

What's Happening

SAM25 Resource Days	Every Tuesday (Year round)
SAM's House, 213 E Green Bay St.....12:00pm-2:00pm	
Christmas at Heritage Park	Dec 20-21
North Franklin Street, Shawano..... 5:00pm	
Longest Night of the Year Homeless Memorial Service	Dec 21
The Old Tabor Church, N Franklin St Shawano.....7:00pm	
SAM25 General Meeting	Jan 24
Angie's Cafe, Main St (Great Perks Room)..... 5:30pm	

SAM25 Shelter Statistics: 2018-2019 Season

SAM's House Shelter
Nights of Stay: 34
Guests Served: 10
Meals Provided: 79

Resource Day
Sessions provided: 108
Individuals Served: 117

Join Us for the
Longest Night of the Year
Homeless Memorial Service
December 21, 2018
7:00 pm
Old Tabor Church, Shawano



SAM25 is in need of volunteers for our Morning Shift at SAM's House. If you or someone you know is interested in helping to fill some of these shifts, please contact us at 715-851-7252 or visit www.sam25.org.

Donor Highlights

SAM25 would like to thank all who donate in the form of funds, item donations, time and talents. We couldn't do what we do without your generous support. Below is a highlight of some of our recent donors:

- Shawano County Sheriff's Office (employee donation drive)
- Moede & Sons, Inc.
- Ascension Lutheran Church
- Pastor Scott and Debra Ludford
- Shawano Area Community Foundation – Augie & Lil Spitzberger Fund
- Shawano Area Community Foundation – Lou and JoAnn Horn Family Fund
- Alan and Carolyn Lamia
- Shawano Lake Lions Club
- St. Michael Congregation – Suring
- Custom & Classics Car Club
- WI Public Service Foundation
- Hinshelwood Revocable Trust
- Cousins' Subs Make it Better Foundation
- Shawano Area Women's Network
- Amy Slagle and Bruce Denny
- Robert and Sandy Powers
- Tom and Donna Thomas
- Team Compassion – Menominee Casino
- Raquel Strayer
- June Brockman
- AmVets Post 10



Pictured: Midwest Dental Staff with items from their amazing donation drive. Thanks to Midwest Dental and all of their customers for their support!

SAM25 Mission

We help those affected by poverty improve their circumstances and become self-sufficient.

Special Thanks to Premier Community Bank

for helping to get the shelter ready for opening! This wonderful group provided a service day for SAM25 and we really appreciate all of their work!



Board President Note

Hello SAM25 Friends/Supporters!

It is Thanksgiving time once again, and time to reflect on the season. Here at SAM25, SAM's House Emergency Shelter opened its doors on November 1st for the 4th winter season. You help make that possible. Each of you are doing what we are called to do, to help each other in times of need. I am thankful for and humbled by all the support that allows SAM25 to continue. **Thank you for all that you do to help.**

We are thankful for another fun and successful **"Empty Bowls, Caring Hearts"** fundraiser on October 20! There were so many generous sponsors and donors, the great volunteers doing all the before, during and after work, and the many people (290+) who attended in support of SAM25 – thank you to everyone! It just keeps getting better, is so much fun, and raised almost 1/3 of our operating budget. Remarkable! Watch our website, sam25.org, for our bowl painting events this spring and summer as we start to prepare for 2019!

We are thankful that SAM25 is again teaming up with Shawano County Historical Society and Safe Haven for **"Christmas at Heritage Park"** being held on **Thursday December 20 and Friday December 21** at the 500 block of North Franklin Street in Shawano from 5 to 8 pm. each evening. Please join us to celebrate the season with Holiday concerts in The Old Tabor Church, music in the Old School House, carolers in the park, roasted

chestnuts on an open fire, Holiday tree decorated with ornaments made by local school children. All events are free with donations encouraged to benefit SAM25, Safe Haven, and the Historical Society. There will be chili, hot beverages and baked treats for sale on the grounds. On **Friday December 21 at 7 pm.** the **"Longest Night: Homeless Memorial Service"** will be held at Old Tabor Church. We will, for the second year, be joining over 200 cities around the country who will gather that night, the longest night of the year, to remember those who have died due to homelessness this past year, to remember those who are currently struggling with poverty, hunger, and homelessness, and to continue to work toward ending the tragedy of homelessness in our community and country. Please join us for this moving service to help bring awareness to these struggles around us and help find solutions.

