Oasis Day Center
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Oasis Day Center's Mission:

To alleviate homelessness in Decatur and Macon County and to provide homeless individuals with an opportunity to meet their basic needs while linking them to services in the community. Oasis targets homeless adults as well as those who suffer from multiple diagnoses, such as substance abuse and mental illness.

Program Background:

- Serving the homeless since 1999
- Providing a convenient and accessible downtown location at 243 W. Cerro Gordo Street
- A safe refuge from the streets – a drop in facility
- Meeting individuals on their "own turf"
- Offering barrier-free access to support services, **7A.M. to 5 P.M., 365 days a year**
- Designed to build trust and lasting relationships with hardest to reach chronically homeless
  - There were **1984 unduplicated individuals served July 1, 2012 – March 31, 2013**
  - Average Daily Attendance is 150 individuals
- Targets persons in the community who suffer from: Homelessness; Mental Illness; Substance Abuse; Extreme Poverty

What Oasis Provides:

- Safe, hospitable environment
- Protection from the elements
- Showers/hygiene
- Laundry
- Bus tokens
- Mail delivery and postage for client's correspondence
- Socialization
- Access to telephone and messages
- Nurse Practitioner through the Community Health Improvement Center (CHIC)
- Connection to community/human resources – meeting basic needs: food, shelter/housing, clothing, medical needs, job postings/opportunities.

Impact of Oasis on the Community:

- Providing a one-of-a-kind, safe alternative to the streets
- Linking people to services needed in the community
- Addressing unmet needs
- Decreasing use of costly emergency services
- Linking people to safe affordable housing

For more information on Oasis visit our website at www.heritagenet.org

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