

How Can I Help?

- ▶ Thedacare employees who volunteer for SAM 25 can report their volunteer hours to the ThedaCare Helping Hearts Program. Volunteer hours translate into donations to SAM 25 from ThedaCare.
- ▶ If you order items through Amazon, order them through smile.amazon.com. Amazon will donate a certain percentage of your purchase to SAM 25 if you designate us as your non-profit recipient.
- ▶ Thrivent members can direct their Thrivent Choice Dollars to Shawano Area Matthew 25 or apply for a Thrivent Action grant that will benefit SAM 25 or Sam's House.
- ▶ Monetary donations are tax deductible and are needed to help keep SAM's House emergency shelter safe, the heat and lights on, and the water running.
- ▶ You can **volunteer** at SAM's House or attend our monthly meetings to help with SAM 25 projects.
- ▶ You and your group can **provide dinner** once, or once a month, or more at SAM's House. Sign up for meal donation at SAM's House, sign up at <http://www.takethemameal.com/> Log in: Recipient Last Name is **guests** and Password is **sam25**
- ▶ **In-kind Donations.** We always will be in need of items for SAM's House and emergency kits. Please see our website for an updated list of needs.
- ▶ **Donate food** items to your local food pantries.
- ▶ You can keep SAM 25 in your **prayers**.

DONATE



Address info for donations...

PO Box 147
Shawano, Wisconsin 54166
www.sam25.org

Who Are We?

Shawano Area Matthew 25, Inc. (SAM 25) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit group that started in 2013 out of concern for the growing poverty and homelessness in our country and in our community.



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"...whatever you do for the least of these..." Matthew 25:40

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Our Mission

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

Our Vision

Our community works together to meet the needs of those living in poverty and offers a structured opportunity to gain self-sufficiency, and to have hope for a better future.

Our Goals

- ▶ Everyone in the Shawano area has a meal and a safe place to sleep every night.
- ▶ Everyone in the Shawano area has access to medical care they can afford.
- ▶ Everyone in the Shawano area is aware of our community resources for those affected by poverty.

Our Programs

- ▶ **SAM's House** - The seasonal shelter is open November through April. SAM's House provides a meal and safe, temporary shelter for up to 15 men, women, and children who are experiencing homelessness during the winter months.
- ▶ **Step to Success** - The Steps to Success Program for SAM's House guests guides individuals who are homeless to community resources and housing options so they can get back on their feet.
- ▶ **Medical & Dental Clinic** - Our goal is to add a community clinic to provide the uninsured with medical and dental care.



Local Statistics

- ▶ When looking at regional school lunch data for Shawano County (49.14%) and Menominee County (85.58%), our region is 11.70% higher than the Wisconsin average (41.40%) for children who receive reduced/free lunch according to the WI Department of Public Instruction.
- ▶ According to the WI Department of Public Instruction, in Shawano and Menominee County school districts, there were 193 homeless children reported during the 2015-2016 school year, an increase from the prior year.
- ▶ According to Poverty USA 2015 data, the poverty rate in Menominee County is the highest in the state at 30.1%. The poverty rate in Shawano County is at 11.7%.
- ▶ In the first two and one half months of our 2016-2017 season, we provided 43 individual guests shelter, 466 nights for adults and 344 for children. During our first season we had 58 individual guests.
- ▶ In the first two and one half months of our 2016-2017 season, we provided 2,196 meals.
- ▶ For 2016, St. Vincent de Paul provided 23 overnight hotel stays for 13 adults and 8 children when the shelter was closed for the season.