



Hope Restored

Fall, 2021

What's Happening

SAM25 Resource Center 105 E Richmond St
Year round... Mon – Fri. (9am-2pm)

SAM's House Emergency Shelter... Nov. 1, 2021- April 30, 2022 (5pm-8am)

SAM's Closet Thrift Store... Thurs-Sat (9am-2:00pm)

SAM25 Community Health Clinic... Thurs (4-8p) *starting Jan. 6th, 2022

Longest Night: Homeless Memorial Service Event posted on website Dec. 21st, 2021 @7pm.

SAM25 Virtual Valentine Silent Auction Feb. 4th-10th, 2022

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 (\$500+):

Alan & Carolyn Lamia, Mama's House of Hope, Peggy Gallagher, Ross Fugill, SAFPARC, Ruth & Pat Crawford Family Foundation, Inc., Thrivent Financial, Catholic Financial Life, Huub & Amy te Plate-Church, Sue Kirar, Lolly & Bob Bower, Doc's Harley Davidson, Lorelei Foundation Inc., Shawano Pathways, Barbara Schneider, Constance Sommer, Maria Antonucci, Shannon Daun & Jason Kuehl, Janis Mathison & Harlan Pygman, Robert White, Gary & Sue Thoma, Christus Lutheran Church, Primal Eats, LLC., Barbara Schmid, Shawano Optimists, Shawano Lake Lions Club, Martha Hinshelwood, VFW Post 2723, MMMT Musky Tournament, The Culhane Family, Thomas & Donna Thomas, Larry & Luanne Laude, Steve Fellman, Brian and Anne Aune, Shawano Area Community Foundation, Gwen & Brad Fischer, Capital Credit Union, Kersten Accounting and Tax Pros, AARP Chapter 186, Gregory Thatcher, United Way of Shawano, JoAnn Radeske, Barbara Wetzel, Brian & Carey Grieves, Lois & Ron Brewster, Ardex All American Mineral, Augie & Lil Spitzberger, Rotary Club of Shawano

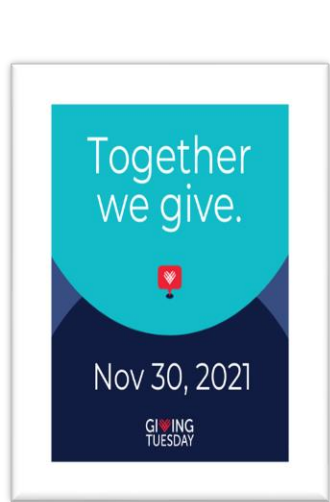
SAM25 Statistics: 2021-2022 Season

**SAM's House Shelter:
(11/1/21 – 11/15/21)**
Nights of Stay: 173
Guests Served: 19
Adults: 14 / Children: 5
Meals Provided: 499

**Resource Day
Statistics:**
Sessions Provided:
7/1/20-6/30/21: 961
7/1/21-11/15/21: 931

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Please Remember SAM25 on Giving Tuesday, November 30th and this Holiday Season. Thank You for your generosity!!!

SAM25 Mission

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Board President Note

Hello SAM25 friends, Happy November...the start of another emergency shelter season and time to give thanks. As always, on behalf of the SAM25 Board of Directors, thank you for your continued support for SAM25. Support comes in so many ways and each is important and needed – thank you!

On September 7th we welcomed our new Executive Director Matt Kadlec to SAM25. He is a positive, cheerful presence and brings his experience and passion to SAM25. We are blessed to have him with us. We recently wrapped up another successful fall fundraiser “Empty Bowls-Caring Hearts Virtual Silent Auction and Fundraiser”! Thank you to those who donated baskets, silent auction items, gift certificates, financial support, and room sponsorships. Proceeds from this fundraiser help fund SAM25 programs that provide Hope, Health and Housing to all in our community.

SAM’s House Emergency Shelter opened on November 1st for the 7th winter season. It is good to provide meals, safe shelter, and guidance once again toward self-sufficiency to those struggling with homelessness in our area (see Matt’s note). Thank you to the great shelter staff, shelter volunteers (sign up under “Volunteer” at sam25.org) and the meal providers (sign up under “Take Them a Meal” at sam25.org).

