

NON-PROFIT Spotlight

New Hope Shelter looks to end area homelessness

New Hope Shelter hopes to one day make homelessness a temporary, rare occurrence.

The shelter is a low-barrier emergency homeless shelter that provides two meals, a hot shower, clean clothes and a safe, warm bed for those in need.

The shelter began in 1992 when the Cadillac Area Ministers Association partnered with Mercy Hospital — now Munson Healthcare Cadillac — to open a men’s shelter serving seven individuals. Over the next few years, three hospital-owned homes were repurposed to serve three families. In 2013, an anonymous donor funded the opening of a women’s shelter, which accommodated 14 women and children.

In 2022, New Hope Shelter opened a new facility that consolidated its services and increased capacity from 33-35 people to 55-60. The project was made possible by generous community donations and more than 12,000 volunteer hours.

Like many nonprofit organizations, New Hope Shelter depends on financial donations to meet rising costs for utilities, food and supplies. While its recent annual food and consumer goods drive helped collect nonperishable items and toiletries, the shelter still needs fresh fruits and vegetables, boxed meals (such as Tuna Helper and Hamburger Helper), hot chocolate, snack crackers, coffee, creamer and tomato sauce.

Volunteer opportunities are available throughout the year, including mowing, organizing, cleaning and assisting with the annual food drive.

New Hope Shelter’s short-term goal is to complete an operational building to store supplies and include a heat treatment room for sanitizing personal items. Its long-term goal is to collaborate with community agencies to make homelessness rare, brief and one-time.

The shelter can be reached at (231) 468-2022 or via email at changinglives@newhopecadillac.org. For more information, visit newhopecadillac.org.

“New Hope Shelter helped me start a new life. It did exactly what its name implies,” a former resident said. “It gave me new hope for the future. Two weeks after coming to the center I found a permanent, full-time job. All the staff and volunteers were friendly and helpful by being there with their concern and caring for a total stranger. I hate to think of what might have happened to my family without the help of the New Hope Center. Because of their willingness to help my family and I are together, have an income, and are putting our life back together.”



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The shelter’s executive director is Chris Crowley. Board members include Jim Ransom, Jon McMahon, Sonya Hudson, Troy Baxter, Bev Butterworth and Deb Anderson.



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