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A Year of Compassion, Community, and Hope

TOGETHER, WE CREATE LASTING CHANGE

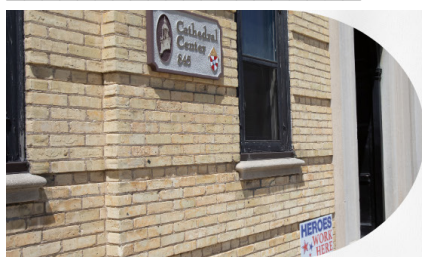
As we reflect on the close of another year at Cathedral Center, one truth rises above all others: our strength is found in collaboration. Every step forward we made this year was powered by the collective compassion of our supporters, volunteers, donors, and community partners who stood with women and families on their journeys toward stability.



MGIC volunteers helping clean and organize our Emergency Shelter before the return of guests after the storm damage repairs.

The second half of the year reminded us just how vital that collaboration can be. In August, severe storms caused displacement within our Emergency Shelter system, creating uncertainty at a moment when safety and consistency mattered most. Thanks to the swift, caring response of our team and an incredible network of partners—including the **Salvation Army, Community Advocates, Friendship House, Unity Lutheran Church, Street Angels, City on a Hill, Milwaukee County,**

Urgent Needs



the Zilber Family Foundation, Greater Milwaukee Foundation, and so many of you—we were able to maintain safe shelter and uninterrupted services for women and families during an incredibly challenging time. Your flexibility, trust, and generosity ensured that no one was left without care.

As the weather turned colder, that same spirit of community carried us through the holiday months. Supporters came together to donate coats, socks, hats, and essentials—meeting both practical needs and offering warmth in the deepest sense of the word. Events like **This Party Socks!!!** not only helped us gather critical winter items, but also brought our community together in celebration and remembrance, as we paid tribute to the late former Milwaukee Police District 1 Captain Jim Campbell. Moments like these remind us that our work is rooted in relationships, shared values, and honoring those who dedicated their lives to service.



The hosts of This Party Socks!!!, including the Campbell family and MPD District 1 Captain Rob Thiel, with Executive Director Donna Rongholt-Migan.

We are also deeply grateful to **Colliers** for generously donating space for our annual Santa's Workshop. Because of this support—and the countless donors who provided gifts—women and families across all three of our programs were able to experience the joy and dignity of the season. For many parents, Santa's Workshop meant the opportunity to give their children something special during a time that can otherwise feel heavy and uncertain.

Behind every donation and event are the volunteer hours, late nights, planning meetings, and acts of kindness that often go unseen. Together, those efforts created safe, empowering environments where women and families with children could rest, heal, and take meaningful steps toward stability.

As we look ahead, we carry forward deep gratitude for all you have done and renewed confidence in what we can accomplish together. This year was not without its challenges, but it proved—again and again—that when we collaborate, we build resilience, restore hope, and change lives.

Thank you for being part of Cathedral Center's community. Your support made this an extraordinary year, and we are honored to continue this work alongside you in the year ahead.

We are currently in need of:

- New Underwear
- New Sports Bras
- Twin & Full Bed Sheets
- New Pillows
- Toiletry Items
- Household Supplies
- Individually Packaged Snacks
- Paper Goods



Scan to purchase items off our Amazon Wishlist or email volunteer@cathedral-center.org to schedule a drop-off.

Moving Beyond Homelessness



Emergency Shelter

After years of chronic homelessness, disability, and the lasting impact of family violence, Angie's journey has reached a hopeful turning point. For a long time, she lived without stable housing—sleeping outdoors or in temporary warming spaces—while carrying the physical and emotional weight of uncertainty. During her time at Cathedral Center's Emergency Shelter, Angie made the courageous decision to prioritize her health and advocate for herself through the complex process of applying for Social Security Disability Insurance. With determination and support, she kept moving forward, even when the path felt overwhelming.

Today, we are honored to share that Angie has secured a housing opportunity through Milwaukee County. This new home represents more than stability—it opens the door to healing, reconnection, and joy. She is especially excited to welcome her grandchildren for weekend visits and begin creating new memories together. Angie's story is a powerful reminder that when people are supported, seen, and given space to heal, transformation is possible. While her journey continues, this moment marks a meaningful step toward the peace, dignity, and stability she deserves.

Friendship House

We are grateful to share the story of Maritza, a mother whose journey is marked by courage, healing, and determination. When Maritza arrived at Friendship House with her 11-year-old son, she was carrying the weight of a major mental health crisis that had led to a year and a half of homelessness. Her focus was on keeping her son safe while she worked to find her footing again.

