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A Note from Leslie

This fall as the temperatures plummeted along with the stock market, the unemployment and foreclosure rates climbed. One day last week, my husband, a regular reader of the daily newspaper, read aloud some of the stories of the families selected for the top 100 neediest cases. Later that day, I noticed that the evening news covered not only the sad news from the day, but a feature about the efforts of volunteers working to improve the lives of others, donating time to food banks and shelters.

Over the years, I've worked with several clients who were downsizing, and I know how difficult it can be. What do you do with all that valuable stuff? Not many people know that I was homeless for a short time. Our home burned and we moved in with my grandparents until we had another place to go. Thirteen year olds can have a unique way of looking at a catastrophe. Standing in the snow next to my mother, I watched our home burn. I don't even remember the cold through my pajamas or on my bare feet. I remember thinking that change was coming and that in spite of my mother's tears somehow it would be good.

The rest of this year and next, I'll be sensitive to homeowners faced with losing their home due to inadequate finances. These families will have extremely difficult decisions to make, and some may join the homeless. Many of the 100 neediest cases, and possibly the thousands that did not make the list, are stressed with the challenge of keeping their family together and providing a place to live. At 13, I was fortunate to know that my family and I would not be homeless for long. A small act of kindness may be enough to lend a little bit of that optimism to someone who cannot see beyond the tears.

In this season of disappointing news and joyous giving, I hope you will have the opportunity to offer kindness to someone in need.

Leslie Tupper

NEW LISTINGS



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MY LISTINGS SOLD IN 2008

- 112 Hunters Green Lane
- 809 Spring Cove Court
- 2100 Babler Ridge Lane
- 697 Grand View Ridge Court
- 4608 Meramec Boulevard
- 140 Oak Park Village Drive
- 11714 Chandellay Drive
- 741 Emerald Oaks Court
- 121 Shaw Drive
- 903 Southern Hills Court
- 3610 Allenton Road
- 17824 Suzanne Ridge Drive
- 1014 Shire Lane
- 654 Vista Hills Court
- 616 Schmelz Drive
- 744 Emerald Oaks Court
- 542 Overlook Terrace Court
- 214 Weber Drive
- 1613 Ridge Bend Drive

CALENDAR

- December 14, 2-4 pm** Open House at 2022 Shep Court
- December 30 & 31, 9:30 am** Winter Break Puppet Shows at Faust Park
- December 31, 7:30 pm** New Year's Eve Symphony at Powell Symphony Hall
- December 31, 6 pm** First Night at Grand Center

* Please call or visit the website to confirm open house dates as they are subject to change



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