabilities
- Postage Stamps (just a few each month)
- Encourage our clients with one-time financial gift, monthly pledges, and **High 5** donations!

**Printing of the quarterly publication, *The Echo*, is graciously provided by First Lutheran Church of Cedar Rapids. Articles and questions may be submitted to Jessica Stamper, ECCF's ECHO Editor.**

**Ecumenical Community Center Foundation ECCF**  
**601 Second Ave SE/Suite #1/Cedar Rapids, IA 52401**  
**Sharing Ministries of Humanitarian Care & Service**

Contribution Options:

- Enclosed is my check\* in the amount of:  \$500.00;  \$250.00;  \$100.00; \$\_\_\_\_\_ (other)  
*(Check should be payable to Ecumenical Community Center Foundation)*
- Donate online at [www.ecc-net](http://www.ecc-net) (Donate Now Button – PayPal)
- Give to the ECCF Endowment Fund at Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation.
- I cannot give today, but would like to pledge \$\_\_\_\_\_; or \$\_\_\_\_\_ per month.
- I want to donate or volunteer my time and talents. (Please include additional details.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please include any company matching gift forms where applicable.)

Please indicate preferred contact method.

**Questions?** – email us [helpinghands@ecc-cr.net](mailto:helpinghands@ecc-cr.net) or [compuplace@ecc-cr.net](mailto:compuplace@ecc-cr.net) OR call 319-366-2651 or 319-362-4284

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR TAX-DEDUCTIBLE GIFT.**

**We DO NOT rent, sell, or exchange any of our donor information.**