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## **CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PROGRESS REPORT...**

**To date 85% of the \$410,000 has been raised for renovation of the future new home for SAM25 and its expanding programs!**

Hello SAM25 Friends/Supporters! It is incredible what can happen when a community comes together! On Saturday, June 22nd, people in the Shawano area gathered to celebrate the purchase of a permanent location for SAM25. The public phase of the Capital Campaign to raise funding for building renovations kicked off with a party including great food, fun music, and tours of SAM25's future new home located at 105 East Richmond Street in Shawano.

The new location has just the right amount of space for SAM25's goals. It offers almost double the square footage of SAM25's current location (a temporary lease from SMU and the City of Shawano, for which we are very grateful). Once renovated, SAM25's new home will provide space for a larger, more functional emergency shelter for adults and families with children. It will also be home to a Resource Center for expanded year-round daytime assistance and educational programs, a volunteer-staffed Community Clinic providing basic health care to uninsured patients, and a clothing Thrift Store to provide job access/training and a continual funding source for SAM25 programs. Plans are underway to replace the roof early this fall, then move to the inside renovations throughout the coming winter and spring, move in over the summer/fall, and open the 2020 shelter season in our new home!

Since inception, SAM25 has provided more than 300 men, women and children with food and shelter at SAM's House and offers on average of five to six households with resource assistance each week. It is our ultimate goal to see our resource assistance sessions and educational programs increase and our shelter numbers decline. As a result of its resource programs, SAM's House staff and volunteers have seen an average of 40% of shelter guests leave to

permanent, positive housing destinations. We all struggle at different times and in different ways in our lives and we need people to rally around us when we fall on hard times. That is what SAM25 is all about...helping others in their time of struggles.

**Thank you** for being an integral part of SAM25 and its vision which enables us to continue to provide assistance, education and empowerment to break the cycle of poverty and strengthen our community. To learn more about SAM25's expansion, please visit [www.sam25.org](http://www.sam25.org) or call SAM25 at 715-851-7252. We would be delighted to present to your group or organization and share our plans! **THANK YOU to all who have generously donated to our Capital Campaign so far! Additional Capital Campaign donations can be made to SAM25 with "Capital Campaign" noted in the check memo line.**

With gratitude, Muffy

Thank you to everyone who has supported our Capital Campaign so far! Here are photos from our kickoff event...





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# What's Happening

- SAM25 Resource Days** Every Tuesday  
SAM's House, 213 E Green Bay St.....12:00pm-2:00pm
- SAM25 General Meeting** 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each Month  
SAM's House, 213 E. Green Bay St..... 5:30pm
- SAM25 Non-profit Booth at Shawano Farmer's Market** Aug 31  
Franklin Park, S. Franklin St., Shawano.....8am – Noon
- BIKE NIGHT (Old Guys Productions)** Sept 7  
Rivers Edge Campground, W7615 Cty Rd F Shiocton, WI.....Noon – 6pm
- Habitat Store and Warehouse Sale for SAM25** Sept. 12, 13 & 14  
Habitat Re-Sale Store and Warehouse, Richmond St, Shawano.....Th/Fri 9am-4pm & Sat 9am-1pm
- Bike the Barn Quilts - Barn Dance** Sept 27  
Koeller Century Farm, W7950 Oak Ave, Shawano.....6pm
- Bike the Barn Quilts** Sept 28  
Memorial Athletic Park, Shawano.....7am
- SAM25 Empty Bowls Caring Hearts Annual Fundraiser** October 19  
Shawano Comm. High School.....11:00am-2:00pm
- SAM's House Opens for the Season** Nov 1  
SAM's House, 213 E Green Bay St ..... 5pm

## SAM25 Statistics: 2018-2019 Season

**SAM's House Shelter:**  
Nights of Stay: 1,851  
Guests Served: 95  
Adults: 67 / Children: 28  
Meals Provided: 4,563

**Resource Day Statistics (Jan 1 – Present):**  
Resource Sessions Provided: 181

### Many thanks to all of our 2019 bowl painters!



**Empty Bowls**  
caring hearts

**Saturday, October 19, 2019**  
**11 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

**New Location: Shawano Community High School**  
**County Road B, Shawano**

Cost: \$15.00 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!*

# THANK YOU!

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<p><b>Charlie's County Market</b> Frito Lay Old Glory Candy Reinhart's Food Service Tadych's Econofoods— Clintonville Twig's Beverage All Departments and Employees of The City of Shawano Ardex All American Mineral Company BMO Harris Bank Christensen Printing &amp; Publishing CoVantage Credit Union Full Service Tent Jeff Easter NEW Media, Inc.</p>	<p>Peace United Church of Christ Premier Community Bank Raddant Electric Randy Mallmann Rich Montour Shawano Chamber of Commerce Shawano County Library Shawano Printing Senzig's Furniture SCHS FFA Schoenike Septic &amp; Toilet Rentals Thrivent Financial UW- Extension WTCH Radio TCH Daily News</p>
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Thanks Shawano community for supporting our Future SAM25 Open House Event on June 22 and to everyone behind the scenes including the SAM25 family of volunteers with special thanks to the capital campaign events planning committee.

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We appreciate those who donated supplies and their time to make this event a success.	If interested in donating to our capital campaign, please visit <a href="http://www.SAM25.org">www.SAM25.org</a> or call the shelter at (715)-851-7252
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## Executive Director Note

By: Jennifer Laude Bisterfeldt

Hello SAM25 Family and Friends! We hope you are well and enjoying your Summer! As you can imagine, things have been quite busy at SAM25! We had our big Capital Campaign Kick-off in June. It went incredibly well and gave SAM25 an opportunity to share the vision for the future of our organization with our community. Thanks to all who attended! As Muffy mentioned earlier, our Capital Campaign has been very successful and we cannot thank our community of supporters enough. We appreciate every one of you and none of this would be possible without your support!

