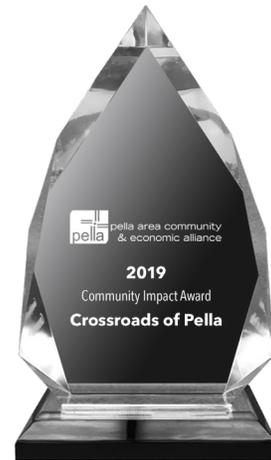


# Crossroads

First Call for Help and Encouragement



*Crossroads of Pella is community supported, and a first call source of help and encouragement for area residents.*



## A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR, JIM HIBMA:

In March, Crossroads of Pella was honored to receive the PACE Community Impact Award. This could not have been possible without the faithful partnership with our community. Whether it is helping seniors save money on Medicare, helping parents with childcare through the After School Kid's Klub, or free counseling; Crossroads is thankful for the long-term impact that is made due to the graciousness of our supporters. Thank you!

*"I was just amazed again at the wonderful hands on job you have been doing for so many years. I also applaud the idea of a hometown organization helping their own community." - M. Monserat*

## 2019 CROSSROADS FUN FACTS!



**566** people received Christmas gifts



**571** people received FREE counseling



**75** children asked for school supplies



**397** winter coats were given



**7** countries represented in English Language classes



**72** people were given financial assistance



**4,713** walk-ins and calls for information



**480** clients saved \$361,969 with SHIP Medicare help



**600** children educated about understanding emotions



**100** middle schoolers were informed about suicide awareness

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### 2019

- October 1: Marion County Toys for Tots Registration Begins
- October 1 - November 29: New & Gently Used Winter Coat Drive
- October 1 - December 4: Christmas Adopt a Family Registration
- October 15 - December 7: Medicare Part D Appointments

### 2020

- May 6: Free Kids Classic; 6pm / Klompen Classic 5K; 7pm
- May 19: Welcome to Medicare Seminar; 5:30pm
- September 22: Welcome to Medicare Seminar; 5:30pm
- AA & NA Offered Weekly

## A GLIMPSE INTO OUR PROGRAMS & THE SUPPORT THEY PROVIDE TO OUR COMMUNITY:



**PELLA SHIIP TEAM:  
TWILA HAVERLY**

**October 15th through December 7th** is Medicare's Open Enrollment Period. It is the only time that individuals can change their Medicare Part D plan or Medicare Advantage plan. Be sure to check that your prescriptions will be covered in 2020, and that you aren't paying more than you should be. **DON'T WAIT!** Make your appointment with a SHIIP counselor for a comparison NOW by calling Crossroads at 641-628-1212. Bob, Nancy, Keith or Twila would be happy to help you. Crossroads' long time counselor Barb Braafhart is retiring, and we are pleased to welcome Twila Haverly to the Pella SHIIP Team this fall.



**PREVENTION EDUCATION:  
PAM BETTGER**

As a trained Child Abuse Prevention Specialist, Pam made presentations to schools from multiple counties in our region. She spoke to **4,388 children** ranging in age from 3 years old to high school seniors, regarding appropriate touches and online safety. Each presentation included a safety plan. Additionally, **48 adults** attended various other programs which increased awareness to protect children from abuse. Thanks to generous financial support from Crossroads, United Way of Marion County, The Pella Community Foundation and direct funding from multiple schools, this program continues to thrive.



**AFTER SCHOOL KIDS KLUB: AMY WHITTEN**

**The summer of 2019 was fun and eventful!** Average daily attendance was in the high 70s to low 80s. The children were separated into age groups with unique themes. Kindergarten and 1st grade were the Amazing Cupcakes, 2nd and 3rd grade were the Ultimate Cookies, and 4th grade & up were the Marvelous Marshmallows. Each group enjoyed daily activities of art, math, reading, outside play, and gym time. Field trips included trips to the pool twice a week, local parks, bowling, Blank Park Zoo, Science Center, watching Toy Story 4 at the movie theater, and many more. They also had fun playing laser tag in the gym! Sky Zone continues to be one of the favorite field trips, as we took 93 children that day.

### CHRISTMAS HELP IS AVAILABLE NOW THROUGH DECEMBER 4TH

The **Adopt a Family for Christmas** program is for Pella families who are working hard but need a little extra help at Christmas. Families sign up at Crossroads. 342 people from 99 families participated in 2018. The **Marion County Toys for Tots** program is for children outside of Pella. They are referred by Marion County providers. (school counselors, nurses and social workers) 224 children received gifts in 2018. If you are interested in purchasing food or gifts for these individuals, please contact Crossroads.

### ENGLISH LANGUAGE CLASS: JANICE COOK

Crossroads offers English Language classes in our community. In the past year, **23 students attended from 7 countries**. These classes not only helped immigrants learn English, but also acclimated them into our community. Highlights from the spring included riding on the Bank Iowa float and a tour of the Pella Police Station. We enjoy getting to know our new Pella residents, and are happy to see them find a new place to call home. This fall we welcomed Janice Cook as our new instructor. Thank you to Kim Huffman for her many years of teaching!



### KLOMPEN CLASSIC 5K

Our annual Klompen Classic 5K has become a Pella staple. Not every organization has the opportunity to see 2,247 of their biggest supporters all in one evening. **This year we had participants from 24 different states, the Netherlands and Mexico.** Congratulations to our 2019 5K Overall Champions Justin Garrard and Zoey Eighmy, as well as Master's Champions Eric Hollander and Tricia Vermeer. The profits from the Klompen help us **CROSS THE FINISH LINE TO HELP OTHERS**. The 2020 Klompen Classic 5K will take place on Wednesday, May 6 at 7pm.

### STORIES FROM THE COMMUNITY

- Recently, a gentleman stopped by and told us that Jim had helped him make a decision to be sober and he has remained substance-free for 18 years.
- A mom asked if we would be willing to talk to her son who had recently graduated from college. She had heard of Crossroads from her mother who had been helped 20 years ago.
- "Thank you for taking in my son and myself this Christmas. Truly a blessing. We both were able to keep warm." - Pella mom

### DONATE

Your donation goes to help local individuals and families.

#### OPTION 1:

Debit/Credit Card/PayPal  
[www.crossroadspella.org](http://www.crossroadspella.org)

#### OPTION 2:

Donate by texting **GIVE** to 712.227.5727

#### OPTION 3:

Make checks payable to Crossroads of Pella