

# How Many Households Are Struggling?

Across Wisconsin, 42 percent of all households struggle to afford the basic necessities of housing, child care, healthcare, food, and transportation.

Brown County statistics (*United Way ALICE report for Wisconsin*) show that even when families are employed, 49 percent of those families earn less than the basic cost of living and are still at risk of losing their housing.

## About EPH

Ecumenical Partnership for Housing (EPH) is a partnership of 21 area churches, with a mission to serve homeless families within our community.

After successful transitional housing and long-term supportive housing programs, EPH has implemented a *Prevention Initiative* in an effort to prevent homelessness –

to prevent the trauma of eviction. EPH partners with local landlords to assist tenants with rent and utility payments, budget counseling, resume building, job searches, and much more.



## Partnership Churches

Bethel Evangelical Lutheran

*Calvary Lutheran*

First United Methodist

*First United Presbyterian of De Pere*

Good Shepherd Lutheran

*Grace Lutheran*

Nativity of Our Lord Parish

*Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic*

Resurrection Catholic

*St. Anne's Episcopal*

St. Bernard Catholic

*St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic*

St. Francis Xavier Parish

*St. Mary Catholic*

St. Matthew Parish

*St. Norbert College Parish*

St. Paul's Episcopal

*St. Paul's United Methodist*

Suamico United Methodist

*Trinity Lutheran*

Union Congregational UCC



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## EVICTION PREVENTION



**Help**

**Reduce**

**Homelessness**

If you are a tenant interested in:

- *Working with your landlord*
- *Being a responsible renter*
- *Not being evicted*

If you are a landlord interested in:

- *Reducing evictions*
- *Helping families achieve housing stability*
- *Reducing homelessness in our community*
- *Reducing turnover cost*



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This program may be for you...

***"Give Them Roots and Create Wings"***

## *The EPH Eviction Prevention Program aims to partner with local landlords to provide:*

- Financial stability and solutions for families at risk of eviction.
- A collaborative approach to ensuring housing stability.

### Benefits of Prevention

- Landlords save money by not evicting tenants.
- Landlords eliminate gaps in rental income.
- Families avoid moving and potential homelessness.
- Children retain the stability of a home.
- Children remain in a familiar school setting.
- Family stability reduces poverty, homelessness, and trauma.
- The cost of prevention is less than the cost of homelessness.

### Steps to Get Started

- Complete and send the Landlord/Tenant Referral Form to EPH.
- EPH will discuss the situation with both tenant and landlord.
- EPH will complete an assessment with the family.
- EPH will evaluate a family's eligibility, readiness, and potential support resources.
- If eligible, EPH will partner with you and your tenant to maintain housing stability.

Marcia Shefchik, a prevention case manager, is pictured working on a budget with a prevention family member.



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