

# ARISE

HELPING HOMELESS PEOPLE SURVIVE, FIND HOUSING AND REBUILD THEIR LIVES



*"In Joppa, there was a disciple named Tabitha, who was always doing good and helping the poor."*



## JOPPA STORIES

Ashley reading to Jeremiah in their new home

## A Family's Struggle

For Jeremiah the hardest part about giving up your bed to sleep in a tiny U-Haul trailer or a van is being squished. When his mom and dad lay down to sleep, the 8-year-old was crowded into a corner to make room for everyone.

For his parents, the hardest part of homelessness was watching Jeremiah endure it. "We tried to shelter him. We never talked about being homeless in front of him, but he felt the stress," his mother, Ashley says.

Since he was 3, Jeremiah has wanted to be scientist. A math whiz, his dream seemed possible until Bo was injured and lost his job. Then the family lost their apartment and new car. Moving their remaining possessions into a 5' x 5' storage locker, they lived for 3 weeks in a trailer before living in their van in a Hy-Vee parking lot. As winter set in, the family stayed in a homeless shelter for 5 weeks...but, then they timed-out.

"We drove to a Hy-Vee parking lot and parked our van. We were out of gas, out of money and out of options," Ashley remembers.

"Bo found Joppa online and wanted to call," Ashley says, "but I'd given up. We'd asked for help for weeks, but no one seemed to care about us or Jeremiah. I honestly didn't think we'd ever get help."

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## OUR MISSION

*To create communities of unconditional love, support and hope for the homeless, as we work together to prevent and ultimately end homelessness*

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ANNIVERSARY

**DOWN & OUT**  
HOMELESS FUNDRAISER

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### DOWN & OUT HOMELESS FUNDRAISER

November 10, 2018

### IOWA HOMELESS MEMORIAL

December 21, 2018

### HOMELESS CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

December 21, 2018

### PROJECT PJ

January 25, 2019

### JOPPA COMMUNITY CLEANUPS

April 6, 2019

WHAT WE DO

OUTREACH | HOUSING | EDUCATION



## A Family's Struggle, CONTINUED

But Bo called Joppa anyway and Aimee Smith, Joppa Client Services Director, drove out to meet them. "Aimee came in her own car and brought her two kids with her," Ashley says with amazement. "She didn't know us. We could have been crazy people. But there she was with food and a room for us!"

"When I met those Joppa kids, it was great," Jeremiah says bouncing with enthusiasm. "One of them plays basketball and he was 8, and I was 7 and three-quarters, so we became friends, and now we're planning to have a Nerf war sometime."

With the help of St. Boniface church in Waukeg, Joppa moved the family to an extended-stay motel and helped them find jobs nearby. Now Joppa delivers groceries each

Sunday and is working with them to find a more permanent, sustainable living situation.

"After Joppa came, I got a good bed and I got to sleep in a good place," Jeremiah says with satisfaction.

"Joppa has been just amazing," Ashley laughs. "They are insanely wonderful people and have restored my faith in humanity. We've been (in the extended-stay motel) since the day after Christmas, but we won't

be here forever. We have plans, we have hope."

And Jeremiah has a future again, she believes. "We just want him to become who he is supposed to be, to give him better than we've been able to give him so far."

Jeremiah is already wise beyond his years. At the shelter, he told those leaving for the night, "God bless you on the streets tonight." He's learned that homelessness can squish you, body and spirit.

UPDATE: The family was surrounded with a Circle of Friends and is back into housing!

*To become a Joppa donor, go to [joppa.org](http://joppa.org) and click on "Donate."* 



## I Serve at Joppa

**VOLUNTEER:** Jan Franck

**INVOLVEMENT:** I've written articles & cover stories for the Joppa Newsletter for the past six years.

**BACKGROUND:** I retired in 2014 after operating a marketing company, Franck Communications, for 30 years.

**DRIVING PASSION:** To be a part of the solution.

**ON MY OWN:** I mentor refugee kids, work at the Plymouth Church Women's Career Closet and serve on church boards.

Jan Franck is retiring this year as a contributing writer to this newsletter. Thank you Jan for all your hard work and dedication to this publication!

