HELPING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

NOW: CHRISTMAS ADOPT-A-CHILD REGISTRATION

Download application at **www.thesharingcenter.net/holidaydonation**, email director@thesharingcenter.net, or visit us at The Sharing Center - 25700 Wilmot Road (Hwy. C) in Trevor, WI.

OCTOBER 1 - DECEMBER 22: HOLIDAY FOOD DONATIONS

Holiday food donations are accepted during normal hours. Our most needed holiday foods are:

TURKEY, HAM, POTATOES, YAMS, STUFFING, GRAVY, PIE/DESSERT (FRESH, FROZEN, OR BOX MIX)

DECEMBER 4: ADOPT-A-CHILD GIFT DELIVERY DEADLINE

By December 4th, please bring unwrapped gifts in a concealed bag or box, with the child's name and number attached. You can include wrapping paper and tape.

Please call if you need more time to shop or an after-hour delivery appointment.

DECEMBER 11: GENERAL EDUCATION GIFT DELIVERY DEADLINE

An alternative to adopting a specific child is to donate new, unwrapped educational gifts, which we will combine with other donations to help brighten the season for a child who may not have been adopted. A list of most desired gifts is available online. **Registration is not required for this program.**

EXTENDED HOLIDAY HOURS:
MONDAY & WEDNESDAY 9AM-3PM, THURSDAY & FRIDAY 9AM - 1PM

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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GIFTS BORN OF LOVE, BIG OR SMALL, MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO ONE AND ALL

We welcome another season of giving, of joy and laughter, and of good food and special gifts both large and small around a holiday gathering. Lest we forget winter break!! Where children can slow for a bit, enjoy friends, and recharge in the middle of a Wisconsin winter.

Memorable holidays, happy birthdays, and solid starts to a new school year shape a child's present outlook. They build wellness, hope, and security within, helping to properly wire those neural transmitters to feel safe, secure and loved, in the moment and throughout all adulthood.

A basket of groceries does that? A new winter coat every single year without fail does too? Always a warm comforter on a bed? Guaranteed Christmas gifts every year? Yes, these are some of the consistent experiences children need to combat trauma, feel safe and secure, and allow brains and bodies to grow and learn in the strongest way possible.

Donations big and small turn into the myriad of assistance the Sharing Center daily provides that help children grow, families stay stable, and seniors more easily make ends meet.

During the holiday season I remember having very little, but having enough, and enjoying what I did have immensely.

It may have not been much for Christmas: a game, a doll, and maybe a craft. Well, the dastardly undergarments we never wanted too, though I was secretly grateful. Abundance isn't always necessary, but 'enough' can often meet the need of a child just as sufficiently.

2023 has been a historic year for the Center in three ways: we have served the most people monthly in our entire 40-year history and we have met the need without a hitch. My work to strengthen our agency began in 2012, as I knew greater capacity was key in the middle of a long recession. Second, we turned 40!! A milestone it itself, that Kathy and Rick Fors, I am sure, celebrated with us in September. Third, we are now the owners of a building we have called home for the past 12 years. The Trevor Fire Department Association graciously sold the property to us at a price that reflected their deep-seated belief in service to the community.

Stay tuned in 2024 for the unveiling of our plans to expand (and fundraise!) to meet the community need as the hub of all social services and the rural crisis center for Western Kenosha County.

May this holy season find you in the company of those you love, and may you always remember:

gifts born of love, big or small,
truly make a difference to one and all.

Sharon Pomaville
Executive Director

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OUR SERVICES

Employment Assistance:
- Employment Training
- Employment Resources

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

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

Children's Services:
- Diapers & Baby Food
- School Supplies
- Holiday Gifts
- WIC on the Go!
- Car Seats
- Birthday Gifts

Domestic Violence Services:
For Women:
- Individual Peer Advocacy
- EVOLVE Group (262) 298-5535 or cvillalobos@thesharingcenter.net

For Men:
- Individual Peer Advocacy
- HEAL Batterer's Intervention Group (262) 220-7007 or NHofstetter@thesharingcenter.net

Household & Clothing Closet:
- Gently used clothing & household items

Senior Services:
- Stock Box: Extra pantry supplies
- Senior Resources

Veteran's Services:
- Through a partnership with Kenosha County Veterans Administration

The Center also offers:
- **FREE** Bus Transportation
- Computer & Internet Access
- Mental Health Advocacy
- Financial Coaching

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SHARE | SERVE | ADVOCATE

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:

JEANNE:

For nearly a year, I have been volunteering at the Sharing Center. After working as a Certified School Nurse for ten years in Naperville, IL, I retired and moved to Bristol, WI.

