

Services

The Friendship Shelter provides its' residents with the basic needs of lodging, food, electricity and water. We also offer a variety of other services to aid in building a healthy future for those who stay with us. Those services include but are not limited to:

- Transportation
- Savings Program
- Employment skills
- Parenting skills
- Housing search assistance
- Counseling Services
- Budgeting Education
- Nutrition Classes
- Aftercare Program



Come visit us at 7163 Old 27 South, right across the street from the State Park!

Wondering How You Can Help?

We can help make our community better, together. Here are some ways you can help our cause.

Contribute

We are only able to operate our program successfully thanks to donations from great people like you.

Please send a check or money order to:

The Friendship Shelter, Inc.
P.O. Box 2048
Gaylord, MI 49734

OR:

Your donations can be received through any Northwestern Bank branch office.

Donate Goods

All goods can be donated directly to the shelter, located at: 7163 Old 27 South in Gaylord.

Volunteer

To volunteer your time with The Friendship Shelter, please contact Kathleen Arndt at: 989-732-5960 or by email at: director@thefriendshipshelter.org. Or stop by the shelter to fill out a volunteer application today! Thank you for your continued support of The Friendship Shelter and it's mission!

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Helping To Build
Futures



Mission

“The Friendship Shelter will provide the transitional step to a healthy independence for those in need.”

The Friendship Shelter, Inc.

Since 1991, The Friendship Shelter, Inc. has been helping people in desperate need. We provide a stable transitional environment and aid our residents in getting themselves re-established in the community.

We provide services for an average of three hundred people per year. Approximately 30% of our residents are children.

The homeless in our community are real people, just like you and I. For a variety of reasons, they are in a situation where they need our help.

Will you help? We are always in need of donations:

- ◆ Cash donations
- ◆ Diapers, formula, etc.
- ◆ Personal Hygiene products
- ◆ Non-Perishable Food Items
- ◆ Bread, Milk, Cheese
- ◆ Meat
- ◆ Cleaning Products
- ◆ Lamps
- ◆ Household Items
- ◆ Clothing



The Friendship Shelter opened it's doors in 1991 and has been helping those in need open doors ever since.

Building Futures

At The Friendship Shelter, refuge from the plight of homelessness is only the beginning.

- We require all residents to adhere to a structured set of rules, including zero tolerance for alcohol/substance abuse and violence.
- We provide transportation to and from job searching efforts, work and certain appointments.
- We require all residents to seek and maintain employment while residing at the shelter. We provide transportation to and from work and job search efforts.
- We teach our residents life skills, so they become more successful in planning for their futures.
- We provide our residents with the basic structure they need to begin rebuilding their lives.

Other Services

We also provide a variety of other services to aid our residents in getting on the road to success.

Some of those services include:

- Family and children's services, including case management, mentoring and mediation between residents and other helping organizations.
- A savings program that allows residents to afford the initial costs of independent living.



We require residents to save 70% of any income while they reside at the shelter.

- Housing and budgeting services, including

housing placement, budgeting and credit analysis.

- Support in setting up rental assistance programs.
- Assistance for those who qualify, in applying for SSI/SSDI.
- Aftercare Program: The shelter's case managers will continue to work with the residents to help them maintain their newfound independence, for up to one year.



Our case managers are dedicated to helping our clients find just the right balance, both in their fiscal responsibilities and their lives.

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