

The Tapestry Quarterly Newsletter Spring 2015

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Board of Directors

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We need your help!



Furniture Bank

Hours:

Monday-

Thursday 10am-2pm

Fridays 10am-2pm

**(we need volunteers
to be open during
this time!)**

**2nd Saturday from
1pm-3pm**

To volunteer at



We need your help! Want to become more involved directly with The Tapestry? We need committee members to help with the overall organization, planning, and support to help make The Tapestry successful. Listed below is the various committees and what responsibilities each would have. If you are interested in becoming more involved with any of the committees listed below please contact thetapestrycr@gmail.com

Communication Committee:

Responsibilities:

- Help board, members, and committees create effective communication strategies and systems
- Support effective membership communication systems such as newsletter, social media, hOurworld

Facilities Committee:

Responsibilities:

Furniture Bank call:
Teresa:
319-310-3658
Janet: 319-929-7785

**Welcome
 New
 Members!**

Shelly Stackhouse
 Kathy Hintz
 Theo Sutton
 Pam Schwochow
 Jami Neise
 Johonna Reif
 Andy Marshall
 Brad Aldrich
 Maria Ritchart
 Lee Kohl
 Holly Martin
 Neal Gilbertson
 Stephanie Gilbertson
 Harold Scheer
 Christina Swalley
 Jeffery Gotiear
 Karen Jackson
 Jackie Wilhelm
 Sisto "Gamma" Peter
 Sally Trenary
 Sandi Bandfield
 Leah Bandfield
 Micah Bandfield
 Joiah Bandfield
 Sara Barfels
 Kathy Johnson
 Arlo Pelley
 Jessica McDaniel
 Chris Norberg
 Anna Brown

**Thank you for your
 Donations:**
 Kamal's for rugs
 and upholstery

- Manage and negotiate leases
- Understand lease requirements
- Oversee repairs, major improvements, maintenance to facilities
- Offer support and direction for Furniture Bank as it relates to facilities

Financial Committee – Covered in agenda as the Treasurers Report. At such time that there are more activities for Finance or the Treasurer feels the need for a committee, the board can activate a committee (per bylaws). Until that time, the board will assume responsibility for reviewing and understanding the financials as presented in the Treasurers Report. Treasurer will serve on Fundraising Committee.

Fundraising Committee:

Responsibilities:

- Understand and communicate overall fundraising strategy
- Make recommendations for events and develop subcommittees
- Seek out and write grants
- Understand restrictions and requirements for grants
- Develop and Support donor, partnership, sponsorship opportunities

Membership Committee:

Responsibilities:

- Recruit members
- Engage current membership
- Identify and implement retention strategies
- Responsible for Strategic Plan goal #2
- Know status of memberships: total membership,

of new members, # of members lost, etc.

Other Communication for Board Effectiveness:

Volunteer Coordinator and President – prompt committee reports and board agenda items one week in advance of the meeting

Committee Reports – identify items that need to be brought before the board and ask for adequate time to address at board meeting. Determine if those items require – updating, input/discussion, decision

Information that board may want to see/know on a regular basis

- Membership – # membership, # new members, # exchanges, # exchange hours
- Financials – previous month financials; financial projections to year end
- Deadlines – grants, other dates

Non Profit Spotlight: Ecumenical Center Helping Hands

The Ecumenical Center has been essential in providing a rental office space for The Tapestry Office. They have also worked closely with helping obtain the furniture bank location. This feature is to educate on what the Ecumenical Center provides as services for the community. A big Thank You!!

**The Tapestry
Furniture Bank**



August marked the end to a long search. The Tapestry Furniture Bank has a new home! The Furniture Bank will be located at 600 2nd Ave SE across from the Ecumenical Community Center, where The Tapestry office is currently located. The Tapestry is still working to get the furniture bank up and running and open for consistent hours so people can utilize the space more efficiently. We need your help with staffing the furniture bank and helping with day to day operations. If you are interested in helping please contact Teresa at 319-310-3658 or Janet at 319-929-7785 or e-mail thetapestrycr@gmail.com



The Junk to Funk Event was a wide success. Thanks to the media exposure of this event, we had many members of the community come to just "check us out." We were able to raise well over \$1,000.00 to help with getting the furniture bank up and going. Thank you to those who donated items for the silent auction and all the hard work it took to prep for this event! We were able to educate many individuals on what our mission is about! Stay tuned for future events!



From the President's Desk:

It has been quite the year in progress for The Tapestry. We have obtained many new members and continue to make connections in the community. A very big thanks goes out to Chelsea DeLarm for helping get a lot of necessary things "rolling" for us. Also for Teresa Fettkether whom has taken over with helping scheduling various events for The Tapestry and the day to day operations. I also wanted to acknowledge Lois Rude. Lois served on the Board of Directors and has moved out of state in late 2014. Lois exemplified the passion of The Tapestry mission and helped in obtaining the furniture bank location. All 3 have done wonderful "behind the scenes" work that I wanted to acknowledge and couldn't have been able to do the things we are doing without your support.

We look forward to see what 2015 will bring for The Tapestry. We need your help in growing The Tapestry. If you are interested in helping but don't know what you can do to help, please still contact us. Every person has things to contribute, every person is important. Thank you again for help in making The Tapestry a reality!

Spring Cleaning!!

The Tapestry could use your "old" stuff. When getting ready to clean out the garage or that spare room, or even in the event of dealing with an estate-please keep us in mind! The Tapestry currently has a Stuff Etc. account in the Cedar Rapids location. Your unwanted items can directly contribute financially to The Tapestry. When taking in items please let the Stuff Etc. staff know. The Tapestry's account: #15471

Stuff Etc.

252 Blairs Ferry Road NE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52402
(319) 373-2380

Check out their website for more information on items they are willing to take:

www.shopstuffetc.com

Thank you for your continued support of The Tapestry. We will continue to recognize volunteers and membership in the quarterly editions of The Tapestry Quarterly Newsletter. We will also be sending out monthly event calendars. We hope you can join in the festivities.

Newly Elected Officers for The Tapestry for 2015

*President: Marti Gray
V. President: Dan Bennett
Treasurer: Brad Pedersen
Secretary: Katie Shaul
Officer Assistant: Teresa Fettkeller*

The Tapestry Mission Statement

The Tapestry Time Bank promotes community by providing a convenient system for the time-based exchange of services among members.

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