

Voice of Hope



Shirley's HOUSE OF HOPE



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Sandy's Story of Hope Restored

When I first arrived at Shirley's, all the ladies welcomed me and my child with open arms. **It felt like God was welcoming me.** This was the first time I experienced the true meaning of love. It meant the world to me, for my son and me to be allowed to stay. It's the place where I found my true identity in Christ.

Every person that volunteers or pours their life into Shirley's cares so much. The ladies spoke truth into my life daily. **This is the only place where I learned I was loved and worth something. At Shirley's I found hope for a bright future.**

Within 2 weeks of being there I gave my life to Christ fully trusting in him. I am thankful God led me to a place where I could find him and be safe

in him. **Being at Shirley's changed my life forever.**

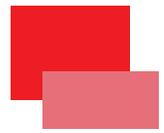
The classes helped me dig out all the junk I hadn't dealt with and restored the past. I was able to slowly heal and rebuild my life the way God intended. Every day my needs were met, beyond my expectations.

Even though I don't have support from my biological family, I have the support from my Shirley's House of Hope family, my spiritual family. **Shirley's House of Hope freed me from the bondage, by showing me the way to Christ.**

I thank God for providing a safe place of hope. It's where my journey and walk with Christ began.

WELCOME VICKIE!

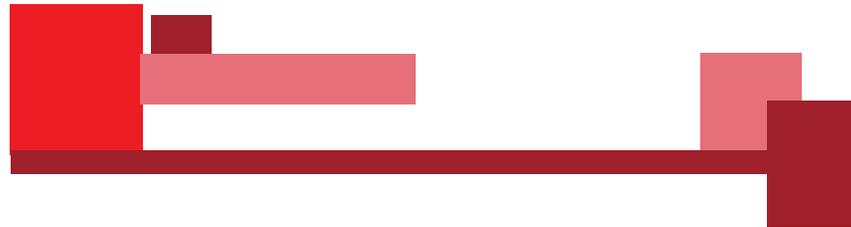
New Office Manager/Volunteer Coordinator



Hello, my name is Vickie Parker. After being employed part time, I decided to look for full time work. Through our weekly e-mail from church, I was excited to see there was an opening of an Office Manager/Volunteer Coordinator, at Shirley's House of Hope. **What a way to serve God and help others! Seeing God change lives one day at a time, showing compassion for women and children that are hurting and in need of guidance.**

God has a way of speaking to us through many venues. I am excited to start this journey of Hope and Grace at Shirley's House of Hope. If God has blessed you, I pray that He speaks to you, and you step out in faith and help someone, somewhere. Our mission field is wide and long.

If you have an interest in our mission here, step out and contact us at 715-486-9000, on Facebook, or through our website at www.shirleyshouseofhope.org.



Health Source of Marshfield Collects Donations

Shirley's House of Hope would like to say thank you to Health Source of Marshfield for collecting items on our needs list during the month of February.

Gifts in kind keep our operating costs lower and demonstrate love for every woman and child that enters our doors. Many times women and children in need of shelter, come with only the clothes they are wearing. Because of caring people in this community their needs are met.

Thank you to everyone who has partnered with Shirley's House of Hope to provide for women and children hurting from domestic violence.



Bridge of Hope – Expanding Transitional Services

We are excited to announce a partnership that has been formed with Bridge of Hope, a national program created to end homelessness with single mothers. Along with Emergency and Healing Program Services, we will now also provide Transitional Services for some graduating mothers.



In the past, we have noticed that our single mothers have many obstacles to becoming independent and ending the cycle of abuse. Lack of adequate financial resources, daycare for sick children and healthy relationships to provide emotional support are some of the most difficult challenges.

Any one of these challenges can quickly send a young mother spiraling back into the cycle of abuse.

Bridge of Hope provides a 1 to 2 year partnership that includes a single mother, 8-12 mentoring friends from one church and a trained social worker. Bridge of Hope has a 25 year history and an 80% success rate related to the following areas: 1) permanent housing, 2) financial stability through employment, 3) life-changing friendships, 4) growth in areas of holistic living. Requiring women to set goals and make positive steps toward independence.

Needs List

Cleaning Supplies

Bathroom (Toilet, Tub, Shower Cleaner)
Dishwasher Detergent
Dish Soap
Laundry Detergent
Fabric Softener
Fabuloso or Spic and Span
Disinfectant Wipes
Carpet Cleaner

Paper Products

Toilet Paper
Kleenex
Paper Towels

Personal Care Products

Dental Floss
Nail Clippers
Hair Clips and Bands

Miscellaneous Items

13 gal. Garbage bags
1 gal. Ziploc bags
AA Batteries
Kitchen Towels
Full Size Sheets
Diapers (Size 5 and 3)
Baby Wipes
Food Gift Cards for dairy products and fresh fruits and vegetables



Room Makeover's Appreciated

Thank you to the Marshfield Women's Alliance, St. John's Lutheran Church of Spencer and East Gate Alliance Church for adopting a bedroom, bathroom and kitchen at Shirley's House of Hope in 2013. Over 140 women and children have made Shirley's House of Hope home during the past 31/2 years.

With so many people using the home, it is time for our 8 bedrooms, four bathrooms and living areas to be painted, redecorated and/or cleaned floor to ceiling. Organizations and small groups and individuals are invited to adopt a room.

If you are interested in providing a warm, welcoming room for women and children who are in need of safe home to heal and restore, please contact Shirley's House of Hope at 715-486-9000.

2014 STRIKING OUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Our 6th Annual Striking Out Domestic Violence – 9 Pin Tap, will be held on Sunday, April 6th at Rose Bowl Lanes. We still have room for more team captains and bowlers for the event.



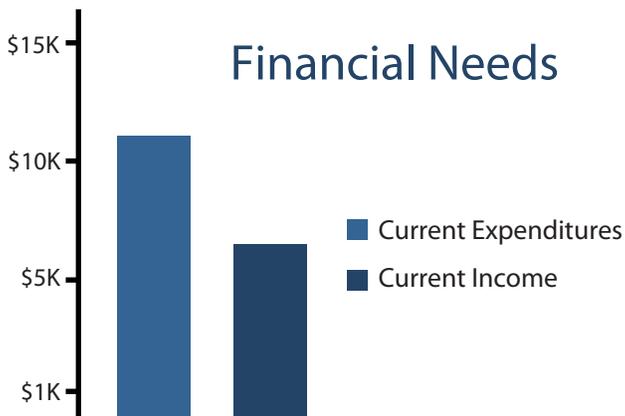
Last year we were able to raise over \$31,000. All proceeds provide for women and children in need of shelter. **If you would like to join the team, please call Julie Cravillion at 715-486-9000.**

All bowlers are registered to win a two-night stay for 6 at the Wilderness Waterpark in the Dells. A Brewer Game package and many other nice prizes will be given away to our top fundraisers. Businesses that would like to sponsor a lane can also contact Julie at the number above.

Financial Needs

Consider a one-time or monthly donation to Shirley's House of Hope. **In the first 6 weeks of this year, 21 women and children have been provided safe shelter and a healing environment.**

Women like Sandy and her son are desperate for love and restoration that begins at Shirley's. We are the only Christian domestic violence shelter in Wisconsin. **Please give generously so women and children can rebuild, renew and restore lives hurting from domestic violence.**



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