



# Our Neighbors' Place



Small communities, like River Falls are discovering a growing problem during these challenging economic times -an increase in joblessness, homelessness and local resources that have been stretched to the max. Concerned local citizens, supported by churches, civic organizations and local services agencies, joined forces to create Our Neighbors' Place (ONP). It's mission statement is - Our Neighbors' Place will provide shelter and support services to families and individuals of Pierce and St. Croix Counties to help people in need move toward independence and self sufficiency.

## Campaign for Hope - Mortgage Burning!

Our 2010 fund-raising drive was a great success in that we raised enough to qualify for matching grants and a loan from the City of River Falls to buy a 4-plex. Now we will be writing grants, conducting fund-raisers and reaching out to the wonderful neighbors in our communities to pay back the \$120,000 loan from the city by the end of 2013 and burn that mortgage! Life is certainly looking up for the homeless families in our communities. Please contact Carole Mottaz at [mottaz@presenter.com](mailto:mottaz@presenter.com) or 715-425-7903 if you would like to help.

## Our Neighbors' Place Day Center

Is the hub of this organization-located at 136 North Riverwalk, River Falls 715-426-9000  
Open: Monday-Friday 9:00am-5:00 pm.

## Guests stop into the Day Center for a variety of reasons

Appointments with the WEST CAPs Family Services Specialist and Literacy & Skills Enhancement Coordinator, to use the computers or telephone, access information on additional area services, to "shop" for clothing, to warm up and relax in the lounge, get a bite to eat, or to just chat with one of the friendly volunteers.

## The Closet

Offers adult and youth size clothing to the General Public, with great selection, quality and prices. Vouchers for free clothes are available for referred clients.

## Neighbor Helping Neighbor Program

Individuals, families, civic and youth organizations give \$10.00 per month towards the rent, utilities and operating expenses of The Day Center.

## Emergency & Transitional Housing

Our Neighbors' Place currently leases four, two-bedroom apartments for Pierce and St. Croix Homeless residents who have lived in either county for 90 days.

## Kinnickinnic Backpack Program

Volunteers fill and deliver to the schools backpacks with nutritious food that children can prepare and eat over the weekend during the school year.



# Our Neighbors' Place Benefit Concert

Saturday, January 8th • 7:00pm

## Featuring:

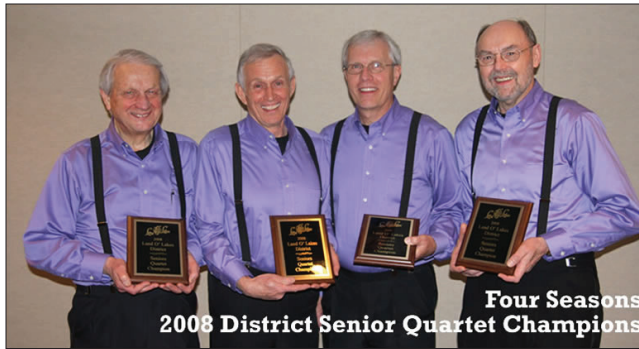
Land O' Lakes Harmony Brigade  
Four Seasons Gospel Quartet

# Land O' Lakes Harmony Brigade & Four Seasons Gospel Quartet

Land O' Lakes District (LOL) of the Barbershop Harmony Society comprises all of North Dakota, Minnesota, and Wisconsin, and the western half of the Michigan Upper Peninsula, USA; and all of Manitoba and Saskatchewan, and the western half of Ontario, Canada.

Within the LOL are 53 barbershop choruses or "chapters," and many more registered quartets. Choruses range in size from more than 100 men "on the risers" to as small as 12 men. Each chorus rehearses one night a week, having fun making great a cappella music in the barbershop style. Most chapters hold regular shows during the year, often sharing the stage with spectacular guest quartets. Additionally, most choruses and quartets diligently refine their skills and compete annually at district contests. Our top choruses and quartets go on to compete at the annual International Competition and Convention held in a different city in North America, but always during the week of July 4th.

Each chapter also works within their community supporting youth music programs as well as supporting the Harmony Foundation. The Harmony Foundation, is a not-for-profit organization incorporated in 1959 as a charitable subsidiary of SPEBSQSA. Today, the Foundation supports the Society's Endowment Program and provides grants for music programs, activities, and organizations. Additionally, there are many leadership and educational opportunities within the district and the Society, including Chapter Operation Training Seminars (COTS), District Mini-HEP, Harmony Explosion Youth Music Festivals, Harmony College, and Directors College.



## Concert Program:

### Welcoming Statement:

Pastor Mark Hall, Ezekiel Lutheran Church

### Our Neighbors' Place:

Board Members will introduce Our Neighbors' Place

### Land O' Lakes Harmony Brigade:

The Land O' Lakes Harmony Brigade will perform 8 songs.

*Transition & Sing Along*

### Four Seasons Quartet:

The Four Seasons Gospel Quartet will perform

### Free-will Offering:

This free-will offering will go to support the Our Neighbors' Place Campaign for Hope - Mortgage Burning.

### Finale:

The Land O' Lakes Harmony Brigade will perform a 2 song finale.

### Reception:

Desserts and refreshments will be available in Fellowship Hall.