

Cathedral Center



2025 Service Numbers

Shelter and Case Management

We provided 15,232 nights of emergency shelter to 195 unduplicated women and 145 unduplicated individuals within 50 families.

*75% rate of occupancy, even as shelter capacity was reduced due to storm damage in August and September.

Community Case Management

We served 54 women and 89 families with 230 children, 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 57 individuals, including 10 unaccompanied women and 18 adults with 29 children, aiding 100% of families and 86% of women served to return to safe housing.

Employment Services Program

88 Households increased income across all programs.
64 New employer partners engaged

Agency Overview

Cathedral Center was incorporated in 2002 and began serving unaccompanied women and families with children experiencing homelessness or a housing crisis. Located in downtown Milwaukee, our emergency shelter and flexible emergency housing program known as Friendship House provide a safe environment for our community's most vulnerable. We provide women and families a safe place to sleep while helping them get the services they need to set and achieve goals focused on improving their health and well-being, increasing their 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 30 days at a time, up to two years. Our families include single mothers, single fathers, two-parent households, and multigenerational families with children.

Our skilled and dedicated staff are passionate about serving as they deliver a comprehensive array of services through our Emergency Shelter Services, Emergency Flexible Housing at Friendship House, Case Management Program, Community Case Management Program, Employment Services Program, and Child & Family Services Program.

Annually, Cathedral Center typically enjoys the support of more than 1,400 volunteers who help us succeed in fulfilling 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

For Additional Information About Cathedral Center:

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Volunteer Engagement

Volunteers help us 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 five-eight individuals purchase, prepare, and serve a nightly meal for our shelter guests. Many groups and individuals also support the meal program through generous donations that allow us to purchase dinners from local restaurants. **Our Hospitality Meal Program is now reopened for in-person serving. Groups are welcomed to prepare and deliver, then serve meals in-person, to our guests at the 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.

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) to help with facilities and administrative tasks.

***Please contact Jeannie,
our Volunteer & In-Kind 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*
- NEW Flip flops & slippers*
- Laundry pods
- Writing journals
- Bath towels, wash cloths
- Snack packs and juice boxes
- 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!