

EVENT HONORS THREE HEROES FOR HOMELESS



(April 16, 2010) – [Polk County Supervisor Robert Brownell](#), [Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino](#) and [William C. Knapp](#) will be honored at the annual Central Iowa Shelter & Services “[Heroes for Homeless](#)” awards dinner in Des Moines on Wednesday, April 25.

“Supervisor Brownell, Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino and William Knapp have provided leadership through their continuing actions that serve the estimated 6,100 homeless living in central Iowa,” said Anthony Timm, CISS executive director. “Homeless issues are community issues. Now more than ever with the stresses of a down economy, we all must work together to provide homeless people food, shelter and access to education, health care, and programming.”

[Maxwell Schaeffer](#), KIOA Morning Host, will be master of ceremonies for the Heroes event, which begins with cocktails at 6 p.m. In addition to tickets for the awards dinner, raffle tickets also will be available for purchase. Proceeds will benefit the Central Iowa Shelter & Services. Purchase your tickets [here](#). Seating is limited.

Prior to the event, CISS will be providing tours of the new shelter. Starting at 4:45PM tours will begin for anyone interested in seeing the new building while still under construction. A [DART](#) shuttle between the Temple for Performing Arts and CISS will be provided departing from the Temple at 4:45 and circling until 6PM.

Polk County Supervisor Robert Brownell was elected in 2000 and is serving his third term. He represents the 1st District which is made up of Clive, West Des Moines and southwestern Des Moines. Brownell’s experience in government began as a city councilmember in Clive, elected in 1985. He was elected as mayor in 1993 where he served until his election to the Polk County Board of Supervisors in 2000. During his time as supervisor, Brownell has gone undercover and entered CISS to better understand homelessness in Central Iowa.

Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino is a leading sponsor of community programs and organizations including Central Iowa Shelter & Services. Prairie Meadow’s financial support has made it possible for CISS to provide its clients with needed resources for becoming self-sufficient.

William C. (Bill) Knapp is an entrepreneur and philanthropist who started with nothing. His humble childhood created a driven nature and a near inability to say “no” when asked to help those who are in need. Mr. Knapp played an integral role in fundraising for CISS’ current facility when it was built in 1995.

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