## Joppa CELEBRATES 10 YEARS!

### DOWN & OUT HOMELESS FUNDRAISER | NOVEMBER 10, 2018

5:00 pm Appetizers, Silent Auction & Cash Bar | 6:30 pm Dinner & Program

- + Emcees Lou & Jackie from CW Iowa Live
- + See solutions to homelessness
- + Wine pull & silent auction
- + Plated dinner & cash bar

Register: [DownAndOutFundraiser.org](http://DownAndOutFundraiser.org) 

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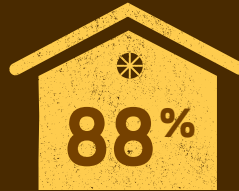
### BECAUSE OF YOU

- KEPT 274 PEOPLE FROM FREEZING TO DEATH LAST WINTER
- HELPED AN ADDITIONAL 60 MEN, WOMEN & CHILDREN GET BACK INTO HOUSING SO FAR IN 2018
- ACQUIRED LAND TO BUILD COTTAGE HOMES & OPENED JOPPA MOCK-VILLAGE

## IMPACT METRICS



TOTAL HELPED OFF STREETS



REMAIN OFF STREETS

IN 2017



2,827  
VOLUNTEERS  
47,197  
HOURS

85,492

POUNDS OF FOOD  
DELIVERED

### MAKING THE DIFFERENCE

PEOPLE WITH NO  
IMMEDIATE HOUSING OPTIONS

274

WHICH JOPPA HELPED  
SURVIVE LAST WINTER

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

### GIVE:

#### BECOME A JOPPA SUPPORT PARTNER!

*Join us and make a difference with your gifts and ongoing support.*

Joppa collaborates with other agencies, helps people access resources, and develops unique programs that fill gaps and meet unmet needs in outreach, housing and education.

*Joppa is a 501(c)3 nonprofit. All gifts are tax-deductible.*

#### GIVE ONLINE OR MAIL TO:

Joppa  
118 SE 4th Street, #120  
Des Moines, IA 50309

[joppa.org](http://joppa.org)

### VOLUNTEER:

Volunteer opportunities are available for groups, families and individuals. When you volunteer at Joppa you...

- Learn About Homelessness
- Engage With Diverse Individuals
- Lead or Join a Team of Volunteers
- Develop Meaningful Relationships
- Participate Where You're Passionate
- See Your Impact in Multiple Ways

#### VOLUNTEER AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE:

We depend on volunteers like you! Join us and make a difference in the lives of homeless people and our community.

Email [volunteer@joppa.org](mailto:volunteer@joppa.org) to learn more

### SUPPLY:

- Tents & Tarps (Green or Brown)
- Below Zero Sleeping Bags
- Gloves & Wool Socks
- Bottled Drinking Water (24oz)
- Headlamps & Batteries
- Toilet Paper & Paper Towels
- Cleaning Supplies
- Laundry Detergent & Dish Soap
- Canned Goods & Nonperishables
- DART Bus Tokens

#### BRING SUPPLIES TO JOPPA:

Monday–Friday between 10 & 4:30 PM  
at 118 SE 4th Street, #120,  
in Des Moines. Or call  
(515) 288-5699

Thank you for your generosity!

## FROM THE HEART

"Aimee came in her own car and brought her two kids with her," Ashley says with amazement. "She didn't know us... But there she was." **-Ashley Middleton**





First Joppa mock-village on display at Polk City UMC

## TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

### Joppa Tiny Home Village Update

The Des Moines Register gave Joppa a “rose,” saying the Joppa “village deserves support,” after breaking the cover story in April 2016.

We plan to build a safe and secure gated community of 50 Tiny Homes, with private bathrooms in a centralized building. Volunteers and visitors check-in through a community center, which provides meals, classes, job training, health and

social services from local agencies.

“A transitional Tiny Home Village will provide our most vulnerable citizens immediate safety and housing, along with the programs and support necessary

to help them regain their self-respect, gain a source of income, overcome any other barriers to housing and move into permanent housing within 6 to 24 months,” says Joe Stevens, Joppa Cofounder and CEO.

“The real magic, though, is the sense of community that’s created when residents support and encourage each other towards graduation and attaining an apartment or Cottage Home of their own!”

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— JOE STEVENS

Joppa has faced a number of development challenges, however, continues working diligently towards finding a site for the village. Given the tremendous positive impact villages are having across the country, we are committed to building one for Central Iowa and are pursuing the necessary approvals to break ground.

Meanwhile, we’ve partnered with schools, churches, corporations, families, individuals and other groups to fund and build eight Tiny Homes.

