

What Can I Do?

Donate

Williamsburg House of Mercy is blessed to have space, utilities, and phone service donated by Saint Bede Catholic Church. As result, our administrative costs are extremely low. For this reason, the majority of all donations go directly into programming—providing food, clothing, shelter, and supportive services directly to those in need. We receive no state or federal dollars, and operate solely on the generosity of the community.

- **Checks** payable to Williamsburg House of Mercy
- **Online** via PayPal, Facebook, Benevity
- **Gifts of Stock**
- **Bequests**
- **Tribute Gifts** (In Honor or In Memory)
- **Employer Gift Matching**
- Through **organizing a collection** at your local church, gathering, etc.

Williamsburg House of Mercy is registered as a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Contributions are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law, Federal Tax ID # 47-5347792. A financial statement is available upon written request from the Office of Charitable and Regulatory Programs.

Serve

- Harbor Day Shelter for the Homeless
- Monthly Mobile Food Pantry
- Community Kitchen

Host a Food Drive

Our emergency food pantry runs dangerously low, particularly during peak times as families see an increase in hungry children. We provide collection boxes for your food drive. Here is our grocery list:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Crackers• Granola bars• Hot and/or cold cereal• Jelly• Macaroni and cheese• Mashed potatoes• Microwave soups/meals• Pasta/spaghetti• Peanut butter• Protein drinks (Boost, ensure, etc.)• Ramen noodle meals• Rice• Snacks/cookies• Spaghetti sauce | <p>Canned items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Baked beans• Beans (Black, kidney, etc.)• Chicken• Fruits• Pork and beans• Proteins (beef stew, Spam, ham, etc.)• Soups• Tomatoes• Tuna• Vegetables
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Personal hygiene and feminine hygiene products |
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Participate in Seasonal Programs

- Christmas gifts for Children and Seniors
- Thanksgiving Baskets
- Easter Baskets
- Summer Reading Program

Shop Our Online Wish Lists:

Our website has links to our Target and Amazon wish lists. We also receive a portion of purchases made by using our Amazon Smile designation before your normal online Amazon purchases.

Be Mercy

2018-2019 Annual Report



How We Serve



\$679,470

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND GRANTS

\$235,682

ADDITIONAL FUNDS RAISED FOR RENOVATIONS

16,362

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS GIVEN FOOD

2,273

VISITS TO THE HARBOR HOMELESS DAY SHELTER

79

INDIVIDUALS REHOUSED FROM HOMELESSNESS BY MERCY HOUSING

12,541

TOTAL HOURS OF SERVICE BY OUR COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

5,100

MEALS AROUND OUR TABLES

262

HOUSEHOLDS PROVIDED WITH EVICTION ASSISTANCE TO PREVENT HOMELESSNESS

848

DIAPER DISTRIBUTIONS

93.5%

FUNDS TO DIRECT SERVICES

1,405

NIGHTS OF EMERGENCY SHELTER

2,219

OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE OUTREACH OFFICE

18

INDIVIDUALS HELPED WITH NEW JOURNEY RE-ENTRY SERVICES



Message from Shannon Woloszynowski Executive Director

We are so grateful to be operating at full capacity in our renovated spaces! This year, we continued to operate during our renovations offering reduced services, but also getting creative to keep meeting needs by packaging Harbor lunches to go and partnering with community members to host our Mobile Food Pantry in other locations.

One of the greatest needs that has been brought to our attention is the reality of many children and families living in motels throughout the greater Williamsburg area. We have made huge strides to reach out to these families by opening up our Community Kitchen meals to them and building support among our community partners through programs like Nests for Neighbors. We

also rely on private donors with a passion for preventing homelessness and evictions who desire a more stable and safe environment in which the next generation can grow up.

The reality of moving families into stable housing requires flexible funding for rehousing, but also investment in support services like vehicle repair funds and bus passes to make sure that families can keep going to work in order to pay rent and stay stably housed. Our food security programs also make a huge impact by helping families stretch their budget dollars further. All of these integrated services have kept us busy, and we look forward to continuing our work to break the cycle of poverty and "Be Mercy" to our neighbors in need.

Thank you for being a part of such a caring and compassionate community.

Lives Changed

"The people here are absolutely wonderful, kind and caring. They are seriously dedicated to making sure those in need of help receive it."

- Jacob

"The kindest people you could ever meet-willing to help and also very personable."

- Peter

"The experience my wife, me, and my brother had was awesome. We started here with nothing but the clothes on our back and our truck. Now we have jobs, a place to live, clothes, and food-- and it feels great."

- Joshua

