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Since 1893 faithful Christians have witnessed the pain and poverty of the poor citizens in southeast Des Moines. Bidwell endeavors to minister to each and all in the spirit of unconditional love as Jesus lived. Their heritage is one rich with tradition and community togetherness. Contact their new director, Anne Bacon, or visit their website for further information at www.bidwellriverside.org.



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