



Hope Restored

August, 2018

What's Happening

SAM25 Resource Days	Every Tuesday (Year round)
SAM's House, 213 E Green Bay St.....12:00pm-2:00pm	
SAM25 Fundraising Comm. Meeting	Sept 11
SAM's House, 213 E Green Bay St 5:30pm	
SAM25 Volunteer Orientation	Sept 17
SAM's House, 213 E Green Bay St 5:30pm	
SAM25 General Meeting/Annual Meeting	Sept 27
SAM's House, 213 E Green Bay St 5:30pm	
Bike the Barn Quilts - Barn Dance	Sept 28
Koeller Century Farm, W7950 Oak Ave, Shawano.... 6:00pm	
Bike the Barn Quilts – Bike and Free 5k	Sept 29
Memorial Athletic Park, Shawano.....7:30am	
WTCH Breakfast Club Appearance	Oct 5
Tune in to AM 960..... 8:00am	
Empty Bowls-Caring Hearts Fundraiser	Oct 20
Hillcrest Primary School, Waukechon St.....11am – 2pm	
SAM25 General Meeting/Annual Meeting	Oct 25
SAM's House, 213 E Green Bay St 5:30pm	
SAM's House Opens for the Season	Nov 1
SAM's House, 213 E Green Bay St 5:00pm	

"I really enjoy volunteering at SAM's House. Couldn't ask for nicer people or atmosphere."..... Robert

Program Updates

SAM25 Resource Day: (Tuesdays 12 p.m. - 2 p.m.): Anyone in need of assistance with resource referrals, housing and job searches, hygiene supplies, clothing or a shower may come in to SAM25 during **Resource Day**. This program is available throughout the year and anyone in need may call or stop in at SAM's House to get help. It is our goal to help people locate resources before they become homeless. If you know of anyone who needs help, please tell them to stop in on **Resource Day**.

SAM's House Emergency Homeless Shelter: Open every night from November 1st through April 30th from 5 p.m. – 8 a.m. Shelter is closed during the day. Anyone who is homeless may simply come to SAM's House (entrance in the back of the building) on any day beginning at 5 p.m. during the shelter season for a place to stay. Guests will receive three meals per day and the support and advocacy of SAM25 staff and volunteers. You are not alone, and we will do everything we can to help you in your journey to self-sufficiency.

"Getting Ahead in a Just-Getting-By World" Course: This 18-session course focuses upon self-reflection and analysis of our community to collaborate and figure out what can be done to "get ahead" of the cycle of poverty. Participants are selected from a pool of applicants. If interested in joining this course, please contact Chris Ciucci at SAM25 for an application. The next course will be offered this Winter.

SAM25 Shelter Statistics: 2017-2018 Season

Nights of Stay: 2,224
 Guests Served: 88 (66 adults/22 children)
 Meals Provided: 6631
 Resource Sessions since May 1st: 97
 Individuals Served: 65

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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:

- *Nora Jende Charitable Fund* within the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region
- *Mielke Family Foundation*, a supporting organization of the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region
- Dean and Jeanne Kaczorowski/Thrivent Financial
- Capital Credit Union
- Resurrection Evangelical Lutheran Church
- Hope Community Church
- Christus Lutheran Church
- First Presbyterian Church
- Life Church Sunday School
- Lois Welch and her Sunday School students from Life Church (*pictured above*)

Board President's Note

Dear SAM25 friends,

Summer has flown by, and I hope you have had a good one. Many of you have volunteered with SAM25 during the busy summer months, and I thank you for your continued support for SAM25 and its programs. SAM's House Emergency Shelter has also been busy throughout the summer with **Tuesday Resource Days**, although not limited to Tuesdays, it seems, but good to be utilized. We held our first class of **Getting Ahead in a Just-Getting-By World**, and held our monthly General, Board, and committee meetings to plan for the future of SAM25 and, of course, we continue to plan fundraisers.

It is good that the community is utilizing SAM's House as a resource center year-round. It is our hope to provide assistance and direction to area resources before homelessness occurs, which will, in turn, decrease the need for the wintertime emergency shelter.

Since our last newsletter, SAM25 has provided one of the monthly Community Dinners held the fourth Tuesday of each month at First Presbyterian Church. We twice staffed the non-profit booth at the Shawano Farmers Market, and we received socks and underwear at the 2nd Annual "Undie 500" thanks to Shawano Speedway and Thrivent Financial. We also enjoyed a beautiful (fundraising) day at the ballpark with the Green Bay Bullfrogs, had information tables at Shawanofest in downtown Shawano and Market Day at Tractor Supply.

