

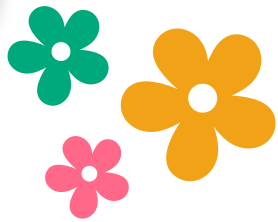


THE HOME OF THE SPARROW WING

FOR GREAT VOLUNTEERS

Thank you for helping to reduce the prevalence of homelessness among women, children, families, and individuals through creative strategies and community partnerships that result in lasting self-sufficiency.

May



Days to Celebrate

- **Mental Health Awareness Month**
- May 4th: Star Wars Day
- May 5th: Cinco De Mayo
- May 12th: Mother's Day
- May 15th: National Pizza Party Day
- May 20th: National Rescue Dog Day
- May 27th: Memorial Day
- May 31st: National Smile Day



Qry Mother's Day Spring Market

The Quarry Cable Park
 May 10th, 4:00 pm - 9:00 pm
 May 11th, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm
 5517 Northwest Highway, Crystal Lake
 \$2 fee

Click Here for More Info.



Beauty and the Beast - A Movie Sing Along

May 24th: 7:30 - 9:30 pm
 Woodstock Opera House
 Woodstock
 \$10 fee

Click Here for More Info.



Harvard Milk Days

May 31st, June 1st & 2nd
 Harvard Milk Days is 83 Years Young
 Come Join in the Fun!

Click Here for More Info.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BRUNCH

Home of the Sparrow extends our heartfelt gratitude to all the dedicated volunteers who joined us for the Enchanted Garden of Gratitude Volunteer Appreciation Brunch at Boulder Ridge! It was a wonderful event filled with warmth and appreciation as we gathered to recognize the invaluable contributions of our remarkable volunteers at HOS.



***SEE ALL OF THE EVENT PHOTOS ON THE HOME OF THE SPARROW FACEBOOK PAGE!**

Happy Birthday, Volunteers!

May 1st: Janet L.

May 2nd: Marianne S.

May 3rd: Heather A.

May 4th: John Z.

May 5th: Marco B.

May 6th: Miguel C.

May 7th: Linda A., John D., Hannah M., Taylor W., Natalie Z.

May 8th: Paul D., Marcia H.

May 9th: Krishan G., Peter W.

May 10th: Kamalvir K.

May 12th: Joyce B.

May 13th: Jan K., Carolyn W.

May 14th: Jakub M., Alex P.

May 16th: Gabriel B., Michael G., Brittany K.

May 20th: Rasheed A.

May 21st: Jamie F., Mark P.

May 23rd: Jewell M., Colin M.

May 24th: Laurie B., Sharyn M., Alex S.

May 25th: Chris H.

May 26th: Omareon O., Carol S.

May 27th: Susan C.

May 31st: Joan P.

DID YOU KNOW?

Home of the Sparrow's Transitional Shelter offers secure, dorm-style living and comprehensive support to empower clients toward self-sufficiency. Services include case management, advocacy for community linkages, HOS's Supported Employment Program, financial and life skill classes, an in-house therapist, individual/group/child therapy, and child care assistance. The expansion includes nine dorm rooms, communal kitchens, bathrooms, a play area, and laundry. With a nightly capacity of 32-40 individuals, the shelter sees 98% of clients transition to permanent housing after an average stay of 4.4 months. In the fiscal year 2023, HOS's Shelter witnessed that 50% of its clients were children.



[Read more information HERE](#)

MAY TRIVIA

1. What is the birthstone for May?
2. What famous building in New York was opened on May 1st, 1931?
3. On May 20th, 1932, what female aviator became the first woman to fly across the Atlantic Ocean?
4. What famous American bridge opened on May 27th, 1937?
5. What famous horse race occurs every year on the first Saturday of May?

NATIONAL PIZZA PARTY DAY

Celebrate National Pizza Party Day with your friends and family on May 15th. The most popular toppings are pepperoni, mushrooms, onions, sausage, bacon, extra cheese, green peppers, and black olives. Different pizza toppings reflect that country's regional tastes or cultural preferences. Which one would you like to try?