I wish you all wonderful holidays and thank you for your continued support for SAM25 and its programs. You each make your own unique contribution, which helps SAM25 move forward in helping those affected by poverty improve their circumstances and become self-sufficient. **Thank you!** Blessings and love, Muffy

Thank you to Shawano Pathways for another successful Bike/Hike the Barn Quilts this year! With over 100 participants in the 5k Walk/Run, this event continues to grow. This year, a Barn Dance was added to the weekend of events too! It was fun and all done for a great cause.



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Executive Director Note

Hello SAM25 Family!

October came and went and we are already half way through November. We have been very busy with fundraising through our Annual Empty Bowls Caring Hearts fundraiser (which was a HUGE success) and getting ready for the shelter season. There is much to be done in Fall, but we are always anxious to get the shelter open, especially as we serve many who are homeless through our Resource Day. When November 1st rolls around, we all collectively let out a sigh of a relief as we can begin to ensure people are not out in the cold.

I would like to send a special thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers. You have made this transition from shelter closing to opening much easier. It is amazing how a group of people can come together and ensure that everything is ready to go and offer so much of their time and talents. I always say that there is only one requirement for volunteering at SAM25: You just need to care. Everything else will fall into place. No special training or education required. If you get a group of people who care, you can do anything. Walk through our doors on any given day/night, and you will see proof of that. Thanks to everyone who continues to care...this would not be possible if not for you.

The shelter season is off to a great start. We have been already pairing guests with mentors in our Steps to Success program, the meal calendar is full through January already (Wow – so amazing), and we have been fortunate to receive many wonderful donations that we can use to help our guests. Our community rallies around SAM25 to ensure that everything runs effectively and people get the help they need. We are thankful each and every day for all of the amazing folks that are part of this effort. If you are interested in volunteering, please give us a call. We have a special need for morning shift volunteers.

Thanks to all and here's to another successful shelter season! - Jen

How You Can Help

- Donate items on our website wish list
- Volunteer at SAM's House shelter
- Volunteer at or attend SAM25 fundraisers
- Make a monetary donation via mail at or via PayPal on our website (sam25.org)
- Take Them a Meal link sam25.org website
- Direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars to SAM25 or do a Thrivent Action Team
- Shop at amazon.smile.com
- Keep SAM25 in your prayers
- Become a Sustaining Member with a monthly pledge to SAM25

Help Make Winter a Little Warmer - Donate Today to Shawano Area Matthew 25!

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I wish for my gift to remain anonymous

Check here if you would like to receive our newsletter by email

I am making a donation to Shawano Area Matthew 25 in the amount of:

\$25 \$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 Other _____

To sign up through PayPal for our Friends of SAM25 Sustaining Membership, Please visit: <https://www.sam25.org/sustaining-membership>

Please make checks payable to: Shawano Area Matthew 25, P.O. Box 147, Shawano, WI 54166.

Credit Card donations can be made through our  PayPal Account on our website at www.sam25.org.

Please use the following name(s) in all acknowledgements: _____

Your donations help SAM25 to ensure that our guests have food, clothing and shelter. All donations are tax-deductible.

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SAM25 would like to say Thank You to our 2018 Empty Bowls Caring Hearts Fundraiser Donors!

Kettle (\$2000):

Tadych's Econofoods
Town & Country Drywall
United Healthcare Community Plan
Dave Passehl & Scott Parson of Thrivent Financial

Bowl (\$1000):

Cellcom
Edward Jones
Joanne Horn
NEW Media, Inc.
ThedaCare
ThedaCare Medical Center – Shawano Auxiliary
Town & Country Drywall
Wisconsin Deer Hunters, Inc, Shawano Chapter
United Cooperative

Ladle (\$500):

Capital Credit Union
Catholic Financial Life
Christensen Printing/Market Messenger
Cooperative Resources International
Culhane Family
Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg
The Laude/Bisterfeldt Families
Nueske's Applewood Smoked Meats
Premier Community Bank
Stockbridge-Munsee Community
Verkuilen Chiropractic

Spoon (\$250):

All Season Repair
Anonymous
Catholic Financial Life
Charlie's County Market
CoVantage Credit Union
Grieves Chiropractic
In Loving Memory of Archie Amundson
Kwik Trip, Inc.
Martin Jewellers
Novolex
Prevea Health
Shawano Optimist Club
Sovereign Financial Group
Swedberg Funeral Home, Inc.
WTCH-AM 960/FM 96.1

Soup-porter (\$100):

Anonymous
Bay Title & Abstract, Inc.
Paul and Gerry Dibley
In Loving Memory of Archie Amundson
Nora Jende
KerberRose S.C.
Trish Kieckhafer
Moede and Sons, Inc.