As we prepare for shelter season #4 starting November 1, we are also preparing for several major fundraisers. **Bike/Hike the Barn Quilts is Saturday, September 29.** Come enjoy a beautiful fall day walking/running a 5K route through Shawano (collect pledges to support SAM25, Boys and Girls Club and Big Brothers Big Sisters) and/or pick your distance/route for a bike ride to view the great area Barn Quilts. New this year is a **Barn Dance the Friday evening before** – come enjoy music by Burnt Toast and Jam, food, camaraderie and the chance to bid on a mini-barn quilt. See shawanopathways.org for more information.

Our annual **SAM25 "Empty Bowls, Caring Hearts"** fundraiser will be held on **Saturday, October 20** from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Hillcrest Primary School in Shawano. Come join our generous sponsors, choose a beautiful ceramic bowl that members of the community have been creating this summer and enjoy delicious soup lunch, fabulous musical entertainment, exciting basket raffles and superb silent auction while helping support SAM25 and its programs! Please see sam25.org for more information. SAM25 functions because of your caring, volunteering, prayers, and support, both monetary and in-kind. We appreciate each of you and thank you for your help in continuing the mission of SAM25 to help our neighbors in time of need.

With gratitude, Muffy Culhane

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SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, October 20, 2018

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Hillcrest Primary School, Waukechon St., Shawano



Cost: \$12.00 w/bowl and meal
\$5.00 for child serving (no bowl)

Select a ceramic bowl designed by community members.
Meal includes soup, breadsticks, dessert, beverage

Basket Raffles, Silent Auction, Entertainment, and More!

*100% of the proceeds support SAM25 and SAM's House
Emergency Shelter*

avoid homelessness altogether. Utilizing a hub and spoke approach, we provide information about resources available to help get people back on their feet. We make referrals and facilitate the process as we learn more about what is available to people in our area. This approach has allowed people avoid eviction, obtain employment, find housing that is more suitable to their needs and locate services that provide a better quality of life. We have heard from many that they would never have avoided homelessness if it wasn't for the assistance and support they received through SAM25.

“NOT ONLY ARE WE ASSISTING THOSE WHO ARE CURRENTLY HOMELESS BY PROVIDING CLEAN CLOTHES, SHOWERS, HYGIENE SUPPLIES, AND SUPPORT, BUT WE HAVE ALSO HELPED MANY PEOPLE AVOID HOMELESSNESS ALTOGETHER.”

Additionally, this summer, we launched our first **Getting Ahead in a Just-Getting-By World** course and had four people graduate at our General Meeting in July. All the participants found more stability through the support and tools they learned in the course. It is our hope to fight poverty from the front lines through education and support and assist people in finding stability before homelessness occurs. We are so proud of our first graduates and it is our dream to continue this program well into the future. We plan to begin another course after the shelter season starts this year.

If you, or your organization is interested in preparing dinners for our guests for our upcoming season, sign up to [Take Them A Meal](#) schedule is now available on our website!

I am so grateful for all the support from our community and the many wonderful people who make SAM25 possible. We couldn't do this without you and your piece of the puzzle, no matter how big or small, completes this organization.

Thank you for your continued support.

Jen Bisterfeldt

Executive Director's Note

Hello Friends!

Another Summer has come, and we are quickly approaching Fall. Hard to believe, but time tends to go more quickly as it goes by. I don't want to mention it too quickly, but the cold will be upon us again before we know it and the shelter will re-open for another season. Until then, we are busy with preparations for the **Empty Bowls-Caring Hearts fundraiser** and will soon be scheduling shelter orientations and trainings.

We have been very busy as usual at SAM's House with **Resource Days** and our new office hours. The office hours have made it possible for us to be able to help more people, having the shelter open to the public during the off season. Not only are we assisting those who are currently homeless by providing clean clothes, showers, hygiene supplies and support, but we have also helped many people

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How You Can Help

- Visit our website: sam25.org or our [Facebook page](#)
- Donate items – Check out our [Needs list](#) at sam25.org
- [Volunteer](#) at SAM's House shelter
- [Volunteer](#) at or attend SAM25 fundraisers
- Join Shelter Committees
- Make a monetary donation via mail at or via PayPal at Sam25.org
- Sign up to [Take Them a Meal](#) at sam25.org
- Direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars to SAM25
- Thrivent Action Teams
- Shop at amazon.smile.com, and more!
- Keep SAM25 in your prayers
- Become a Sustaining Member (See form below)

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

Donor Information (please print or type)

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Billing address _____

City, ST, Zip Code _____

Phone _____

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.

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