

HELPING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

NOW THROUGH DECEMBER 23: HOLIDAY FOOD DONATIONS

TURKEY, HAM, OR ROASTING CHICKEN (SMALLER SIZES APPRECIATED),
FRESH POTATOES, YAMS, AND ONIONS, GRAVY, FLOUR & SUGAR,
BUTTER & EGGS, PIE OR DESSERT: ANY FLAVOR, FRESH, FROZEN, OR BOXED
MIXES, CANNED ORANGES & PINEAPPLE, SOUP & STEWS,
SALAD DRESSING, CEREAL (HOT & COLD)

NOW THROUGH DECEMBER 23: ACCEPTING GIFT DONATIONS:

- **1600** new or gently used books and magazines
- **300** new pajama sets and pajama pants size 4T to adult XL
- **200** pairs of waterproof gloves
- **400** new board and card games
- **Snow boots:** sizes child 5-13, youth 1-5, and adult 6-13
- **New, unwrapped gifts/toys** for all ages, especially:
 - Craft kits, paints, canvases, and other art supplies
 - Gifts for Teens: shaving kits, makeup kits, Bluetooth speakers, charging blocks, STEM kits



EXTENDED HOLIDAY HOURS:

MON., TUES., WED., FRI. 9AM-3PM, SATURDAY, DEC. 20 8AM - 10AM

NO FOODSHARE THIS HOLIDAY THAT MEANS OUR NEIGHBORS NEED US MORE THAN EVER!

With Federal Foodshare benefits suspended, **up to 800 additional households each month will turn to the Sharing Center to fill the gap.**

Over the **next three months, we are preparing to serve the most people ever.** Your donation today keeps food on tables for children, seniors, and working families. Most Center families are employed, yet still need Foodshare.

Every \$1 donated provides up to \$20 in groceries and essentials.

Give online: www.thesharingcenter.net/donate

Mail: Sharing Center Inc., P.O. Box 172, Trevor, WI 53179

**TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE SURE NO ONE GOES HUNGRY
THIS HOLIDAY. PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN.**



HAPPY HOLIDAYS.

WHAT BRINGS YOU COMFORT AND JOY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON?

The holidays are a time many of us look forward to: the warmth of family and friends, the laughter of gatherings, the pause from everyday routines, and the anticipation of traditions that make the season special. It's often the simple things: shared smiles, reconnections, care, and generosity that remind us what really matters.

For many of our neighbors in rural Kenosha County, though, the holidays can be stressful instead of celebratory. Rising costs for food, rent, and utilities make it hard for families to cover the basics, let alone celebrate the season. Unemployment, illness, limited senior incomes, inflation, or simply working hard yet still struggling can bring unrelenting angst. That's where you make a difference.

Thanks to your generosity, this past year has been full of hope and real transformation:

- *Thousands of people received healthy groceries through our Food Pantry, including fresh produce and locally sourced items.*
- *Children received back-to-school essentials and warm winter gear.*
- *Families avoided homelessness thanks to emergency rent and utility assistance, with advocates working every day to keep everyone safely in their homes.*
- *Seniors received home-delivered supplies along with compassionate support.*
- *And through your gifts, our Winter Wonderland Gift Program will once again let parents personally choose gifts for their children, bringing dignity and joy to every family.*

Each of these moments tells a story of kindness and of neighbors helping neighbors. Every shared meal, every child's smile, every family staying safely in their home happens because of you.

That same spirit of community lives on today through The Sharing Center, and through you, our donors, volunteers, and partners, who make this work possible. Being part of a caring community that makes a real difference is something that fills all of us with joy and sustains us, not just at the holidays, but all year long.

If you're looking for a way to share the warmth of the Season and bring comfort to others, your continued support of The Sharing Center ensures thousands of local families experience the same joy and security. For that, we are deeply grateful.

*On behalf of The Sharing Center Board, Staff, and Volunteers,
Best wishes for a joyous holiday season, and heartfelt thanks for your generosity, compassion, and goodwill.*

Sharon Pomaville
Executive Director



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P.O. Box 172, Trevor, WI 53179
or Online:
www.thesharingcenter.net



OUR SERVICES

Employment Assistance:

- Job Placement & Resources
- Training & Education

Housing:

- Homeless Services
- Housing Resources
- Emergency Rent & Utility Assistance
- 'No Wrong Door' Homelessness Provider

Food Pantry:

- Fresh Produce
- Online Ordering
- Cleaning Supplies
- Pet Food
- Hygiene Items
- Diet-Specific Items

Children's Services:

- Diapers & Baby Food
- WIC on the Go!
- School Supplies
- Car Seats
- Holiday Gifts
- Birthday Gifts

Domestic Violence Services:

For Women & Men:

- Individual Peer Advocacy (262) 298-5535 or mmurphy@thesharingcenter.net

Household & Clothing Closet:

- Winter Outerwear
- Sheets, Blankets, and Towels

Senior Services:

- Stock Box: Extra Pantry Staples
- Senior Resource Specialist

Veteran's Services:

- In partnership with Lovell Health Care, Kenosha Veteran's Administration, and Veteran's Path To Hope

