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EDWARDSVILLE TOWNSHIP ANNOUNCES SOCIAL SERVICES SAFETY NET FORUM

Event to bring together area social service agencies

Edwardsville, Illinois – May 7, 2015. Edwardsville Township Supervisor Frank Miles today announced the Social Services Safety Net Forum at the Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Ministerial Alliance Mayor's Annual Prayer Breakfast, held at the N.O. Nelson Campus of Lewis and Clark Community College in Edwardsville. The Forum will be held on Friday, June 5 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at First Christian Church, located at 310 South Main Street in Edwardsville. Registration is requested.

With the assistance of the Edwardsville Glen Carbon Ministerial Alliance, the Social Services Safety Net Forum will bring together area social service agencies, organizations, and churches that provide services to residents of Edwardsville Community School District 7. Edwardsville Township offers two assistance programs to residents, General Assistance and Emergency Assistance. These program assist residents with little to know income with shelter, utilities, food, and personal items.

Speaking at the Annual Prayer Breakfast, Supervisor Miles said, "We have a few programs in our office to assist residents in need, but we have quickly realized that as these needs grow in our community, we cannot meet them all alone. We know that we are not the only organization in our community trying to help others. What if we had a coordinated effort in our Township where all organizations and agencies established a referral network that maximized the assistance we could provide to those truly in need?"

"Wed like to create a single application for services that can be shared across all agencies. We would also like to create a database of those we serve that all agencies can access. We would like to create a community resource guide. Finally we would like to establish a working group of organizations or individuals who are passionate about collaboration. We'd develop a way to share resources effectively and efficiently to help those in need," said Supervisor Miles.

For more information about the Social Services Safety Net Forum or to register for the event, please contact Edwardsville Township at 656-0292.

Edwardsville Township is comprised of the City of Edwardsville, Village of Glen Carbon and unincorporated areas just outside of these two municipalities.   The Township Supervisor's office is located at 300 West Park in Edwardsville and is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Monday and Friday and from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

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