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You never thought it could happen to you  
Your home is gone and your pride too.  
Nowhere to lay your head at night  
You try not to worry with all your might!  
The night air bites your frozen nose  
You worry about your children's little toes.  
Will the monsters of the night  
Come out and give you all a fright?  
You bow your head and say a prayer  
and suddenly there is someone there.  
Hope @ Miracle House is our name  
You are so please that you came.  
Come in from the bitter night  
and let us show you God's warm light!

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT—BRAYLON ROUP

All good things...

What a roller coaster we've been on over the last couple of months! Coming off of the open house in January, our spirits were soaring at the amazing turn out. Not to be out shined by the unbelievable outpouring of donations and volunteer commitments. I am continually astonished by the generous hearts of this community. Our excitement was cut short at the realization that we had a few new obstacles at the 11th hour we must overcome, and our hearts sank as we discussed the necessity to wait until October 1 to open the doors to guests. We have just one opportunity to get this program started well, and running right. So we must not rush this process. We will continue to organize and build the core elements of this ministry while we get our last few ducks in a row to make sure that the facility itself is as safe and edifying an environment as possible. As we look toward the upcoming service season, Hope @ Miracle House is actively pursuing funding being made available by United Way for staffing small non profit groups like ours. To apply for these monies, we have had to conform to some of United Way's regulatory guidelines. This includes going through the rigorous process of becoming a recognized BBB (Better Business Bureau) charitable organization. They demand utmost transparency and clarity of the organization's purpose and after having gone through such scrutiny, I would recommend to anyone who donates with any regularity to check out the BBB website for detailed info about their favorite charities. Our goal is to put in place a key staff member who would serve as the house "host". This person would spend 5 nights a week as the night time supervision for guests, leaving us with just two nights a week to fill with overnight volunteers. This person would take over for the evening host(s) after the meal has been served and cleaned up, making sure that guests are safe. As well as following up with intake and case management support. For this reason we have applied for the United Way community impact grant, in order to fund this position for the next three years. It is so important to us that the guests in our program find consistency and routine in the short amount of time we are allowed to be a part of their daily lives. By having one individual who is there to apply the same method of supervision, we feel will help to ensure the development of confidence and establish a deeper relationship with the program. This will also create another level of accountability, which will help everyone hold themselves to high standards of conduct. Equal enforcement of policy is such a high priority to us, and we anxiously await the response to our grant proposal. United Way is a critical element in our efforts to create beneficial assistance, and to monitor and track the results of this and other homeless assistance programs throughout the state. In all, there is a feeling of great accomplishment throughout our organization. Though we have been at this endeavor for almost two years, we still weren't quite as prepared as we thought. But as we look at the overall picture a much more developed and structured program has emerged giving us the resources to pour into these families, and a foundation to serve well. We are in the planning stages for fund raising events for the summer, including a family bike ride, and will send info as events are finalized. The next few months will fly by as warm months always do, then we will gear up for volunteers in September. Everyone involved with this project is excited for spring and warmer weather with our hearts on those who need shelter. We appreciate your continued prayers as we trudge forward through the red tape. This project was not started by human hands, but by loving hearts. That we might in some small way spread the light that is in us to those who feel surrounded by darkness. All good things  
2 come from above (and are worth the wait) God bless.

# Prayers Please!!

## COMMUNITY IMPACT FUND

Sue Hubert and Gwen Ceretto submitted a proposal to United Way for a Community Impact Fund for \$45,000.00. This money will be used primarily for the addition of a staff member. As a part of that, Sue Hubert had to submit paperwork to become a member of the Better Business Bureau. Please keep this venture in your prayers



You, LORD,  
will keep  
the needy  
safe and will  
protect us  
forever  
from the  
wicked  
Psalm 12:7

Gwen Ceretto receiving a \$9000.00 check from Platte Valley Medical Center CHIP grant

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