Over time, Maritza did the hard, quiet work of healing. She spent time learning how to better understand her emotions, practicing communication skills, and finding ways to respond to stress with care for her and for her son. Progress didn't happen overnight, but Maritza showed up for herself every day. As stability grew, so did her confidence. Maritza found a job, completed a nail technician program, and started her own LLC with dreams of opening her own salon. Her growth made such an impact that the program she completed invited her back to help facilitate, allowing her to support others on similar journeys. Maritza secured a housing voucher and moved into a home where she and her son can build new routines and memories together. She continues to do well, grounded in resilience, hope, and the belief that her future is full of possibility.



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Community Case Management

We are deeply thankful for the supporters and volunteers who made our Community Case Management Rummage Sale at the end of September possible. Because of your generosity, clients who had recently moved—or were preparing to move into new homes—were able to choose essential items like kitchen supplies, toiletries, bedding, and furniture to help turn new spaces into true homes.

Your donated items, time, and care made a meaningful difference during an important moment of transition. We are so grateful to our community for showing up with compassion and helping create fresh starts.



*Names and images have been changed in all stories to protect the identity of our clients.



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A Year of Progress and Hope

FROM THE DESK OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – DONNA RONGHOLT-MIGAN



Serving as the Executive Director of The Cathedral Center is both an honor and a privilege. I've witnessed the transformative power

of collaboration in our work. Our successes in supporting women and families stem from the dedication of our board, volunteers, staff, partners, and the many individuals who believe in our mission. Together, we've provided life-changing services to those facing homelessness and housing crises. Your ongoing commitment inspires me every day.

The year 2025 brought challenges, including a growing affordable housing crisis, an increase in elderly and disabled individuals seeking shelter, and more families with children in need of refuge. Despite these obstacles, we continue working as a united community, meeting our guests with compassion and creativity. I'm proud of the progress we've made in expanding outreach, shelter, meals, and essential

support. The lives we've touched reflect the strength of our collective vision.

Looking forward, I'm excited to build on our momentum, especially in expanding services and implementing trauma-informed practices. The Cathedral Center aims to enhance primary prevention efforts and integrate improvements with all levels of case management. Your support will be key as we push boundaries and empower those we serve to find stability, dignity, and hope.

While we face limited financial resources, we remain committed to finding creative solutions and strengthening partnerships. I urge you to embrace the idea that our community can support multiple causes and invest in our shared future, helping more people—whether women, men, or families—find the stability they need to thrive.

As always, I invite you to stay engaged with our mission, whether through volunteering, serving meals, or contributing financially. Every effort, no matter the size, has a profound

and lasting impact on the lives of the women and families we serve. Looking ahead, I remain inspired, hopeful, and deeply grateful for the opportunity to work alongside such a compassionate and dedicated community. Together, we will continue to create a future where homelessness is not an inevitable reality, but a challenge we can overcome through dignity, empathy, and collaboration. Thank you for your steadfast partnership, your generosity, and your unwavering commitment to our mission.

Donna Rongholt-Migan
Executive Director

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Volunteer with Cathedral Center

WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT CATHEDRAL CENTER

1 PROVIDE AN EVENING MEAL FOR GUESTS IN SHELTER
Our program offers healthy meals every day of the year to shelter guests. Volunteers can sign up to provide a home-cooked or catered evening meal. Whether dropping off or serving in person, it's a fantastic opportunity for corporate, church, sports teams, or friends to make a difference!

2 HOST A DRIVE FOR URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS
Challenge others to collect basic needs items and urgent program supplies. Items can be purchased from our Amazon Wish List!

3 BE AN ADVOCATE: FOLLOW, LIKE, SHARE POSTS ON SOCIAL MEDIA



To learn more about our Hospitality Meal Program or other ways to get involved, contact Jeannie Strenzl at volunteer@cathedral-center.org or 414-831-0394 ext 2133.



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mission

**PROVIDING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR
WOMEN & FAMILIES WHILE WORKING TO END
HOMELESSNESS ONE LIFE AT A TIME.**

VISION

Through compassionate care and excellence in service delivery, Cathedral Center will serve as a leader in ending homelessness for women and families with children in Milwaukee. Cathedral Center envisions a community in which women and families with children are empowered to access support to meet all of their basic needs.



HEART MATTERS



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Join Our Team!

CURRENT VACANCIES:

- **Program Director - Emergency Housing (Full-Time)**
Responsibilities Include:
 - + Lead & manage staff to ensure safe, 24/7 program operations.
 - + Oversee services with a trauma-informed, client-centered approach.
 - + Manage operations & community engagement, including facilities, budgets, and partnerships.
- **Level III Case Manager - Emergency Shelter (Full-Time)**
Responsibilities Include:
 - + Support clients through assessments, case planning, and counseling.
 - + Connect & advocate for resources and services.
 - + Document & collaborate through reporting, outreach, and program participation.

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