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Give them hope and create wings

Mary of Nazareth Home Dedicated

On November 3, 2012, EPH dedicated its 10th home - a duplex it recently purchased and refurbished. Named for Mary of Nazareth, the home is located behind East Town Mall. Each EPH home is named for an important person in the Bible.



UW-Green Bay Steps Walk Supports EPH

After studying community needs, UW-Green Bay students chose EPH as one of four nonprofit organizations to benefit from funds raised in the "Steps to Make a Difference" Walk. Members of EPH partnership churches walked in support of our mission.



EPH Success Story



During their stay in EPH homes, all residents work to achieve financial, employment, and educational goals. On November 8, EPH celebrates the successful "exit" of one of its families who became proud owners of a Habitat for Humanity home. EPH works in close partnership with other Green Bay nonprofit organizations to help families attain stable housing.

How is EPH different from Green Bay's other homeless shelters?

FAQ

Learn more!

www.ephgb.org

EPH is not a shelter. EPH is a comprehensive partnership between sixteen area churches and The Salvation Army. EPH helps homeless families transition from a life of turmoil and dependency to a life of security, self-sufficiency, and hope. Instead, we provide a temporary home in a Green Bay neighborhood where children have a stable home while their parents accomplish the things they need to achieve self-sufficiency.

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By Deacon Steve Meyer, EPH President

Two years of need, two years of growth

Last winter I wrote to you in this newsletter and spoke of loaves and fishes. I told of how EPH was challenged to grow in response to the increasing needs in our community, how we didn't have the infrastructure or financial resources to expand, but how – somehow – resources and volunteers provided what was needed.

Well, nine months later, I'm even more blown-away by the miracle of sharing. We recently welcomed two more area faith communities – Our Lady of Lourdes and Incarnation Lutheran – into EPH membership. The spirit and support of these two churches is an amazing gift to our organization and the families we serve. Because this is a relatively small community, chances are that you know someone who is a member at one of these churches. If so, I encourage you to welcome them into the EPH family and thank them for becoming part of our important work.

We also have added yet another duplex and are closing in on enough grants and donations to purchase one more. When we do, we will be able to serve twenty families at a time. Just two years ago we could serve only fourteen, and four years ago we could serve only eleven. Soon we'll be able to wrap twenty families at a time in the warmth and encouraging embrace needed to transition from lives of homelessness and despair into lives of security, stability and hope.

Finally, I want to observe that the growth of EPH has been inspired and organic. It has not emerged from some grand strategic plan. We always knew the challenges, but never fully identified the solutions. It has developed through the fruit of open hearts and loving souls. It is the activity of the Holy Spirit working through the generosity of many, many people. Thank you!

Our Vision: Through transitional housing, extensive case management, and support services, families achieve the knowledge, skills, and wholeness for a self-sufficient future.

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