

Long-Term Supportive Housing had a great 2018!

Throughout the year we served a total of 13 families, consisting of 16 adults and 51 children. We were able to implement budget counseling for our families and have also obtained Project-Based Vouchers for a handful of our properties. This will allow more of our families access to Integrated Community Solutions (ICS) assistance, which is subsidized housing assistance based on income level and family size.

2019 will be a year of continued growth! We currently have 13 total LTSH units, 11 of which we own, with the remaining 2 being homes we rent from a landlord partner. We will actively be seeking to purchase 1-2 more units within the first quarter and hope to add an additional 5 families to the program by summer!

By David Vander Bloomen
Long-Term Supportive Property Manager



Break the labels,
help make them stable.

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PREVENTION

Since I started with EPH as Prevention Specialist in August of 2018, I've had the opportunity to serve almost twenty families. Every family has their own story and their own situation that is a unique puzzle. It's a privilege to build relationships with people and work with them at meeting their goals.

The focus of the prevention program is to keep families from getting evicted and working with the tenants and the landlords to keep families in their homes. We provide limited financial support, budget

counseling, employment counseling, and referrals to other resources in the community. The goal is to work with the family and landlord for up to six months to help the tenant pay their rent and manage their finances long term.

In the end, the landlord avoids an expensive eviction process, the family avoids the trauma of homelessness, and a relationship is built that improves the client's success with long-term self-sufficiency.

By Marcia Shefchik
EPH Family Prevention Specialist

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GIVE THEM ROOTS AND CREATE WINGS

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EPH Chosen for Give BIG Green Bay!

Ecumenical Partnership for Housing is one of 40 local, non-profit organizations chosen by the Green Bay Packers and the Greater Green Bay Community Foundation for Give BIG Green Bay!

This 24-hour online giving event is an opportunity to highlight the important role nonprofits play in our community and will provide EPH a platform to tell our story, educate the community about our critical work and reach new donors.

The Green Bay Packers Foundation provided a generous \$250,000 grant of matching funds that will be distributed among EPH and the other non-profits based on the percentage of total dollars raised.



Noon on Wednesday, February 20,
thru noon on Thursday, February 21

To donate, all you need to do is visit www.giveBIGgreenbay.org and click on our logo on the homepage. Or, under "Find an Organization to Support" on the "Select-A-Cause" pull-down menu, select "Homelessness & Housing" and search.

If you choose to participate, you will still receive a copy of our direct mail letter because we'd like you to receive our current brochure and related materials, however, it is not expected you give again. Thank you for your support!

Check our Facebook page for updates and watch for e-news sent to your email address.

Family Success Story

We are happy to report that a family consisting of Mom, 4-year-old son and 2-year-old daughter, has successfully exited our transitional housing program after about 10 months. They came to EPH's transitional program through a referral from The Salvation Army because of domestic violence issues that led to their homelessness.

Initially Mom lacked self-confidence, needed to be with her children all the time, was not employed and did not possess day-to-day living skills. Through the strong and trusting relationship she developed with her case manager, she gained confidence and trust in herself. Mom learned skills needed to manage a family on her own. She developed a positive, supportive relationship with her father. She learned she could leave her children at day care and they would be safe and even jump with excitement to see her when she picked them up. Mom faced her abuser in court and was able to sit through his sentencing hearing. She had her case manager at her side through this process and by looking at him in court gave him the message, you did not break me.

She began working in a large corporation call center. She was uncertain at first and needed assurance she was doing things right. Each day became a little easier. She's learned she can do things on her own and that she is indeed making decisions that are good for her family. She isn't needing to call her case manager every day. Eventually she found a new job making a better wage. Then she located an apartment, and she and the children are getting settled in a safe and stable home of their own. The case manager will stay involved and provide her guidance and support throughout this next transition.

Love them.

As an educator who worked in urban schools, I've had many opportunities to witness the effects of homelessness and discovered it can appear in many forms with many faces. We'll see it in high school students who have been kicked out of their homes, to the families who are sleeping in their cars, to the veterans that suffer from PTSD and can't seem to find or keep a job.

As I witnessed these situations first hand, it broke my heart to watch my students deal with this trauma.

I saw the impact it had on their learning and realized how important it was to provide a stable, safe classroom environment for these kids. Yet, at the end of the day, I knew this was a temporary fix, as the trauma would return once that bell rang. That frustration helped me realize there was only so much we could control and the absolute best thing anyone could do to help was simply to love and respect each one of those students.

Jo Ollmann
President



Please welcome Julie Aderhold as our new Executive Director

While Julie's official start date was January 7, she started getting up to speed in December - reviewing our financials, attending meetings, tackling our recommended reading list.



Hello friends of EPH!

My name is Julie Aderhold. With a joy for Christian service to others, I am super excited to be starting in the role of Executive Director of EPH as Dave Pietenpol retires. I feel very blessed to be a part of an organization that not only serves the homeless population, but has had the dedication and passion of Dave, various boards, volunteers and donors throughout our history.

My background includes professional and volunteer leadership roles in the areas of marketing and finance. My education includes a Bachelor of Business Administration degree with Marketing and Journalism majors from the University of WI-Eau Claire. My family has been long-time, active members of First United Methodist Church in Green Bay, one of the founding EPH partnership churches. I'm looking forward to ministering in faith together!

It's that time of year again!

Our Direct Mail Campaign will be sent out between March and April. This campaign is about being able to provide safety, stability and solutions for families with children who are homeless or at risk for homelessness in our community - the mission of EPH. Your contributions help with home repair, maintenance and support services for our families and general administrative and personnel expenses.

Last year our goal was \$140,000 and we were able to raise \$148,000. Our goal for 2019 is \$160,000. If you already gave to EPH through the Give BIG Green Bay 24-hour online giving event designed to raise awareness of the work we do for our community, we are grateful. You will still receive a direct mail letter as someone who is a member of a partnership church or past donor, because we'd like you to receive our current brochure and related materials but it is not expected you give again. We rely heavily on our partnership churches to continue the mission and ministry of EPH. THANK YOU!

More information about our Direct Mail campaign can be found on the Frequently Asked Questions tab on our newly designed website. Check it out at ephgb.org!

Thank you for your Faithfulness

Last year was the first year we recognized our donors in print. To do so, we developed levels of giving based on number of years, as a way to encourage you along the pathway to the "Self-sufficiency" level, becoming a ten-year supporter of EPH!

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We believe each contribution is an indicator of support for homeless families in our community. Each gift is also a measure of the trust placed in the Board of Directors and the leadership team. We are so grateful for your support and your trust. Those who have given in 2018 and for at least four years are listed below.

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