

# Annual Holiday Fund Drive

The Drop Inn Center's Annual Holiday Fund Drive is in full swing. Our kick off always begins in early November and the campaign continues through the Holidays and into January. Individual gifts are the main source of contributions and are crucial to keeping the shelter open every day. Daily food for over 200 homeless residents and utility expenses to keep the shelter warm are exorbitant, which is why all contributions are so vital to our survival.

*"Our previous two annual campaigns showed increases; however this year with the economic slowdown, we're very concerned about contributors not giving as much or perhaps not giving at all,"* said Gail Holtmeier, Director of Development.

The Drop Inn Center's busiest months are from November through March when Cincinnati faces the coldest months of the year. The shelter's number of residents climbs dramatically during this time and there is genuine uneasiness that if the Annual Campaign is down, there won't be enough available resources to accommodate the rising number of homeless people coming through our doors.

**If you haven't received information regarding the Annual Holiday Fund Drive and would like to contribute, there are several options available to you. You can call 513.721.0643 x118 and ask for information.**

Or, simply send your donation to The Drop Inn Center, 217 West 12th Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 or Click on Giving on our website: [www.dropinn.org](http://www.dropinn.org).

### ITEMS URGENTLY NEEDED

- New Sweat Pants & Sweat Shirts: L, XL, XXL, XXXL**
- New Socks**
- Men's & Women's New cotton underwear**
- Deodorant**
- Toothbrushes, Toothpaste**
- Canned goods**
- Paper towels**
- Toilet tissue**
- Kleenex**

*\*Any bulk items purchased from Sam's or Costco would be greatly welcomed. To donate these items, please contact [bdierker@dropinn.org](mailto:bdierker@dropinn.org).*

### MAJOR GIFTS WISH LIST

<b>15 Passenger Van</b>	<b>\$35,000</b>
<b>50 New Women's Beds</b>	<b>\$12,500</b>
<b>25 New Men's Beds</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>Dining Room Chairs</b>	<b>\$ 9,000</b>
<b>Dining Room Tables</b>	<b>\$ 4,000</b>
<b>Garbage Disposal</b>	<b>\$ 2,000</b>

*\*Inquires should be sent to [gholtmeier@dropinn.org](mailto:gholtmeier@dropinn.org).*



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## ANGELS TO THE HOMELESS GALA A HUGE SUCCESS

The Drop Inn Center hosted the first Angels to the Homeless Gala on Friday, November 7th at the historic Verdin Bell Event Centre in downtown Cincinnati. The Drop Inn Center's Director of Development, Gail Holtmeier, and Volunteer Coordinator, Bonnie Dierker co-chaired the event. This special evening illuminated the crisis of homelessness in Greater Cincinnati to a sold out crowd of over 300.

Guests enjoyed Dinner by the Bite, Cocktails, a dazzling Silent Auction, and live music performed by the Lounge Project.

"Months and months of hard work produced an event that will benefit our residents and the services we are able to provide to them," said Director of Development, Gail Holtmeier.

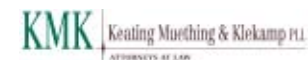
Guests bid on over 100 auction items including a \$5,000 diamond necklace from Eddie Lane's Diamond Showroom, a Hilton Head Vacation Home, a trip to DisneyWorld, a 2009 BMW Convertible from Jake Sweeney, a Faux Sable coat from Fabulous Furs, and an Indy-Style Open-Wheel Racing Adventure.

## THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS

The first Angels to the Homeless Gala was successful in large part due to the compassionate support of our sponsors. Special thanks goes to our Presenting Sponsor, The Hatton Foundation, whose early participation gave us the boost we needed to get the event off the ground.

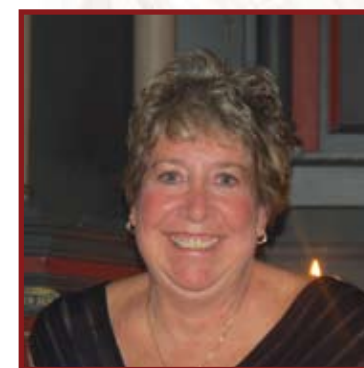


*A special thank you to our other generous sponsors:*



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Mr. Larry Galluzzo

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Smith & Hawken  
for the table centerpieces  
and  
Lisa Covert for providing  
the spectacular Christmas  
Wreaths & Trees



*Bonnie Dierker & Gail Holtmeier,  
co chairs of the Gala*



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## SPECIAL ANGELS

Two extraordinary organizations were honored the night of the Gala. The first award was given to Walt Lunsford of the Hatton Foundation for their ongoing support of the Drop Inn Center and Cincinnati's homeless.



*Walt Lunsford from the Hatton Foundation (center) accepts the Angel Award from Executive Director Pat Clifford and Director of Development Gail Holtmeier.*

The second award of the evening was presented to GE Volunteers who have tirelessly volunteered their time and talent to improve the facilities at the Drop Inn Center. Their volunteer support has been priceless. If your business or organization would like to volunteer, please contact Bonnie Dierker at 513.721.0643x108.



*GE Volunteers Mike Cimini, Nancy Burkhart, and Brian Pilsner accept the Outstanding Volunteer Award from Pat Clifford*



## SILENT AUCTION GOES OVER THE TOP

Never underestimate the power of women on a mission. The Angels to the Homeless Gala owes a huge thank you to our Silent Auction Co-Chairs, Melissa Kadish and Lisa McLaughlin, both from Wyoming. This dynamic duo undertook the daunting task of putting together the most incredible and talked-about Silent Auction in recent years.



*Melissa Kadish and Lisa McLaughlin*

If you attended the Gala you know how extravagant and beautifully appointed every auction item was. Melissa and Lisa, along with their

committee of Auction Angels spent months diligently working to make this a focal point of the Gala. Our hats off to all of these dedicated and talented women who made our auction a huge success!

### *Auction Angels:*

Elizabeth Barzizza, Maryann Birdsall, Peg Bucher, Janet Drachman, Tiffany Hedge, Karan Heuer, Missy Horn, Julie Jolson, Kathy Krekeler, Carole Leisch, Cindy Macke, Karen Mitchell, Sue O'Gara, Julia Taylor, Susan Walker, and Misty Maxwell.



*Guests enjoyed a fantastic evening at the Angels to the Homeless Gala.*

