

\$10,000 in Ten Weeks

St. Jude House, located in Crown Point, IN, is currently seeking community support to partner with the local division of the Lowe's Heroes Project in providing extensive renovation of the shelter's kitchen. In addition to a financial contribution from the Merrillville Lowe's store, the store has also committed to providing professional design, project management, demolition and installation services, all free of charge. In order to meet project deadlines, St. Jude House has established a goal of raising, at least, \$10,000 in ten weeks to cover St. Jude's share of the renovation costs.

"This project is an opportunity we must seize," states Mary Govert, executive director of St. Jude House, "it will provide a new kitchen to meet the needs of the more than 400 women and children annually receiving our services. The current kitchen has served more than 8,100 people since the agency was founded almost 15 years ago." In addition to Lowe's Home Improvement of Merrillville, current business and community partners in this project include Schilling Brothers Lumber Company, the Crown Point Community Foundation and the Henry W. Bull Foundation.

St. Jude House provides comprehensive services that are available free of charge and regardless of race, creed, religion or gender, 365 days a year. These services include shelter, case management services, individual and group support sessions, legal advocacy and educational programs. St. Jude House programs have an important role in the Northwest Indiana region. The organization continually provides service to more than 52% of all persons in Lake County seeking shelter and services related to domestic violence and sexual assault.

For more information about this project contact Mary McShane at St. Jude House 219.662.7066 ext. 15. Donations for this project can be sent to St. Jude House, 12490 Marshall St. Crown Point, IN 46307.