FreeStore

2013

Annual Report

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Our Mission

We support children and families who have escaped abusive situations. We provide donated furniture and household goods to clients of domestic violence services and other agencies as these families begin new independent, productive lives in safe environments.

Our Treasures: Volunteers and Supporters

The FreeStore is dedicated to helping victims of domestic violence. As we all know, these victims are primarily women and, of these female victims of domestic violence, 38% have children under age 12 living with them.

What the FreeStore does for these victims is important. We can't help them escape their violent living situations, but we can help them create safe new environments when they make the break with their abusers. And hopefully this begins to break the cycle for their children.

And how do we do it? We do it because of two very important groups: selfless volunteers and generous supporters. When the FreeStore started, there were three volunteers who did it all: they picked up furniture in their own trucks and vans, they worked in the warehouse (then a single garage storage unit), and they met the women leaving the CFI shelter who needed furniture. Often they used their own vehicles to move the furniture.

As our donations increased, so did out ability to help families and so did our volunteer numbers. At last count there were almost 100 people who regularly or occasionally give time and effort to the FreeStore – and that doesn't include the groups who come in once or twice a year from churches and business to help with special projects—and we still have NO paid staff.

We now have

- several volunteers who manage administrative tasks (records, financials, grants, etc.)
- several more who greet referrals from domestic violence organizations and help them choose the furniture to fill their needs
- a group who tends to the needs of DV victims from shelters outside the DSM metro area
- several teams who move furniture to the DV victims' homes
- a person who schedules these DV greeters and movers
- several people who greet referrals of non-DV families and help them pick out their furniture
- a person who schedules the greeter and non-DV families for FreeStore visits
- several teams who go out and pick up donations
- a person who schedules the pickup teams
- several people who work to keep the warehouse organized
- a person who oversees the warehouse inventory
- a group who takes the phone calls and schedules the donation pickups
- a person who schedules the telephone schedulers

And we can do this, day after day and week after week, because of the generosity of you, our supporters. That's where you come in! We simply could not do what we do without your generosity that allows us to pay the rent on the warehouses, modestly heat the buildings, and maintain and fuel our trucks. You are the lifeblood of the FreeStore. We are grateful for all you do for us.

FreeStore Board Chair

Our 2013 Highlights

FreeStore Served 214 families in 2013.

218 women
12 men
356 Children

We had record shipments of household items.

201 tons valued at $468,357

We conducted our annual Fill the Mayflower event in May, and received a large donation of queen size beds in November from the Fairfield Inn.

United Way selected FreeStore again in 2013 for their “Day of Caring”event.

300 Dressers for Kids built in 4 hours at Fairgrounds.

Truck and warehouse improvements were funded by the S. L. Gimbel Foundation Fund through The Community Foundation of Riverside California.

We finished the year with 96 active volunteers.

Our 2013 Activities

We set a goal to provide more Items in our Pots and Pans sets

We filled a long term goal to have dressers built by high schoolers. The Norwalk Industrial Technology class built 25 dressers in February.

We asked ISU students to help us with ACCESS client deliveries in Story County

We were blessed to receive new small appliances from some of our donors.

2013 Activities

Other donors gave us cleaning supplies

Faith in Action students painted the Norwalk dressers during Spring Break

Our Mayflower volunteers were treated to free Mac-n-Cheese for lunch by Noodles & Co at Valley West Mall

The Echo Valley women's golf league gave us household items and some cash too!!

2013 Activities

The Des Moines Bicycle collective provided rebuilt bikes for our young clients . . .

St Vincent de Paul made regular stops on Tuesday mornings for

And helmets for their safety

New hand trucks from
The Community Foundation
S. L. Gimbel Foundation Fund

United Way sponsored
Dressers for Kids as the Day
of Caring event on Sept 17
at Elwell Building on the
IowaFairgrounds

BWA helped us purchase these cute sheets and blankets for our young clients who selected AIB bunk beds.

2013 Activities

Bankers Trust Leadership Team volunteers painted a lot of bunk beds last Fall!

We were really short of beds in November

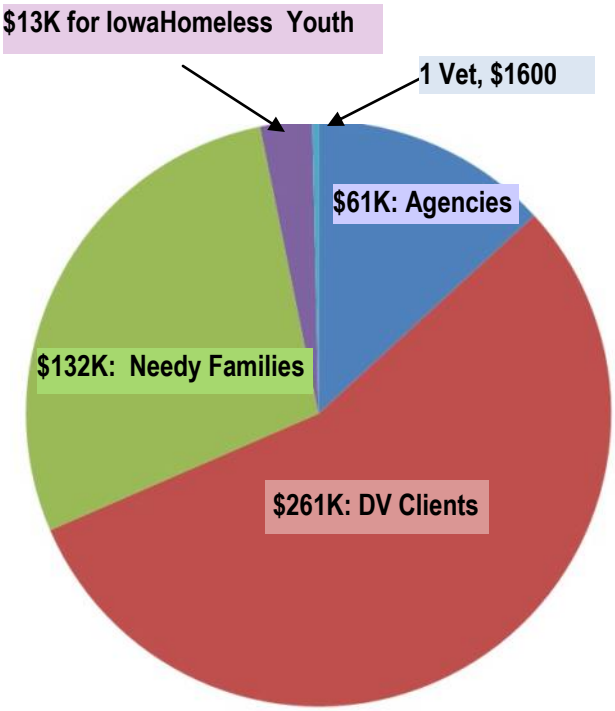
But our professional moving friends helped fill the FreeStore shelves again with a donation from Fairfield Inn & Suites..