- Brazil -- green peas
- Japan -- eel, squid, and Mayo Jaga (mayonnaise, potato, bacon)
- France -- flambée (bacon, onion, fresh cream)
- Australia -- shrimp, pineapple, barbecue sauce
- Costa Rica -- coconut
- Netherlands -- "Double Dutch" -- double meat, double cheese, double onion



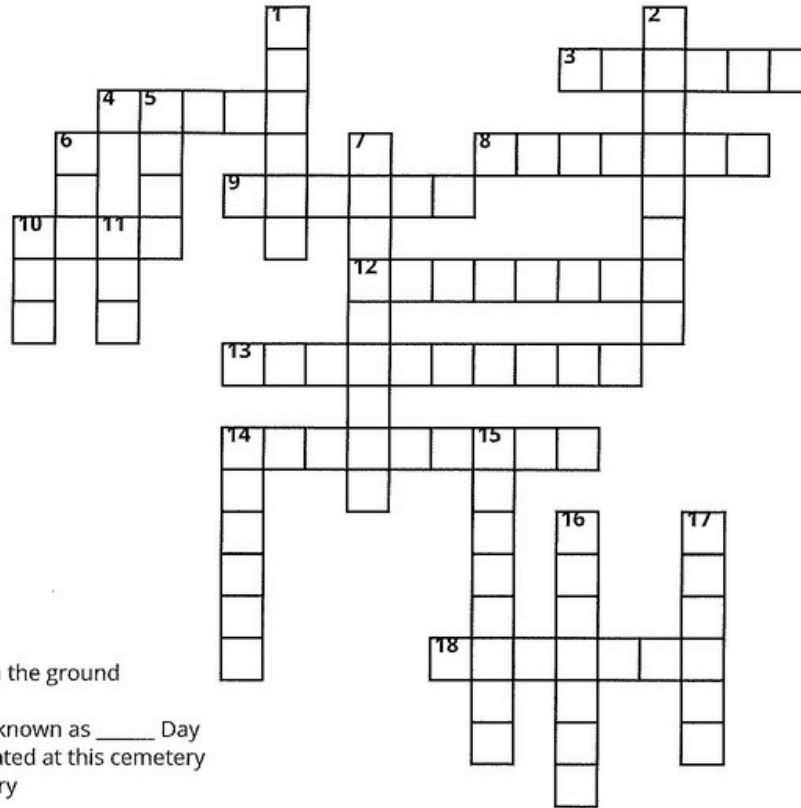
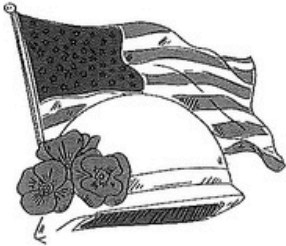
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MEMORIAL DAY CROSSWORD

Solve the following puzzle based on the clues given!

E-mail answers to
kobrien@hosparrow.org
for a shoutout in the May
newsletter.



Across

- [3] Ring of flowers
- [4] Army of the North
- [8] Often placed on graves
- [9] People march in this
- [10] Soldiers trained to engage on the ground
- [2] The opposite of forget
- [3] Memorial Day was originally known as ____ Day
- [4] Memorial Day is commemorated at this cemetery
- [8] One who has served in military

Down

- [1] Memorial Day is celebrated on this day
- [2] A place with many graves
- [5] Soldiers trained to protect the sea are in the _____
- [6] The opposite of peace
- [7] Inspired by love of country
- [10] Soldiers trained to engage in aerial missions are in the ____ Force
- [1] Memorial Day is celebrated in this month
- [4] The National ____ was written when flag was flying over Fort McHenry
- [5] Number of stars on Betsy Ross Flag
- [6] Freedom from bondage or restraint
- [7] A meal eaten outside



THANK YOU FOR 25 YEARS!



Cheers to Edie for 25 incredible years of volunteering with Home of the Sparrow! Edie joined The Cary Sparrow's Nest team back in 1998, and her dedication has been nothing short of inspiring. Thank you, Edie, for your hard work and commitment! Here's to many more years of making a difference together.

thank
you 😊

Volunteers in Action



Orthollinois helped the HOS maintenance team to paint the furniture room at the McHenry Nest Store.



Christ Community Church Huntley Campus
Helped box up the Woodstock Nest Store to prepare for the new carpet.



Event Committee Volunteers
Thank you to HOS' Event Committee Volunteers for helping out at our Celebration of Women Luncheon this year!

Trivia Answers

1. Emerald
2. Empire State Building
3. Emelia Earhart
4. Golden Gate Bridge
5. Kentucky Derby



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Home of the Sparrow is a 501 c 3 non-profit that provides Transitional Shelter, Housing, and Supportive Services to women, children, and individuals experiencing homelessness. Home of the Sparrow also operates seven thrift stores and donation centers. Please visit our website at www.HOSparrow.org or "Home of the Sparrow" on Facebook for a list of services, store hours, and locations.