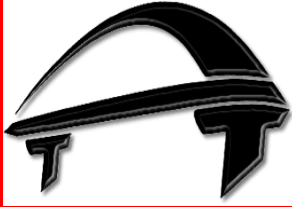


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# Center For Siouxland

## Rock the Mighty Mo

On Friday, June 9, the heat was an unbearable 100 degrees outside, but it was a perfect night to be in an air conditioned party room overlooking the Missouri River, listening and dancing to great music, eating good food, buying a silent auction item and helping others in the process. The atmosphere at Bev's was quite festive and the band, *On The Fritz*, was fantastic! Those who came said they had an awesome time and look forward to returning next year.



The purpose for the gathering was to raise funds for Center For Siouxland's Emergency Services Department which provides a food pantry, utility assistance, prescription assistance, 2-1-1 information and referral helpline, an emergency family shelter, and transitional housing. Last year 18,936 services were provided to those in need by the Emergency Services department.

A special thanks to everyone who attended and to the businesses who donated items for the silent auction. The silent auction was a huge success with only one item remaining at the end of the evening. Center For Siouxland also thanks "Rock the Mighty Mo" sponsors: KTIV, Z-98, Avery Brothers, Bev's on the River, Morningside Lutheran Church, Thrivent Financial Services, and Waitt Family



Foundation. Mark your calendars now for next year's event on **Saturday, April 21, 2007** when once again, *On The Fritz* will help us "Rock the Mighty Mo" for a great cause!

## Emergency Family Shelter Provides Safe Haven

Center For Siouxland operates an Emergency Family Shelter where those who find themselves homeless can live for up to 30 days. This safe temporary housing can be accessed by families, single parents, couples, and individuals. Private rooms and basic needs assistance are also provided. The Emergency Family Shelter offers case management services to develop self-sufficiency skills, solve problems and help people transition back into the community or to Center for Siouxland's Bridges West transitional housing apartments where they can stay for up to 2 years. If you know someone who needs this kind of assistance, have them call Brenda at 252-1861 ext. 31.

Providing assistance, information, and direction by building bridges between people with needs and people with solutions.

## Center For Siouxland Plans Fundraising Events

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### Meet the Author 2006



Plan now to attend “Author Event 2006” Tuesday, November 28, at 7:00 p.m. at the Marina Inn. Featured author will be Joan Burney. Joan is an author, columnist and speaker. The topic for the evening will be “Old Age Ain’t for Sissies.” Proceeds from the event will benefit Center For Siouxland’s Senior Programs Department. Coffee and dessert will be provided.



### *Food Fiesta*



**What:** Enjoy Mexican food at several restaurants and support Center For Siouxland’s La Casa Latina program! Buy a Food Fiesta punch card! Punch cards can be used to purchase \$50 in food at participating restaurants.

**Where:** Casa del Rey, DeAnda’s El Ranchito, La Fiesta, and La Juanita’s.

**Cost:** \$50 per punch card (\$20 limit per restaurant; alcohol not included **Event Kick Off:** Tuesday Nov. 21, 5:30-6:30 p.m. at El Ranchito. Enjoy margaritas and munchies and learn about La Casa Latina’s programs.



#### **Bridge Club Members**

To become a member of the Bridge Club you must donate \$100.00 or more during the calendar year. Bridge Club members are recognized at the Center For Siouxland Annual Meeting each year.

Levels of donation are as follows:

Frame \$100+  
Girder \$250+

Cable \$500+  
Truss \$1,000+

Suspension \$2,500 +  
Arch \$5,000+

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## What You Need to Know When Buying A House

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Center For Siouxland is offering classes for individuals to help them prepare in making one of the most important financial transactions in your lifetime...buying a house. The course is entitled, "My First Home" and is offered free to the public. It is designed to help those wanting more information about purchasing a home and those with no credit or poor credit. Center For Siouxland was awarded a \$5,000 grant from Iowa Home Ownership Education Project (IHOEP) to teach this course.

"My First Home" consists of several classes covering different topics related to financial well being including: budgeting your money, making the decision to borrow money, terms of the deal, loans, credit cards, delinquent payments and bankruptcy. Topics specific to the purchase of a house include predatory lending, credit reports, prequalifying for a loan, how to select a real estate agent, negotiating an offer, home appraisals, home inspectors, the closing process and home maintenance.

Upon completion of the one year course, participants will find themselves better prepared to make wise financial decisions both in the purchase of their first home and with other aspects of their life related to finances. After all, only the homebuyers can determine how large of a house payment they will be comfortable making, not their banker, their real estate agent, their friends or their family. By taking this course and reviewing their finances and their individual situation they will have the knowledge to understand everything involved. Take this course and take charge of your finances! To sign up for the next "My First Home" class call K.C. at 252-1861 ext. 47.

## Seniors Celebrate

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All 100 Senior Companions gathered at Briar Cliff University for the annual formal recognition luncheon. Tony Michaels from KSUX radio emceed, Rev. Mike Ring of Glad Tidings Lighthouse led the grace, Peggy Smith welcomed all on behalf of the Board of Directors, and Mayor Craig Berenstein proclaimed May 26, 2006, official Senior Companion Day in Sioux City. The companions sang "God Bless America" and "I've Been Working on the Railroad". After lunch, the "Nuns on the Run" entertained.

On June 30<sup>th</sup>, the Senior Companions enjoyed a mid-morning catered brunch at Riverside Park. Dressed in their picnic duds and accompanied by the unique old-time strains of Bob Fletcher's accordion, the companions celebrated their 28<sup>th</sup> successful year of serving Siouxland's senior citizens.



## Staff Help Others

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President and CEO, Jan Klimiades, recently challenged the Center For Siouxland staff to "fill the tub" with items that are needed by our clients such as soap, toilet paper, shampoo, etc. Containers to hold the supplies were created. The staff then rallied their resources and donated an overwhelming amount of items to help clients of our emergency services department. The reward was a day off on July 3! If you would like to make a donation items that are always needed include: toilet paper, 16 oz. shampoo and conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, bar soap, size large diapers, wet wipes, baby food, dish soap and laundry detergent. Your donation may be dropped off at 715 Douglas St., Monday-Friday from 8:00a.m. – 5:00p.m.

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