

# MCSA NEWS



Monthly Newsletter



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## Grand Opening!

An event you don't want to miss - our Mental Health Peer Drop-In Center Grand Opening is this **Thursday, September 26th at 1:00 PM at MCSA**. Swing in for brief remarks at 1:00, refreshments, and tours of our brand new resource and the rest of our dynamic facility. This project was made possible by collaboration with Robert Young Center and funding from Eastern Iowa Mental Health and Disability Services Region. We encourage you to stop in and learn more about this necessary resource for our community. Come see us!

## MCSA Housing Grant Ranks #1

We are so delighted to announce that MCSA's grant application for the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care funding competition was ranked the highest in the state of Iowa! An independent committee called the Continuum of Care committee performed scoring, and out of 35 total applicants, MCSA's application held the top spot with an overall score of **98.3 percent**. This HUD grant supports our Rapid Rehousing initiative, which helps those who are homeless be quickly placed into stable and affordable housing. MCSA is excited to continue to seek funding opportunities that address homelessness and affordable housing!

# MCSA Food Programs

At MCSA, we want to fill as many gaps in needs as possible for our community, one of these being food insecurity. Our Food Programs are available to anyone in the community finding themselves in need of a hot meal and/or supply of food to take home.

Our community Lunch Program runs daily Monday-Friday 12:15pm-12:45pm in our lower level dining room at 312 Iowa Avenue. We have been serving nearly 100 people daily with food donated from our community.

The Food Pantry operates Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00am-12:00pm in our lower level. Nearly 400 people are visiting each week and taking food home to feed their families. Much of the food at the pantry comes from local donations from businesses and community members, and we are so grateful for the support!

The Food Pantry and the Lunch Program are both wonderful volunteer opportunities for folks looking for regular or one-time commitments. To learn more about ways to volunteer, schedule a tour, or sign up to help out, please call MCSA at 563-264-3278 and ask for Marie.



## Pet Food Pantry

A local woman and her team have huge hearts for animals and a vision for helping pet owners when times are tough. Beth Van Zandt, pictured above on the right, of Happy Tails Pet Resort and Kennel coordinates the Pet Food Pantry. She hosts the pantry on the third Wednesday of each month at First Presbyterian Church in downtown Muscatine from 8:00am-10:00am. Donations for the Pet Food Pantry can be dropped off at 720 Clay Street Suite 2. According to Beth, the most needed items are kitty litter and cat food, however all donations are deeply appreciated.

While not a program of MCSA's, we work closely with Beth when folks come in for housing and need a solution for their pet. She and her team are absolutely amazing!

312 Iowa Ave, Muscatine, IA

"MCSA provides housing, basic health care, educational and support services for those in need in Muscatine County"