We'll never go lacking with these kind of friends!!

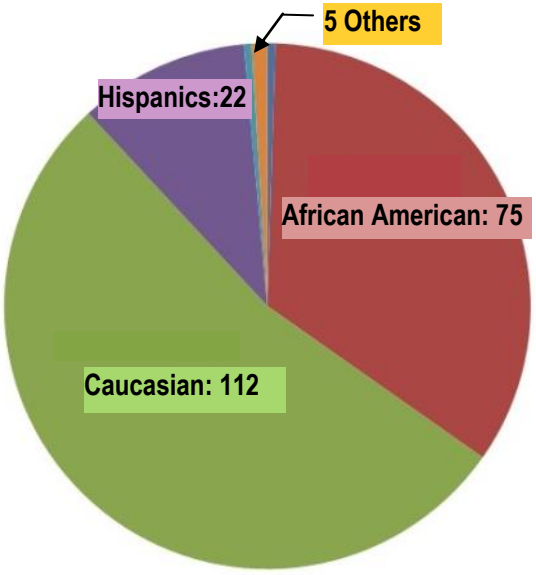
$468,000 of goods distributed in 2013

214 Families Served

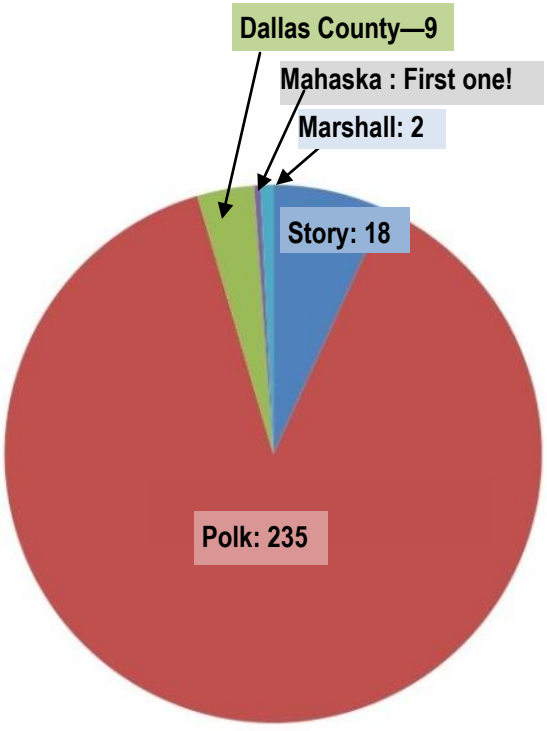
51 Other Distributions



Client Needs



Client Ethnicity



Counties Served

FreeStore 2013 Board

Name	Title	Mailing Address	Compen-sation	Since
Anderson, Lawrence R.	Treasurer	3109 Meadow Lane W. Des Moines, IA 50265	None	2005
Blaha, Dr. David	Director	8110 Valdez Circle Urbandale, IA 50322	None	2012
Bloom, Judith K.	Director	4820 Elm St. W. Des Moines, IA 50265	None	2008
Horner, Denise	Director	752 52nd St Des Moines, IA 50312	None	2012
Munns, Diane	Director	931 29th Street Des Moines, Iowa 50312	None	2013
Smith, Jean D.	Chairperson,	4816 Pleasant St. Des Moines, IA 50312	None	2010
Smith, Michael H.	Vice Chairperson	2015 Nash Dr Des Moines, IA 50314	None	2010
Swanson, Theresa M.	Director	1561 NW 103rd St. Clive, IA 50325	None	2005
Swanson, Harold	Secretary (non-voting bd. member)	1561 NW 103rd St. Clive, IA 50325	None	2013