Soup-porter (\$100) continued:

Qualheim's True Value
Shawano Auto Sales
Taher Food Service - Shawano
Warren, Nett & Associates
Wegner, Hoffman & Associates, LLC
Wolf River Dental

In-Kind Donators:

Meghan Krueger
Reba Pozorski
Faith Webster
Moede and Sons, Inc.
Reinhart Foodservice, L.L.C.
Shawano Printing Co., Inc.
Shawano Lawn & Stone
Thrivent Action Teams
Wolf River Media
All of our Community Bowl Artists

Food & Beverage Donators:

Anello's Torch Lite
Angie's Main Café
Cotton Patch Supper Club
Domino's Pizza
Farm Inn on Main
Flamingo's Family Restaurant
Home Plate Café
Hungry Bear - Café & Catering
Kwik Trip - Bonduel
Lakeside Mobil
Lakeview Convenience Inc
The Launching Pad
Luigi's Pizza & Pasta
The Main Event Banquet Hall & Catering
Pizza Hut
Rank's Northern Distributing LLC
Red Rooster Café & Catering
Reinhart Foodservice, L.L.C.
Twig's Beverage
Village Lantern Restaurant

Cookie Donators:

Hope Community Church
Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church
Lois Welch
Paiser's Oakhaven
River Valley Church
St. Jakobi Lutheran Church
St. James Lutheran Church
St. John's Episcopal Church
St. John's United Church of Christ
St. Martin Council of Catholic Women
St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church—Town of Washington
Seventh Day Adventist Church
Sisters in Christ
Women of Today
Zion Lutheran Church

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Basket Raffle/Silent Auction/Gift Certificate Donators:

22 Shell
Adams Family
American Car Care Center
Antler's Supper Club
Bamboo Bar
Bethany Griffiths
Beve Moldenhauer
Bill Hoppe
BMO Harris Bank
Body Essentials Clothing Bridal & Bath
Brothers Pub
Burger King
Captains Cove Resort
Culver's
Danica Zawieja
Dave & Barb Mendoza
Dreier Pharmacy & Gift Shoppe
Debbie Raup
Debbie Theis
Denmark State Bank
Edi Cornelius-Grosskopf
Eileen Schlender
El Tequila
Fill'n Station Bar & Grill
Floors Unlimited
Four Seasons Hotel/Resort and Restaurant & Lounge
Frog Pond Botanicals, LLC
Full House Realty
Gehm's Club 117
Generations
Gentlemen's Quarter
Green Bay Bullfrogs
Green Bay Packers
Hardees Shawano Store 51
Heins Appliance & Refrigeration, LLC
Judy Pubanz
Kazuko Rand
Konkapot Lodge
Lakeshore Lanes, Inc.
Len Pubanz
Linda Davis
Lindzey Spice
Lois Welch
Lisa's Flowers From the Heart
Little Blessings Childcare Center
Longhorn Saloon
Lorraine Bisterfeldt
Luanne Laude
Martin Jewellers
Mary Lisa Carenza Keenan
Menominee Casino Resort

Milwaukee Brewers Baseball Club
Ollie's Flowers
Old Glory Candy & Fudge Shop
Pam & Mike Tadych (Tadych's Econofoods)
Papa Murphy's
Perkin's Restaurant & Bakery
Pink Shears Pet Grooming Salon
Rosie Putman
Sally Reinert
Salon 2140
SAM25 Volunteers
Sarah Wissing
Senzig's Wisconsin's Furniture Giant
Shawano Area Quilters
Shawano Cinema
Shawano Dairy Queen
Shawano Lake Golf Course
Darlene Mahloch
Shawano School District
Shear America Salon
Sheryl & Randy Mallmann
Spirit of the Northwoods
Stone Creations
Studio 7 Hair Design
Studio Lounge & Dining
Taco Bell
The Chella Soap Company
The Cobbler's Closet
The Lighthouse
The Rustic Shed
The Stock Market
ThedaCare Medical Center-Shawano Auxiliary
ThedaCare—Shawano Medical Surgical Department
Total Fitness
Treasures and Treats
Tumbleweed
Twig's Beverage
Village Garden Flower Shop
War Bonnet
Washington Inn Supper Club
Wendy Crawford

Musicians:

Blake Blakesley
Randy Bruce
Joel Kroenke
Mike Magee
Keith McGillvray
Dan Robinson
Mary Vercauteran

Thank you to all who helped in any way and to all who attended. This event would not have been possible without you! We are grateful to have such wonderful supporters!