



The Poshard Foundation  
For Abused Children  
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Message From  
The Director:  
Jo Poshard

Thank you for your support in 2010. Because of our faithful contributors and volunteers, the Poshard Foundation for Abused Children was able to assist many abused, abandoned, and neglected children in southern Illinois in the past year. The economic stresses weighing on many of the agencies we serve have increased with additional burdens on families and children resulting.

The following are direct quotes from a few of the many requests we received from caseworkers in 2010 on behalf of children. The requests we receive are verified by trained professionals and are submitted to us when other traditional sources of funding have failed.

**“Mother and child were recently made homeless when forced out of their home because of an abusive father. The daughter was witness to the abuse and injury to the mother. The child has congenital spastic quadriplegia and epileptic seizures and reacted to the mistreatment of her mother by having increased seizures. They have a place now, but little furniture. Currently, they are sleeping on the floor on a futon. Because of the child’s quadriplegia, it is very difficult for her to get up from the floor.”**

**“While I was at the family’s home, the boy’s mother mentioned that he did not have a bed. He sleeps on the floor or on the couch. Mother is disabled and the father works hard at a minimum wage job. The boy, after being abused, was adopted by this couple, and I saw how much love this family has for each other. Despite their shortcomings, they still work together to provide what they can to make their situation the best it can be.”**

**“I have been working with a grandmother who is raising her teenage grandson, because his parents are not viable options at this time. Grandmother works full time making minimum wage, so her income is very limited. The grandson has been sleeping on the couch for three months, because there is no bed for him in the spare bedroom.”**

**“This letter is to request assistance for a family who had to leave a domestic violence situation. When they left their home, they did not pack any of their belongings. The family has been homeless for more than two months and just recently secured a residence. They are in need of two twin beds, a toddler bed and some bedding.”**

This is one of the many thank you notes we have received:

**“I do not have the words to tell you how grateful I am for the beds you bought for my three children. Because of your gift, my children can sleep in clean beds like other children.”**

Your generous donations allow us to help children such as these. You make a difference in their lives.

Jo Poshard, Director

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**2010  
 Poshard  
 Foundation  
 Annual  
 Dinner  
 Grant Press  
 Conference**

PHOTO: Jo  
 Poshard and  
 several grant  
 recipients

*Thank you for your continued support.....*

**WHAT WE ACCOMPLISHED TOGETHER IN 2010**

- ☺ \$142,000 given in grants to other charitable organizations that helped abused, neglected and abandoned children.
- ☺ \$90,940 raised through Pat's Kids for Christmas for southern Illinois children.
- ☺ \$25,000 given in scholarship money for college students who meet Foundation criteria.
- ☺ \$3,447 in Training and Education Programs.
- ☺ Approximately 1,500 families were provided assistance with various services not covered by traditional funding sources including dental care, food, beds, mattresses, car seats, transportation to health care, special therapy services, eyeglasses, children's camps, school supplies, Christmas assistance, and medical treatment.

*Special Thanks in 2010 to:*

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Kathryn Jackson, Giant City School student, organized a K – 8 stuffed animal drive and collected over 150 animals for abused children. Thank you, Kathryn and students!

**The Poshard Foundation  
appreciates your support over  
the last 12 years!**

**YES - I would like to contribute to the Poshard Foundation for Abused Children to help children in crisis in southern Illinois.**

**Donation is for our  
"Beds for Kids" Project**

**Amount Enclosed**

**\$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Make checks payable to:**  
The Poshard Foundation  
John A Logan College  
700 Logan College Drive  
Carterville, IL 62918

# Dinner Auction—2010

The 2010 dinner appeared on the surface to be similar to our past dinners:

- ⇒ More than 700 people attended.
- ⇒ The silent auction was a glorious array of items.
- ⇒ The live auction was full of wonderful trips and events.

But last year, we tried something new. Jo had seen an increase in the requests for beds for children. We decided to ask people for money that would be set aside for beds. Our goal was to raise about three to five thousand dollars---enough for ten to 18 beds. Glenn's plea for a young child's place to sleep touched a lot of hearts.

**When the dinner was over, we had raised \$28,000 to buy about 100 beds for the most vulnerable children among us. It was an amazing moment, a picture of true Southern Illinois generosity. Thanks to all of you.**



**Auction Room 2010**

*Bonnie Wheeler, Dinner-Auction Chairperson*

## SAVE THE DATE! SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2011.

The 2011 Poshard Foundation Annual Fundraiser will be held Saturday, October 1, 2011, from 5:30PM – 8:00PM at John A. Logan College in Carterville. This year's event will be a new and exciting blend of fabulous foods and our "famous" auctions. Watch for information about our new on-line auction!

Please call 618-985-2828, ext. 8564 for more information.

You may also e-mail the Foundation at [joposhard@jalc.edu](mailto:joposhard@jalc.edu) or fax us at 618-985-9874.

***We hope you will join us!***

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