There have been many events that SAM25 has been lucky to be a part of over the past few months, including Thursdayz at Franklin Park, the Shawano Farmers Market, Thrivent Financial Undy 500 and Praisefest, to name just a few. Thanks to all who invite SAM25 to be a part of their events and also to all who continually do donation drives or raise funds for SAM25. These events really help SAM25 out a lot financially and, most importantly, they help us to raise awareness about homelessness and poverty. Keep up the great work in spreading the word about SAM25!

While we spend a lot of time fundraising and getting out in our community to share about all we are doing at SAM25, we also work hard even in the off-season to continue to help those who are in need. The shelter may be seasonal, but poverty is not. We get calls and contacts daily from people who are struggling and need help connecting with the proper resources. This is a big part of our vision for our future with SAM25 and its programs. We want to help people before they are homeless. Thanks to all who support this initiative and help us to help others. It really makes a difference!

If you want to be involved or help out in any way with SAM25, we always need more volunteers for various projects. We have many opportunities for people to assist including fundraisers, shelter shifts, presentations to the community, office/administrative work, sorting donations, etc. Our volunteers are truly

what make SAM25 possible! With over 100 very dedicated people who join us to help, everyone has a place with our organization. It's truly amazing and we are humbled each and every day by the wonderful acts of kindness that are displayed throughout the many activities we have going on here at SAM25. Thanks to you all for making this possible! - Jen

Interested in Volunteering at SAM's House? We are currently in need of volunteers for the following duties: childcare, shelter shifts and office/administrative tasks. Give us a call at 715-851-7252 if you would like to learn more!



**The meal calendar for the 2019-2020 season is now available!**  
**Visit our website at [sam25.org](http://sam25.org) to sign up!**



is partnering with



**Thursday, Friday and Saturday  
September 12, 13 and 14, 2019  
Habitat Store & Warehouse Sale to Support SAM25  
320 E Richmond St, Shawano**

**Thursday and Friday: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Saturday: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
50% of all sales will be donated to  
SAM25 Emergency Shelter**



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## Getting Ahead Update

By: Chris Ciucci, Getting Ahead Facilitator

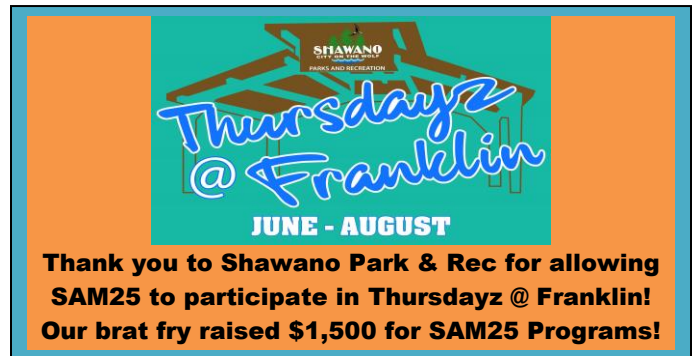
Hi Folks, We are half-way through our summer “Getting Ahead in a Just Getting By World” program. Six brave, committed and wonderful investigators are sharing their diverse stories and finding common needs and solutions as they forge forward to create their future stories. Summer session was a little more difficult to pull together, but this group has made it happen, including Saturday and even double sessions. This is an invaluable program in helping people assess their circumstances; present, past and making changes for the future they are working toward.

Yesterday WPR presented a show spotlighting the growing homeless epidemic all over the country. In Wisconsin 71 of 72 counties are addressing the growing income, housing, economical circumstances contributing to the growing numbers of people in need. Our Getting Ahead, Steps to Success (STS) and Bridges Out of Poverty programs are vital in making a difference in lives within our community.

We took the STS Practical Course program to the community this summer, providing workshops at the local Community Dinner at First Presbyterian Church. We covered protecting oneself, identity theft and housing and landlord relationships. We also were delighted to have The Fresh Project provide two healthy cooking classes. These workshops provide information and education in areas people have a need. In fact, at the onset of the summer, we did an open-forum and asked guests what they wanted information on. It went very well. To date, in 2019, we have provided 18 sessions serving over 100 individuals.

The Bridges Out of Poverty program is where the “gravel meets the pavement.” Where community and institutions pair with individuals, in which all are vested, to co-create new circumstances through assessing what is, has been and can be changed to better our community. I plan to do the first presentation in September. Watch for future presentations as we open them up to the public. If you,

or anyone you know, is interested in participating in a Bridges Out of Poverty Seminar, the Getting Ahead in a Just Gettin By World Course or any of our STS Practical Courses, please give me a call at 715-851-7252. As always, thanks to all who help make these programs happen. The more I do and experience, the more I grow, understand and want to share. I welcome your thoughts and input on existing or new programs. - Chris



Thank you to all donors who have given time, talents and treasures to SAM25. The following donors have generously provided donations in excess of \$100 to our general operating fund (not included with the Capital Campaign):

**James & Sherry Draeger - Robert Zyskowski -  
Paulette Braun - St. James Lutheran Church & School  
- Bonduel Community Archives, Inc. -  
St. Martin Lutheran Church - Kent & Becky Kovar -  
Dean & Jeanne Kaczorowski/Thrivent Financial -  
First Presbyterian Church -  
Elda Grade - United Way of Shawano**

Our work would not be possible without each of you!

## To Donate to SAM25:

- Online: via PayPal on our website at [sam25.org](http://sam25.org). Please note “General Fund” or “Capital Campaign” in memo line.
- By Mail: Make checks payable to SAM25 and note “General Fund” or “Capital Campaign” in memo line.

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