

The MorningStar *Chronicle*

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Connected By Love

Dear Friend,

We all need someone to rely on when times get tough. But some of our neighbors have no one. They may be new to the area. Those deep in addiction may have alienated their family and friends. Whatever the reason, when trouble hits and there is no one else to turn to, MorningStar Mission is here for them.

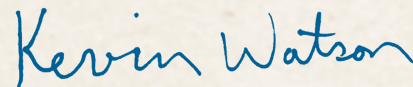
At MorningStar, people in crisis connect with staff, volunteers and other guests. We are all here to comfort, encourage and care for one another.

This year, we are dedicated to forming stronger connections with our community — businesses, churches and organizations that can help us reach not only those who are homeless but those on the brink. Together, we can offer them the resources they need to keep their heads above water.

We want to connect with you as well! You are the backbone of MorningStar Mission. If you've never been here, please come see the good you do with your gifts. Tell me what motivates you to give to MorningStar. Or become a volunteer. You will be rewarded many times over for your efforts.

But the most important connection of all is with our Lord Jesus Christ. With Him, we never walk alone. May you have a blessed Easter!

In His Love,



Kevin Watson
Executive Director



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Mission™

Grateful for your Giving



**My command
is this:
Love each
other as
I have
loved you.**

— John 15:12



Join us for upcoming events at MorningStar Mission

Mother and Daughter

Pajama Brunch

Saturday, March 15

10:00 am - noon

Jacob Henry Mansion/Victorian Ballroom, Joliet

Culinary Caravan

Thursday, April 3

5:00 - 9:00 pm

Frankfort/Mokena area

Contact Peggy Sue at p.munday@morningstarmission.org with any questions.

Community Outreach

MorningStar Mission is best known for caring for our homeless neighbors in all of Will County. But we also have a variety of community outreach ventures that help individuals and families stay housed! These are just a few of the ways MorningStar Mission — with help from people like you — is making our community a better place for everyone.

▶ Easter Dinner

Anyone who needs an Easter dinner is welcome to come to MorningStar Mission.



▶ Back to School

Our Jump On The Bus school supply program gives local children the school supplies they need to start a new year of learning, along with a backpack, shoes, socks and underwear.



▶ Community Cleanup

Join us to help make our community a beautiful place to live, work, worship and play. That includes providing services like leaf raking and snow shoveling for our elderly residents.

▶ Food Pantry Fridays

Nobody should have to give up food to pay the rent. Every Friday, MorningStar Mission's Food Pantry offers essential groceries to anyone in need.



▶ Thanksgiving Food Baskets

Families who wouldn't otherwise have a Thanksgiving dinner receive a generous food basket with the makings for a traditional turkey dinner and approximately 20 lbs. of food.



▶ Christmas Stars of Hope

Caring friends like you purchase presents for qualifying families so they can have a merry Christmas. They also receive a food basket with lots of wholesome food — and goodies too!



▶ Shop with a Sheriff and Shop with a Cop

Area youth are given a gift card and matched with Will County Sheriffs or New Lenox Police Officers to shop for Christmas presents for their families. They also enjoy a pizza party and get a positive experience with law enforcement.



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