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## **NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH OPENS FUNDS Make contributions now to help preserve Montague House!**

Rockford, IL – The Community Foundation announced today that New Zion Baptist Church is seeking contributions for the renovation and preservation of its church building, formerly known as Montague House.

Built in 1928, Montague House was traditionally a safe haven for immigrants, and now serves as a refuge for anyone in need of social or spiritual assistance. The building serves the community in a variety of ways: Weekdays it operates as a LiHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) site. Each Wednesday it houses over 75 children and neighborhood youth for the AWANA's program, and it consistently serves as a site for free community seminars on topics such as health issues, financial literacy, Medicare/Medicaid, parenting, etc.

Currently the building is in such disrepair that severe leaks have ruined two church offices and damaged a main restroom. \$30,000 is needed to immediately replace the roof.

Contributions made to a pass-through fund established at the Community Foundation will be used for the immediate fix, and 15% of each donation will build a permanent endowment fund for future restoration and preservation.

Contributions can be made to the fund by sending a check to the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois, 946 N. Second Street, Rockford, IL 61107. Please indicate New Zion/Montague House on the memo line. Contributions can also be made online at [www.cfnil.org](http://www.cfnil.org). Click Donate Now. All contributions are tax-deductible.

For more information, please call Reverend K. E. Copeland at 815-509-6734.

The Community Foundation of Northern Illinois is the area's largest provider of grants and scholarships. Its mission is to attract, grow, and preserve a permanent endowment for the people of Northern Illinois.

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