



# Inn Crowd

## NEWS

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Room at the Inn ~ Bridgeton, MO

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### Happy Anniversary To:

(March 2009—August 2009)

Manchester United Methodist March 1993

Beautiful Savior March 2003

Webster Groves Christian April 1992

St. Louis Central Seventh Day Adventist April 1993

Lutheran Church of the Atonement April 1998

Maryland Heights Church of Christ April 2003

First Presbyterian of University City May 1992

St. Peter's Catholic Church – Kirkwood May 1996

Trinity Christian Reformed May 1997

John Knox Presbyterian May 2006

Immaculate Conception June 2005

First Presbyterian of Ferguson July 1993

Congregation Shaare Emeth July 1993

First Congregational of Webster Groves July 1997

Lafayette Church of Christ July 1997

Christ Lutheran Church July 1997

Immanuel Lutheran August 2003

St. Cletus Catholic Church August 2003

# Happy Anniversary

Please save the date!



Inn With The Night Sites

For: Room at the Inn Coordinators

When: Thursday August 27, 2009

Where: Room at the Inn

Time: 6:00 PM

Come and enjoy a fun-filled evening with supper, prayer, games, prizes and fellowship.

### 2010 Breakfast with the INN Crowd

The second annual *Breakfast with the INN Crowd* will be held on Friday, April 16, from 7 to 9 a.m., at the Marriott St. Louis Airport in St. Louis, MO. Last year's event was a huge success. We hope to build on that success in 2010. Please mark your calendars and let your friends and colleagues know about this very special occasion.

Not only do attendees get to start off their day with a delicious breakfast, they can participate in opportunities to win door prizes and wonderful gift baskets that are auctioned silently and orally. Support for this event benefits the many lives that intersect with our own as we work together to help Room at the Inn clients correct the underlying causes of their homelessness.



## Celebrating 15 years of care for women and families

### We Have A New Baby!

We have a new baby at Room at the Inn – this time of the digital variety, a new website! You can find our new home on the 'Net at [www.roomstl.org](http://www.roomstl.org). We are especially excited about the Innkeepers page, which is accessible only to our night site volunteers. It includes client stories, the volunteer manual, a schedule and an opportunity to share *your* stories.

To log in to the members-only area section of the website, click on the “Volunteer Login” button at the upper right corner of any page on the site. In the dialog box, enter “innkeeper” as the user name and “room09” as the password. You will not have the opportunity to select your own user name or password, so please keep this information. Also, we want to keep this portion of the site secure since it includes a schedule of the night site locations; ***please do not post the login information in a public place.***

We made every effort to respond to our volunteers’ requests when we designed this site. We will continue to adapt it as new suggestions are offered. Please contact site manager Therese Meyerhoff with your input. She can be reached at [tmeyerhoff@divineprovidencesisters.org](mailto:tmeyerhoff@divineprovidencesisters.org) or 314-209-9181.

Finally, we plan to add links to our night site partners’ websites. Please feel free to link to our site through your own, especially if you have a page devoted to Room at the Inn or outreach activities. Remember, [www.roomstl.org](http://www.roomstl.org)!

#### **Breakfast with the INN Crowd Contd.**

In the coming months more information will be coming, so please watch for it. The breakfast planning committee is always looking for committed volunteers. We can never have too many. Anyone interested in helping with this worthwhile *and fun* event, please call Ana Schulz, Office of Mission Advancement, at 314-209-9181. If she is not available, please ask for Colleen Price at the same number.

#### **Rejoice and Be Glad**

It’s hard to be happy when you’re homeless. Can you imagine going from having a home one day to being homeless the next? Many people start out with jobs and stable lives, but then social and economic factors intervene, causing a rapid change in their situation. For four families at Room at the Inn happiness came in the form of housing during August. Crystal and Dawn, both single women, moved into apartments and Deidre, (family of six), moved to a four bedroom house. Andrea, and little Perry moved into a two bedroom house. We rejoice with all of them.

Thank you to all our volunteers who stand in solidarity with individuals who find themselves in very difficult situations.

### **Welcome To Our New Site Coordinator**

Sharon Blount, Room at the Inn Site Coordinator, is the newest member of the Room at the Inn Team. Sharon comes to us from Florissant Valley Community College, having just graduated in May.

Sharon, originally from Norfolk Virginia, moved to St. Louis in August of 2008 to be closer to her daughter. Once here, Sharon was anxious to finish her education and pursued Florissant Valley Community College as the place to do this.

Monday through Wednesday and Saturdays and Sundays Sharon will be the one to take your calls about the number of people for the Churches and the number of vehicles that will be sent. Please welcome her.

We are happy to have her on board with us.

*Room at the Inn*