The SAM25 Resource Center continues to be utilized more than ever, helping folks with job and housing searches, connecting them with services, and most importantly someone to care. Thanks to Resource Center Manager Chris (see her note) and to all the great volunteers who help provide this needed service.

SAM’s Closet Thrift Store is open to the public Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. and open to anyone in need during Resource Center time. Thanks for all the donations and great volunteers that help make this happen (see Joanne’s note).

The SAM25 Community Health Clinic will open in January to provide free basic medical care to those

without health insurance living near the poverty level. The ThedaCare Benefits Specialist will assist clinic patients obtain affordable health insurance (see Kevin’s note). Clinic volunteers are welcome (sam25.org → volunteer → SAM25 Community Health Clinic application).

Thank you to the Harold Pevonka Trust for the matching Healthy Hearts grant for the new SAM25 Community Health Clinic.

SAM25 continues to follow COVID-19 best practices and masking is required in all areas of our building. Because of your support, SAM25 continues to help those affected by poverty improve their circumstances to become self-sufficient. We are grateful. Happy Thanksgiving! Peace and many thanks, Muffy Culhane



Thank you to all who beautifully renovated our new SAM25 Community Health Clinic!

Larry Laude and crew, Joe, and Adam
Knobe Heating and Cooling
Moede & Sons Plumbing
Raddant Electric Services
Sperberg Construction
Carlton Construction
Concrete Cutters, Inc.
Dearco
Dimension IV Architects

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Executive Director Letter

“The thankful heart opens our eyes to a multitude of blessings that continually surround us.” -James E. Faust

Hello SAM25 Family and Friends, I hope this newsletter finds you and your loved ones safe, happy, and healthy. It is with a thankful heart that I am writing to you today.

I am thankful for both the incredible blessing it is to serve as SAM25's new executive director and to be able to call the former executive director my friend. Jen was such a blessing to SAM25 in her time as Executive Director here and she has been so instrumental in helping me get settled into this role. Jen truly has been the epitome of what a true servant leader can and should look like and I am truly honored and grateful for the opportunity to receive the baton from her and am excited to continue the amazing work that she did here at SAM25 and in our community.

I am thankful to have such a wonderful “boots on the ground” Board of Directors who are so selfless and give so much of their time, treasures, and talents to care for our homeless brothers and sisters.

I am thankful for our Resource Center Manager Chris who has been such a help for me in learning all things SAM25 and am beyond blessed to have such a wonderful seasonal shelter team, thrift store volunteer team, and of course such a wonderful team of volunteers. To see their selfless service in action and to see the true passion they have to meet our Homeless Brothers and Sisters right where they are at and their unwavering commitment to help move our Guests towards HOPE. HEALTH. HOUSING is nothing short of inspiring.

The fight to end homelessness in our community truly does take a community response and we could not do all the work that we do without YOU! **I am thankful** to be living and working and such a caring and generous community. So generous, in fact that during our Empty Bowls Caring Hearts campaign you as a community raised \$40,000 and together, we not only met but, we exceeded the \$25,000 Harold Pevonka Trust Fund match. THANK YOU!

As I write this letter, we are now in the 3rd week of our 7th shelter season (our 2nd in the new SAM25 building) and together through your financial gifts, in-kind donations, and volunteering we have already provided 173 total nights of Shelter to 19 Guests (14 Adults and 5 Children) and have served 499 meals.

We are projecting that number to rise as the temperature's continue to get colder and as the effects of the eviction moratorium and unemployment extension expiring continue to be realized but, one thing that is certain is that SAM25 will be here for our Homeless Brothers and Sisters in our Community and that is with a heartfelt thanks to YOU! YOU are the unsung heroes in this community!

YOU are the ones that through the gifts of your time, treasure and talent make it possible for us to meet our Guests right where they are at and move them towards HOPE, HEALTH, HOUSING, and long-term self-sufficiency so, in the spirit of Thanksgiving I raise my glass to each of you for a toast, to say THANK YOU!

