

# HELPING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

## NOW: CHRISTMAS ADOPT-A-CHILD REGISTRATION

Download application at [www.thesharingcenter.net/holidaydonations](http://www.thesharingcenter.net/holidaydonations), email [director@thesharingcenter.net](mailto:director@thesharingcenter.net), or visit us at The Sharing Center - 25700 Wilmot Road (Hwy. C) in Trevor, WI.

## OCTOBER 1 - DECEMBER 23: 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 5: ADOPT-A-CHILD GIFT DELIVERY DEADLINE

By December 5th, 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. Call The Sharing Center if you need more time to shop or an after-hour delivery appointment.

## DECEMBER 19: 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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## THE WITNESS: WE PUT OUT THE CALL AND THE COMMUNITY ANSWERED

I am deeply grateful to have witnessed the best in mankind over the past year. We watched as individuals and families heard the call to support their neighbors in need and our differences took a backseat to our mutual call to do what is needed for one another. I am humbled to witness every single day, the truth that lies in our souls that we do genuinely care about each other. I cannot express my gratitude for each of you who have helped, here and beyond.

We are on the heels of our 40th Anniversary Celebration!! I love a good party and this will be a big one for a big reason. When I met co-founder Rick Fors 8 years ago, it felt like meeting a long-lost brother. The vision Kathy and he shared for the Center was that of crisis support and care. But even greater was the goal of empowerment to live a healthy, productive life. I trust that Rick & Kathy would be giving us a nod today that their vision is still a living manifestation of their dream and prayer.

I am confident Rick & Kathy would also give a nod to the fact that our community says yes every day to literally

changing the lives of families, and doing what's needed to examine and change those things inadvertently making life more difficult for anyone struggling too long. It's done by supporting the Center's work, in small ways and large, from a gallon of milk to daily volunteering, from a kind compliment to a down-and-out family, from donations of winter coats and pajamas, and financial contributions. It all matters, it all helps, and it's all needed.

We cannot do what we do without community support. In 2022 our community has shown its strength in numbers and has proven it values helping Western Kenosha County be the best it can be through innovative and out-of-the-box thinking partnerships.

As the holiday season once again is here, we thank you for your generosity. May this holiday season bring you peace, joy, and hope, and may you and your family be safe and healthy.

Thank you.  
Sharon Pomaville  
Executive Director



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**Crisis Center • Food Pantry • Resource Center • Domestic Violence Services  
Housing & Homelessness • Senior Services & More**

## OUR SERVICES

### Employment Assistance:

- Safety Equipment/Clothing
- Resume Writing
- GED Assistance
- Job Training

### Housing:

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

### Children's Services:

- Diapers
- WIC on the Go!
- Car Seats
- School Supplies
- Holiday Gifts

### Healthy Food Pantry:

- Online Ordering
- Abundant Fresh Produce & Dairy
- Cleaning Supplies
- Pet Food
- Hygiene Items

### Household & Clothing Closet:

- Gently Used Clothing & Household Items

### 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 Program (262) 220-7007 or NHofstetter@thesharingcenter.net

### Senior Services:

- Stock Box: Extra Pantry Staples
- Senior Resource Specialist

### Veteran's Services:

- Through a partnership with Kenosha County Veterans Administration

### The Center Also Offers:

- FREE Bus Transportation & Food Delivery
- Computer & Internet Access
- Mental Health Advocacy
- Applications for Food Share / Food Stamps & Energy Assistance



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:



### PAULA:

I've been volunteering at The Sharing Center for about two years now. When I'm not volunteering, I love to read, sew, and garden. I have grown close to the staff and the volunteers here, which keeps me coming back. I was raised in a volunteer family and enjoy giving back to the community when I can. Every day is a new adventure here and I am glad to be a part of it.

### PATTY:

I've been volunteering at The Sharing Center for one year and have gotten to know the people here very well. I spend my time outside of volunteering following sprint car racing and ATV-ing. I enjoy the work I do here, especially the organizational part of it. My favorite part of volunteering here, however, is the feeling of helping out our community. It is amazing just how much a couple of hours a week of volunteering benefits the center.



## THANK YOU JACKIE AND TOWNE SQUARE

The Towne Square answered our call for help and hosted 3 very successful meat raffles, complete with karaoke! More raffles to come this winter. Thank you to our steady volunteer, Jackie W. and Towne Square for all the help!

## THE DOMINO EFFECT

Members of the Bristol School student council organized a cereal domino event where they collected 510 boxes of cereal, then set them up throughout the school. The student who collected the most boxes



started the domino chain while the rest of the school watched and cheered. The excitement of the event reminded the students that helping others can be fun and rewarding!

## COMMUNITY NETWORKING BREAKFAST



The Center has long recognized that there is strength in numbers and collaborative efforts are necessary to serve and support the community. On October 14th, more than 40 community providers, churches, and schools gathered for a meal, networking,

and resource presentation to better equip attendees as they serve our community's most important needs. Our thanks to KAFASI, Kenosha County, Women & Children's Horizons, ADRC, Kenosha Human Development, and all who attended for the work you do and for sharing your expertise with all.

## LIFTING UP OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH EMPLOYMENT PARTNERSHIPS

**Empowerment – Self Reliance – Discipline – Confidence – Security.**

These 5 powerful human experiences can fulfill and propel individuals to greater happiness and overall well-being. To help individuals and families in all areas of life, we began an interactive employment program. We provide anyone in the community direct access to steady, excellent-wage positions with benefits. Partners include work training programs such as Big Step, United Migrant Services, Kenosha County Workforce Development, and Equus. Many people have obtained seasonal, full-time, and part-time positions through our program without the stress of knowing where to start or wading through job posts and listings that yield little results. If your company would like to partner, please contact Stephanie at switkiewicz@thesharingcenter.net or call 262-298-5535.



## THANK YOU

to the Wilmot Jr. Panther Football and Cheerleading teams for hosting Food Drives and Girl Scout Troop 10449 for providing Compost Bins!



## CHILDREN'S CORNER

From our Summer Nutrition Program, new winter coats and boots, school supplies, backpacks, and so much more, we know reducing childhood trauma improves the lifelong well-being of all. Thanks to the Salem Fire Department, Kenosha County Sheriff Department, Kona Ice, Gordon Food Service, Gracie's Kitchen, Dousman Transport, and so very many more who helped our August Back to School Bash be the fun and successful month it was!



Join us September 14, 2023 at Bristol's Red Oak Restaurant as we celebrate our 40th Anniversary! For more information: [www.thesharingcenter.net/40years](http://www.thesharingcenter.net/40years)



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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