Agencies Served by FreeStore
Calendar Year 2013

	Agency	Requests	County	Needs
1	**ACCESSS (Ames)**	**17**	**Story**	**DV**
2	ACCESS Shelter	1	Story	Social service agency
3	**Adel Crisis Center**	**9**	**Dallas**	**DV**
4	Aging Advocates	2	Polk	NEEDY FAMILY
5	Broadlawns	6	Polk	NEEDY FAMILY
6	**CFI-Domestic Violence Services**	**96**	**Polk**	**DV**
7	CFI-DVS Shelter	2	Polk	Social service agency
8	CFI In Home	2	Polk	NEEDY FAMILY
9	Children & Families Urban Ministry	1	Polk	Social service agency
10	**Crisis Intervention Services - Oskaloosa**	**1**	**Mahaska**	**DV**
11	Department of Human Services	2	Polk	NEEDY FAMILY
12	**DVA/SAC Marshalltown**	**2**	**Marshall**	**DV**
13	Elder Link Case Management	1	Polk	NEEDY FAMILY
14	Evangelistic Missionary Ch	1	Polk	NEEDY FAMILY
15	Evelyn Davis Center	1	Polk	NEEDY FAMILY
16	Eyerly Ball	4	Polk	NEEDY FAMILY
17	First Christian Church	1	Polk	NEEDY FAMILY
18	First Church of Open Bible	2	Polk	NEEDY FAMILY
19	Grace UMC	1	Polk	NEEDY FAMILY
20	Grandview CDC	1	Polk	NEEDY FAMILY
21	House of Mercy	3	Polk	NEEDY FAMILY
22	**ICADV**	**1**	**Polk**	**DV**
23	Iowa Homeless Youth	8	Polk	YOUTH
24	**LUNA**	**9**	**Polk**	**DV**
25	Mid Iowa Family Therapy	23	Polk	NEEDY FAMILY
26	**Monsoon**	**1**	**Polk**	**DV**
27	New Life Center	1	Polk	NEEDY FAMILY
28	Open Doors Ministry	8	Polk	Social service agency
29	Perkins School	1	Polk	NEEDY FAMILY
30	Plymouth Church	2	Polk	NEEDY FAMILY
31	Polk County Family Enrichment Center	9	Polk	NEEDY FAMILY
32	Primary Health Care	2	Polk	NEEDY FAMILY
33	Random	1	Polk	NEEDY FAMILY
34	St John Lutheran	3	Polk	Social service agency
35	St Vincent de Paul	37	Polk	Social service agency
36	Trinity UMC	1	Polk	NEEDY FAMILY
37	VA Hospital/St Timothy's Church	1	Polk	Vet
38	Valley Church	1	Polk	NEEDY FAMILY

FreeStore Financial Statements

Financial Activities

For the years ended Dec. 31: 2013, 2012, 2010, 2009

	2013	2012	2011	2010
Unrestricted net assets:				
Revenue and other support:				
Contributions:				
Noncash support *	$428,802	$544,556	$370,043	$389,850
Cash support	$110,074	$91,678	$117,085	$70,770
Restricted	$10,000	$0	$0	$0
Other income	$7,365	$6,556	$2,024	$833
Services & shirt sales	$1,202	$1,202	$3,044	$2,666
Release Temporarily Restricted	$0	$0	$0	$0
Unrealized gains	$16,249	$0	$0	$0
Total revenue/other support	$572,791	$643,992	$492,196	$464,118
Expenses:				
Program services	$511,567	$478,143	$372,261	$371,432
Management and general	$47,139	$43,790	$41,362	$29,331
Fund-raising	$2,497	$4,659	$4,429	$3,847
Total expenses	$561,203	$526,592	$418,052	$404,610
Inc in unrestricted net assets	$11,588	$117,400	$74,144	$59,508
Changes in temporarily restricted net assets:				
Temporarily restricted contributions	$0	$0	$0	$0
Release Temporarily Restricted Contributions	$0	$0	$0	$0
Increase in unrestricted net assets	$0	$0	$0	$0
Increase in net assets	$11,588	$117,400	$74,144	$59,508
Net assets at beginning of year	$434,180	$316,780	$242,636	$183,128
Net assets at end of year	$445,768	$434,180	$316,780	$242,636

* Includes $7,434 as the value for donated use of warehouse facilities in 2011.

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Balance Sheet

Years ending Dec. 31: 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010

Assets	2013	2012	2011	2010
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	$61,219	$33,802	$101,317	$83,397
Investments	$176,187	$144,938	$61,435	$32,124
Inventory	$195,465	$236,120	$125,815	$111,141
Total current assets	$432,871	$414,860	$288,567	$226,662
Transportation equip net of dep	$12,897	$19,320	$28,213	$15,974
Total assets	$445,768	$434,180	$316,780	$242,636
Liabilities and net assets				
Current liabilities:				
Acc. Pay and accrued exp	$0	$0	$0	$0
Total current liabilities	$0	$0	$0	$0
Net assets:				
Unrestricted	431,442	$429,854	$312,454	$238,310
Temporarily restricted	4,326	$4,326	$4,326	$4,326
Permanently restricted	10,000	$0	$0	$0
Total net assets	445,768	$434,180	$316,780	$242,636
Total liabilities and net assets	445,768	$434,180	$316,780	$242,636

Donated Furniture + Need + FreeStore Volunteers
= Safe Family in a Comfortable Home