Thank You for your continued support, in the words of Basketball Star Kevin Durant: “You all are the Real MVPs”.

Much Love to You All this Holiday Season as you gather with your friends and family! May you have a Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas! – Matt Kadlec



Resource Center Note

The SAM25 Resource Center is ever busy and being utilized by our community, not only by homeless folks but those in need of direction and connections for preventive and immediate needs.

Our working relationships and coordinated efforts with other agencies afford the opportunity to better and more immediately serve those in need. We provided resources to 961 people for the entirety of last year. We have served 931 folks in the past four months.

Thank you for all donations of time, tangible goods, and money we receive to help those in need. Often as things arrive at the door, they go out the same day, repurposed

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for another. We've expanded our hours, providing Resource hours from 9 am until 2 pm Monday through Friday.

If you'd like to volunteer during Resource hours, fielding phones and the door and helping with other SAM25 needs, we welcome your help. Call Chris @ 715-851-7252 or sign up for Resource Center volunteer hours at sam25.org → volunteer → SAM25 Resource Center. Thank you! Chris Ciucci

Clinic Director Letter

Our SAM25 Community Health Clinic (CHC) is taking shape! Our contractor Larry Laude and his crew and contractors have done a great job renovating the space which includes 3 exam rooms, lab, and a small pharmacy. We now have Keith Milner setting up the computer system.

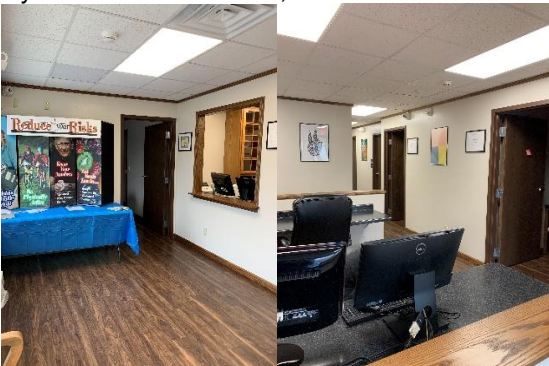
Thanks to the generosity of ThedaCare, we will be able to use Epic software for our patient care in addition to using ThedaCare for limited lab work. ThedaCare Benefit Specialists will assist our patients in obtaining health insurance. This will be a huge plus for our patients and providers.

We anticipate opening the doors in January 2021 as soon as the computer software is available. Our newly hired Clinic Manager Aimee Krause will be coordinating the volunteer staff. Volunteer doctors, nurse practitioners, nurses, receptionists, pharmacists, lab techs and benefit specialists will staff the clinic every Thursday evening providing primary care.

We are appreciative of all those who will volunteer their time and talents.

Eligible patients will be those below 250% of the poverty level and without health insurance.

Many thanks to all the helping hands making this dream a reality! -Kevin Culhane MD, CHC Medical Director



SAM25's Thrift Store

SAM25's Closet Thrift Store and Professional Clothes Closet is open for business! Located inside the SAM25 building on 105 E. Richmond St in Shawano, it is opened to the public Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 9 am to 2 pm. may expand as volunteer availability allows.

We carry clothing for the entire family from infant to adult sizes 3X. Winter clothing is now on sale, including adult and children's jackets and winter boots. All is clothing is clean, gently used, or new.

The store is run by volunteers and all proceeds from SAM25's Closet go directly back into helping support SAM25 Programs. Thank you to all who have donated clothing and to the volunteers who put in countless hours to make SAM's Closet happen. Let's continue to pull together as a community and make a difference in Shawano. Thank you! Joanne Popp



Many of the SAM25 Fundraisers have been cancelled due to COVID 19, but we still need your help! Please consider donating to SAM25 today! Options for donating to SAM25:

- Online: via PayPal on our website at sam25.org.
- By Mail: Make checks payable to SAM25. Shawano Area Matthew 25, Inc. P.O. Box 147, Shawano, WI 54166 Phone: 715-851-7252 Website: www.sam25.org