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Since June of 2003, Donna has led the Cathedral Center, Inc. as their first, permanent Executive Director. She holds a Master degree in Social Welfare, is licensed as an Independent Clinical Social Worker and has earned a graduate certificate in nonprofit management.

With over 25 years of nonprofit leadership and private practice experience, Donna has served youth & families in crisis, those who suffer from mental health issues and addictions, neighborhoods in need, 'at risk' youth, individuals and families in recovery. Her most rewarding professional experiences have always included serving women and families, understanding that empowering one person will have significant positive impacts on many more. Serving via the Cathedral Center, then, was a natural fit.

The Cathedral Center's mission is *to provide a safe environment for women and families, while working to end homelessness – one life at a time*. CCI pursues this mission through emergency shelter services for up to 32 women, 8 families and an additional 10 women via overflow shelter during extreme weather. Yet, emergency shelter alone does not end homelessness. Therefore, comprehensive case management services are extended to women and families using a prevention and early intervention model, as well as support during and after a shelter stay. CCI's Women's Independence Program focuses on personal skills and employment as a solution, while the My Home program serves those with disabilities via permanent supportive housing.

The Cathedral Center has grown to now include 10 full time and 15 part time staff, almost 1,600 individual volunteers, partner agency services and a \$1.3 million annual budget. Over 10,000 individuals have been served in the Cathedral Center's shelter since its inception.

With the true belief that we best serve those who are in need by working together, Donna continues to build upon Cathedral Center collaborations, as well as within the homeless provider network in Milwaukee. Donna has represented the Cathedral Center as a member of Milwaukee's Continuum of Care since 2003 and has served as an elected member of its steering committee since 2008. In this role, she has actively participated in the development of *Milwaukee's 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness* and assumed a leadership role in developing Milwaukee's Coordinated Entry model to access homeless services. Also a member of Milwaukee's Shelter & Transitional Housing Task Force, Donna has served as past president and is the current vice-president of the Task Force.