The Center Also Offers:

- FREE Bus Transportation
- Internet Access
- Mental Health Advocacy
- Financial Coaching



The Sharing Center is a community supported, 501(c)3 non-profit organization in Trevor, Wisconsin. Our mission is to serve Western Kenosha County residents by sharing resources and advocating for self-sufficiency. Its extensive programs regularly serve 3500 residents of Western Kenosha County. Your donations keep families warm and housed, learning new job skills, and springboard them to a new life of financial independence.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: KATHY CACCIATO:

I have been volunteering for 2 years. I enter data, help register clients, lead the front desk area and help with directing clients' individual needs. I retired in 2020, moved to Antioch IL and was looking for a purpose in my life. At first, I was hoping to only volunteer in the winter months but I love it so much that volunteering at The Sharing Center has become year-round.

I wake up on volunteer days feeling really good that I'm about to do something for someone other than myself. I am amazed how empathetic and compassionate the staff are. They are truly passionate about what they do. I have never seen them turn anyone in need away. Volunteering is eye opening. I would strongly encourage anyone to volunteer, whether it's one day a week, seasonally or whatever fits your schedule.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES AWARD

The Sharing Center was honored by Catholic Charities with the 2025 Treasure of the Church Award during a banquet held at Bristol Oaks in April. This recognition, presented by the Arch Bishop, came through a nomination from St. Anne's Church of Pleasant Prairie, a long-time supporter of The Sharing Center's mission. St. Anne's STARS group generously contributes volunteers, food, and hygiene donations throughout the year. Catholic Charities presents the Treasure of the Church Award each year to one individual, one religious recipient, and one organization that exemplifies outstanding commitment to serving the community. We were greatly honored to accept this prestigious award and appreciate the support our mission receives through the Catholic Church community.



BACK TO SCHOOL EXTRAVAGANZA!

During this back-to-school season, the Center served 386 children with new clothes & shoes and backpacks filled with school supplies. Special thanks to all our community partners who hosted resource tables or provided lunch for families visiting the pantry.



SYSTEM CHANGE FOR LONG-LASTING IMPACT

At The Center, we understand the vital role of crisis programs—but we also know that creating systemic change is key to permanently shifting the narrative around poverty and need.

Here's how our staff and volunteers are driving long-term impact:

- Kenosha County Housing Task Force: Partnering with businesses, local government, Kenosha Area Business Alliance, and community organizations to expand housing options for all, from seniors aging in place to attainable rentals and homes for teachers, EMTs, nurses, and warehouse workers.
- Human Centered Design Coalition: Aligning local service providers to ensure no one falls through the cracks. This initiative streamlines services, reduces duplication, and builds a comprehensive support network that meets needs quickly and effectively.
- Healthcare Access for Unaccompanied Youth: Supporting the passage of Senate Bill 70, which now allows unaccompanied youth to access healthcare.
- Southeast Virtual Academy: Offering a flexible blend of traditional and online learning for 5th–12th grade students, tailored to individual needs. More exciting updates are coming soon!
- Hunger Relief Federation Advocacy Committee: working at the legislative level to address poverty statewide.
- Regional Hunger Initiatives: Partnering with the Midwest Hunger Coalition and the American Cancer Society Food Security Forum to tackle hunger across the state and region.
- Wisconsin Balance of State Continuum of Care: Coordinating services statewide to ensure that those at risk of homelessness—or currently experiencing it—can access support with minimal barriers.

We're excited to share updates as these efforts continue. Together, we hope to create lasting, positive change for families in Kenosha County and beyond.



EXPANSION UPDATE

The Center is in the midst of its capital initiative, The Center's Growth Campaign: to expand our building and meet the ever-growing needs of our rural community. Years ago, we've outgrown our facility's capacity. Our Board has been intentional and strategic in planning this investment to ensure it creates a lasting impact for generations to come.

We invite you to join us on this journey as we break the cycle of poverty and trauma, increase education and employment opportunities, and build a brighter future of health and happiness for rural Kenosha County families.

If you'd like to learn more or make a contribution, please contact The Center's director or visit: thesharingcenter.net/grows It will take a village and we need you!



BIKE RAFFLE

The staff and patrons of Herner's Hideaway and the Tri-County Riders went above and beyond this past December! They donated truck loads of new toys and an amazing 80 brand-new bikes. Their generosity brought so much joy to our Center families, staff, and volunteers, warming everyone's hearts. We had so many bikes that we hung them from the ceiling, creating the perfect festive backdrop for our holiday celebrations!!



BIRTHDAY PAW-TY!

Penelope celebrated her big day in the best way possible — by helping her furry

friends! Our sweet Pantry Pup brought in over 500 pounds of pet food for The Sharing Center. We paw-tied with pup cups, toys, and tons of tail wags. It was a paws-itively perfect day full of love, laughter, and happy pups!

 **THE SHARING CENTER**
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Committee and Board Membership Opportunities: If you are interested in learning more about becoming a committee or board member, contact Executive Director Sharon Pomaville (262)298-5535.

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