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## A word from the Executive Director

This spring has been truly remarkable for The Haven, as we marked our 10th Anniversary on April 15, 2024! Over the past decade, we've had the privilege of serving 483 men, providing them with a safe haven and the support to rebuild their lives.

As we celebrate this milestone, I am filled with gratitude for our dedicated staff and volunteers. Their tireless efforts have made The Haven a true sanctuary for our guests. Together, we've witnessed incredible transformations, with 70% of our guests securing permanent housing and employment, reconnecting with their families, and reclaiming their dignity.

At The Haven, we provide a safe space for men to be vulnerable and strong, facing their realities with courage and resilience. None of this would be possible without the support of our community. I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the businesses, corporations, and individuals whose generosity sustains our work and allows us to give back to this amazing community.

Fundraisers play a vital role in supporting The

Haven, accounting for 30% of our budget. I'm thrilled to share the success of our signature fundraiser, Shamrocks for Shelter (SFS), held this past March. With over 350 community members and supporters in attendance, the event was a resounding success. Attendees

enjoyed bean bag toss tournaments, participated in bucket raffles and a 50/50 raffle, and bid on silent auction items.

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I extend my deepest gratitude to Knox's Silver Valley for generously providing the venue for SFS 2024. Special thanks to our Title Sponsor, The Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity, and all our sponsors for their unwavering support. Thanks to their generosity, we were able to raise over \$28,000, making this year's SFS our most successful yet.

Here are all of our event sponsors:

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## Guest Who?

My name is John K. I was a resident back in 2015. I arrived at the Haven with no hope and nowhere to go. The Haven's program provided me the resources I needed to find a place to live. I have overcome significant health issues. Without The Haven's help, I would not have known what to do exactly about my situation.

Thanks to The Haven, I have not returned to homelessness. I have lived in the same place for the last four years and still continue to work. Yes, during my time being back in society I have run into some pitfalls. The good thing about that is that The Haven was always there to guide me through what I needed to do to solve the issue.

I am able to call -- even after being out of the program since 2015 -- and get the help that I need. Today, I volunteer at The Haven fundraisers, not just to show my appreciation, but to always be connected to the mission.



# Shamrocks for Shelter 2024



We're thrilled to announce that The Haven's shared housing project is well underway and expected to be completed in just a few weeks. This initiative is designed to support men who are ready to take steps towards self-resolve but have faced challenges in securing housing due to the turbulent rental market.

In this program, guests will have the opportunity to reside in low rent, shared housing with utilities included. They will continue to receive support through case management meetings and budget counseling sessions until they secure permanent housing. Guests may participate in the program for six months, with the option for a six-month extension if needed.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Wisconsin Aluminum Foundry for their generous donation of the home and to all the contractors who generously contributed their time and expertise to renovate the property. Their in-kind gifts have been invaluable in making this project a reality. A big thank you to Two Rivers Rotary for their donation of \$13,000 from their Dinner Auction. These funds will allow us to furnish the entire home.

Below, you'll find a snapshot of some of the hardworking contractors who are dedicated to getting the house up and running. Stay tuned for more updates as we move closer to the completion of this exciting new initiative!

## Hard at Work



# Wish List

We are currently in need of:

toilet paper  
paper towels  
dish soap  
laundry detergent  
bus tokens  
postage stamps  
coffee (no decaf)  
sugar  
knit caps  
warm gloves  
bicycle locks  
masking tape  
pajamas  
gas cards  
men's body wash.

*Drop donations off at The Haven.*

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## Monthly Giving Opportunities

Thank you for your continued support of The Haven and our mission to provide shelter, support, and hope to those in need.

Please consider giving monthly! Your monthly contribution will provide vital support for our ongoing programs and services, helping us to meet the evolving needs of those we serve and create lasting change in our community. With

your support, we can continue to provide hope, healing, and opportunity.

Scan on the QR code and start your monthly gift today.



# Volunteer Corner

Dear Friends,

Happy spring, everyone!

We're buzzing with excitement as we gear up for our upcoming fundraisers after the success of our best-ever Shamrocks for Shelter event!

First up, on June 2, 2024, we'll be lending a helping hand at the HFM Marathon. Join us as we man a water station and serve as course marshals along Zlatnik Drive in Two Rivers. We'll be up bright and early, usually set up by 7 or 7:30 a.m., ready to provide refreshments to the runners. As a token of appreciation, volunteers will receive a T-shirt and a meal voucher to enjoy at the Finish Line on the UWGB Manitowoc Campus. Plus, The Haven will receive a portion of the event proceeds.

Next, mark your calendars for June 8, 2024, when we'll once again host the food booth at the Manitowoc Garden Faire Extraordinaire in Washington Park. We're calling on bakers, cashiers, grill masters, and volunteers to help with setup and cleanup. This event runs from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. We will start prepping bright and early at 6 a.m. It's a day filled with delicious food and community spirit!

Exciting news: We're partnering with the Wisconsin Sand Sculpting Festival this year!

Save the dates of July 18-21. Volunteers are needed to assist with various tasks, including gatekeeping, answering questions, and keeping the area tidy. The Festival is held in Red Arrow Park. Sign up [via this link](#), and don't forget to attend the pre-event "boot camp" to get all the details. It's sure to be a fun-filled weekend, and we're thrilled to be a part of it!

With so much happening this summer, we're also gearing up to celebrate our 10th Anniversary in a special way. Stay tuned for more details on this milestone celebration!

We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events as we come together to support The Haven and make a positive impact in our community.

As always, we also need volunteers to organize our donation areas and serve as weekend shelter advocates or weekday shelter advocates in the late afternoon/early evening. Apply on our website: [www.thehavenofmanitowoc.org](http://www.thehavenofmanitowoc.org)

Thank you to all of our volunteers and donors that made our year complete with pure joy and making sure the guests of The Haven are getting everything they need to help them succeed.

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