The people I've met there are amazing, and the work they do is incredibly important. Best of all, it's also really enjoyable! Everyone there is passionate about their work, and it shows in everything they do.

Every client at the Center is treated with dignity and respect. In addition to providing basic necessities like food and clothing, the staff addresses other critical concerns, including healthcare, housing, and safety. Supporting the Sharing Center in any way helps lift the community and provide people with the help they need during difficult times.

ED:

Since last October, I have been an active volunteer for the Sharing Center, an organization that helps people from all walks of life. Although my career background is in construction, and I have been involved in various volunteer activities in the past, I have found great satisfaction in helping others through my work with this organization.

I am honored to serve with such dedicated volunteers and employees who put in tireless efforts to make a difference. They are the ones who deserve a standing ovation for all that they do.

BREAKING THE LANGUAGE BARRIER

Spring saw Maria Dillman, a 16-year board member, take on a new role as the Center's Housing Navigator. In this position, she has been providing assistance to visitors seeking housing and homelessness services, helping them find suitable housing, employment, and more.

With Maria's fluency in Spanish and the Center's added translation services in Spanish, Russian, ASL, Portuguese, French, and 40 other languages, we strive to eliminate any language barriers that may impede access to essential resources and services.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR SUCCESS

BACK TO SCHOOL

During this Back-to-School season, the Center served 347 kids with, new shoes and backpacks filled with school supplies.

That's 171 households!

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.

REFLECTING ON THE PAST AND LOOKING TO THE FUTURE: THE ROAD TO THE 40th

On September 14th, the Sharing Center marked 4 decades of dedicated work toward serving Western Kenosha County. The Road to the 40th-anniversary event was attended by 300 supporters and non-profit partners, where the beautiful views of Wilmot Ski Resort provided a stunning backdrop for the evening. We recognized the continued efforts of our team and celebrated the milestone occasion with gourmet food vendors, a whiskey and cigar lounge, raffles, and entertainment.

During the event, the Trevor Fire Department Association was honored for their outstanding contribution of $50,000. Moreover, the Center made a significant announcement of our own: the purchase of the building previously owned by the Fire Department. With this purchase, we look forward to the expansion of the facility in our endeavors to become a comprehensive hub for Western Kenosha County residents.

MEETING THE GROWING NEEDS

With economic challenges on the rise, the Sharing Center's employees and volunteers have been working diligently to connect visitors with the appropriate resources and services. Unfortunately, the unique difficulties of the present day have led to a continued increase in demand.

Last year, our generous donors provided 549 children with warm clothing, shoes, boots, coats, blankets, and other gifts that touched their hearts, minds, bodies, and souls. We were also able to provide more than 1800 holiday meals. However, if the trend of the last six months continues, we anticipate a 25% increase in need.

PARTNERSHIP TO ENHANCE VARIETY OF HEALTHY FOOD OPTIONS

The Sharing Center has implemented new food initiatives to assist those with dietary restrictions. Our commitment to health has led us to collaborate with Aurora Health Care, Food For Health and UW Extension Madison.

We now accommodate those with diabetes, gluten intolerance, vegan, vegetarian and heart disease by providing versatile items to create meals at home. The Sharing Center has also expanded our ethnic food offerings providing ingredients used in Eastern European, Asian, Indian and Hispanic homes.

CALL TO ACTION:

DONATE!

Since January, the Center has seen historically high needs driven by a post-pandemic economy, rising food costs, and increased rents. Center Staff and volunteers are meeting the need every day, through the generous donations of food, clothing, and financial contributions.

Please consider making a monthly financial donation to ensure that we can continue to meet the most basic needs of local families, children, and seniors throughout the year.

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