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement. Together we can help end homelessness across Central Iowa!



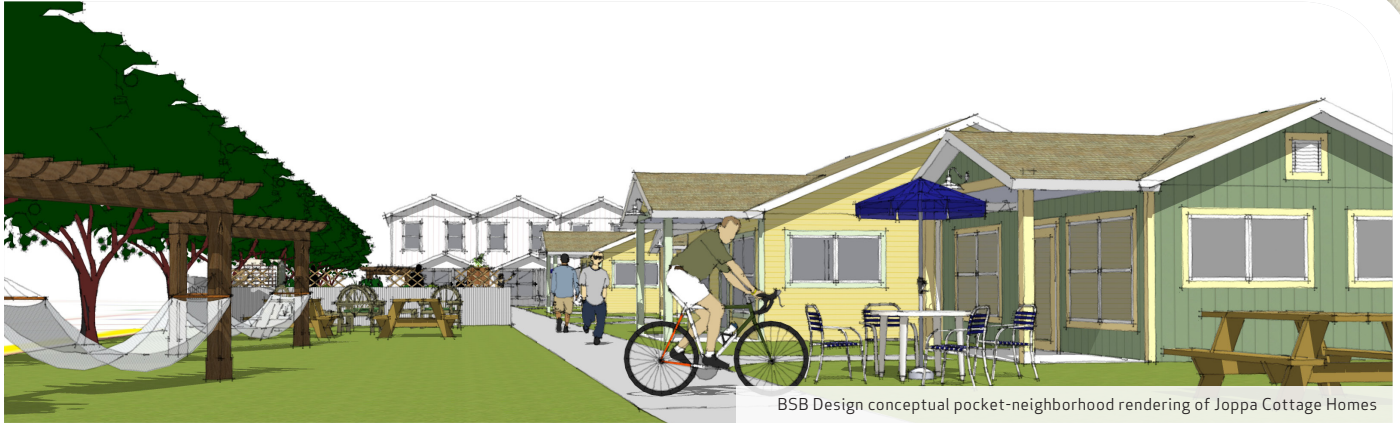
Joppa Tiny Home “Kathi” funded by Larry &amp; Kathi Zimpleman

#### HOW YOU CAN HELP

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BSB Design conceptual pocket-neighborhood rendering of Joppa Cottage Homes

## PERMANENT HOUSING

### Joppa Cottage Home Construction

As part of our mission to prevent and end homelessness in Central Iowa, Joppa is breaking-ground on its first permanent supportive Cottage Homes this fall, with rents starting at \$300 a month.

"We're excited to start building Cottage Homes, which will provide permanent housing for the elderly, disabled, vets and others living on fixed incomes or unable to work full-time," says Joe Stevens, Joppa Cofounder and CEO.

We're told the fastest growing segment of homelessness are people over 65, which often live on fixed incomes of \$1,000 or less a month."

Average rents in the metro are \$800+ a month and it's become increasingly hard to find even government subsidized housing rents below \$600 for those that qualify. That's pushing older, very vulnerable people into homelessness."

Joppa Cottage Homes are truly affordable and being built for the elderly, disabled, vets and others living on fixed or part-time incomes. This is part of our mission to prevent and ultimately end homelessness.

Joppa relies on private donations to achieve its mission. Join us in this exciting development by giving at [Joppa.org](http://Joppa.org)

## THANK YOU

TO OUR PRO-BONO COTTAGE HOME DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS!

- **BSB Design**
- **Gross Construction**
- **Wolf Construction**
- **Zenith Design + Build**
- **V&K Engineering**
- **Brick Gentry P.C.**



## HOW WE DO IT

JOPPA COLLABORATES WITH OTHER AGENCIES, HELPS PEOPLE ACCESS EXISTING RESOURCES, AND DEVELOPS UNIQUE PROGRAMS THAT FILL GAPS AND MEET UNMET NEEDS IN OUTREACH, HOUSING AND EDUCATION.





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HELP PUT **HOMELESSNESS** TO BED  
BECAUSE EVERYONE NEEDS A SAFE PLACE TO SLEEP AT NIGHT

★ Wear PJs to Work or School ★  
**Friday, January 25, 2019**

SCHOOLS AND WORKPLACES  
**PLAN YOUR ORGANIZATION'S PROJECT**

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HOW WILL YOU GET YOUR  
ORGANIZATION INVOLVED?