

Cathedral Center



2022 Service Numbers

Shelter and Case Management

We provided 17,031 nights of emergency shelter to 240 unduplicated women and 210 unduplicated individuals within 60 families.

Community Case Management

We served 56 women and 111 families, aiding 98% of women and 100% of families to avoid homelessness.

Friendship House

Through our Flexible Emergency Housing model of service delivery, we provided housing to 38 households including 14 unaccompanied women and 25 adults with 50 children, aiding 91% of those served to return to safe housing.

Women's Independence Program

- 107 individual assessments were completed
- 132 duplicated individuals attended workshops

Agency Overview

In 2002, Cathedral Center began serving unaccompanied women and families with children experiencing homelessness or a housing crisis. Located in downtown Milwaukee, our Emergency Shelter and Friendship House, the Flexible Emergency Housing program, provide a safe environment for our community's most vulnerable. Women and families receive the services necessary to set and achieve goals focused on improving health and well-being, increasing earned income, and **securing** safe housing.

Cathedral Center serves up to 28 unaccompanied women and eight families with children in our Emergency Shelter for up to 90 days. Friendship House serves up to four unaccompanied women and eight families with children for up to two years. Families are comprised of single mothers, single fathers, two-parent households, and multigenerational families with children.

Our dedicated staff bring their skills and compassion to serve as they deliver our comprehensive services including: Emergency Shelter Services; Emergency Flexible Housing at Friendship House; Case Management Program; Community Case Management Program; Women's Independence Program; and Child & Family Services Program.

Annually, Cathedral Center typically enjoys the support of more than 1,400 volunteers make our work possible by helping us to fulfill our mission of ending homelessness, one life at a time. Volunteers are intimately woven into the fabric of Cathedral Center's mission, vision, and services, working alongside staff as champions for the people we serve.

Locations

Shelter and Supportive Services:

845 N. Van Buren Street | Milwaukee, WI 53202

Friendship House:

1029. N Marshall Street | Milwaukee, WI 53202

Satellite Office:

710 N. Plankinton Avenue, #803 | Milwaukee, WI 53203

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Volunteer Engagement

Volunteers help us to fulfill our mission. In a typical year, over 1,400 volunteers provide additional support and services for the women and families with children whom we serve through our Hospitality Meal Program, Children's Birthday Parties, and as Shelter Aides who share a warm welcome with all our guests and visitors.

Hospitality Meal Program

Groups of 5-8 individuals purchase, prepare and serve a nightly meal for our shelter guests. Due to COVID, the program was suspended. In turn, many groups and individuals continued to support the Program through generous donations that allowed us to purchase dinners from local restaurants. Others purchased meals from area restaurants that were delivered to our shelter. **Now, with COVID protocols in place, we reopened to allow groups to prepare and deliver meals and then serve them, in-person, to our guests at shelter.**

The Program is a great fit for faith-based groups, clubs, organizations, corporate groups and those who want to be part of our mission.

Shelter Aides

Our Shelter Aides work diligently to respond to clients' requests, restock supplies and to help to manage the shelter environment. Aides also support staff with various projects.

Reception Volunteers

Reception volunteers answer the phone, greet visitors, assist shelter guests and complete administrative tasks. This opportunity is ideal for individuals who enjoy working in a face-paced environment and interacting with a variety of people of all ages and abilities.

Special Projects

Cathedral Center welcomes one-time volunteers (individuals and groups) for facilities and administrative tasks. Please contact the Volunteer & Development Coordinator for more information.

Wish List Support Guests' Needs

Your donations help support the needs of women and families in shelter and may change due to the season or specific needs. Basic ongoing needs include the following:

- Basic hygiene items
- NEW Socks*
- NEW Underwear*
- NEW Sports bras*
- Pajamas*
- NEW Flip flops & slippers*
- Diapers (all sizes)
- Laundry pods
- Flash drives and writing journals
- Pocket calendars
- Sheet sets (twin)
- NEW Pillows
- Bath towels, wash cloths
- Snack packs and juice boxes
- Inflatable mattresses (Full, Queen)
- Umbrellas & rain ponchos
- Gift Cards (\$20 - \$50) to Walgreen's, CVS, Target, Walmart, Pick 'N Save, and Metro Market

****All sizes, primary need is for women and children.***

Volunteer or Host a Donation Drive

To find out how you or your group can volunteer, make in-kind donations or host a donation drive, please contact:

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Thank You for Your Support!