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February 4, 2022

9:30 am

The Road Home

**Peggy Halloran
Development Director**

via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89324937721?pwd=SVZxc29vRm5HNmd6ZElhYzVvUFRMyDZ09>

February 4 The Road Home

Our speaker for our February Forum is Peggy Halloran, Development Director for The Road Home Dane County, a position she has held for 8 1/2 years. In that role she works with individuals, businesses, congregations, foundations and organizations on charitable giving and how their support and partnership can help children and families move from homelessness to housing.

Over the last 25 years, Peggy has worked in fundraising, communications and events for organizations including the American Heart Association in the Chicago area, as well as the Dane County Habitat for Humanity and Madison College Foundation.

She has one son who is a freshman at Edgewood High School and she enjoys attending his sporting events. And yes, she will admit it, she is a Bears and Cubs fan!

This will be an exciting time to find out about the marvelous work going on through this organization. So do join us on Zoom at 9:30 am. on February 4.

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World Day of Prayer, March 4, 2022

The theme for this year's World Day of Prayer on March 4, 2022, is ***I Know the Plans I Have for You***, which was prepared by the WDP Committee of England, Wales, and Northern Ireland and the World Day of Prayer USA Committee. Our celebration will be held from 11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m. (Please note the time change.)

Human Rights Day Celebration

We met by Zoom on January 7 to celebrate human rights and our part in securing them. Our opening prayer was *Make us your hands and feet*.

Our opening song, You Have Human Rights All Equal and Free. The Anthem of the World. Our litany prayer from Mother Teresa, *Do good anyway*.

Our guest speaker, and recipient of CWU's Human Rights Award, was Karen Andro, an advocate whose work involves serving in community to build collaborative relationships helping to reduce barriers of inequity and injustice with an emphasis on advocacy of homelessness issues. She served as the Director of Hope's Home Ministries for First United Methodist Church in downtown Madison until taking on a new role to help the most vulnerable with Madison Area Care for the Homeless. She will be providing remote outreach, delivering food to most needy, partnering with health workers to provide trauma informed care.

Karen spoke of her faith journey. Living in Madison through a traumatic childhood, she came back to First United Methodist Church with her new job. She still struggles with confidence and fear, but work is a healing process. Breaking down barriers of inequity, injustice are important goals. And she follows a bench ordinance. No sitting on a bench for more than two hours. Homeless are constantly knocked down, very demoralizing for the homeless. Housing First is a goal. Housing is health care. Shelters play an important role in serving the homeless. Salvation Army, Porchlight. We have men's and women's shelters, but not for

couples. Places of comfort include the Beacon, a day resource center that provides food, showers, laundry. Safe Haven by Porchlight is a God-send. Food is a big outreach.

We need relationships with homeless, with community partners. We must recognize a person's needs, goals, not just what we do with an individual.

A question, clothing at food pantry? First Methodist's does have clothing and they are the first food pantry to deliver. They have monthly drive-ups, though no clothing then.

Outreach outpost. Community partners deliver food, toilet paper. Serve people who don't have housing. Going where persons shelter in place. Get a finger on the pulse. Emergency Food. Urban triage, Starkweather Creek. Community Breakfast on Wednesday. People pick up food. Fourteen people got vaccine or booster shot. And there was clothing for the homeless, thermal underwear, hand warmers, underwear, mittens. And they get reports of what people need.

This is only a taste of what we learned, as Karen showed up what brought her to her new role—Help the most vulnerable. Madison Area Care for the Homeless— remote outreach, dealing with addictive disorders, delivering food to the most needy, partnering with health worker, Trauma Informed Care, urban groups such as Unity Medical, screening, referral. Focus. Housing is Health Care.

We gave Karen Andro the Church Women United Human Rights Award for her wonderful work already completed and proceeding into the future. Thank you for what you are doing for Madison's most needy.

SEND A MESSAGE TO A FRIEND.....

Audrey Hinger
Brookdale West
429 South Yellowstone
Madison, WI 53719

Please make it a "Thinking of You" message as she is in an end of life situation. She sometimes is aware of her surroundings so visits and cards would be welcome.

**Announcing the 2020-2022
Madison Area Religious and Human Resources Directory**

The New Directory is fresh off the press and available to order: The Directory has a new look. It is now 8 1/2 by 11 size sheets, so the print is a little larger, and for future editions we will be able to send inserts for the updated copy. There are about 300 faith communities listed and 300 human resource agencies, as well as special listings for Emergency Community Resources for Food, Shelter and Clothing; an Emergency/Hotline/Crisis-Stress/Information Chart; and a page on End of Life Services. Any Questions, phone Ruth Hein- Church Women United and Madison Ecumenical Center Outreach at 608-347-4724.

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