

New Beginnings Homeless Shelter of Dodge County, Inc.

Mission – To provide individuals experiencing homelessness with temporary, emergency shelter.

Vision – To provide individuals with emergency assistance and the opportunity to make the transition from homelessness to independent living.

Who We Are – New Beginnings is a private, nonprofit organization that provides emergency, temporary shelter for homeless and displaced women, men, and children in Dodge County.

What We Do – We provide shelter for up to 30 days, meals, referrals, advocacy, and case management for individuals or families in need. Staff and volunteers work in conjunction with participants to assist them in seeking employment, housing, and referrals to needed services.

How We Are Funded – New Beginnings obtains many funds through fundraising events and generous donations from individuals, groups, and businesses.

We also receive funds through a HUD Emergency Solutions Grant—State of Wisconsin, FEMA Emergency Food & Shelter Program, and from United Way of Dodge County.

We are incredibly grateful for all contributions and thank you for your generosity.

Donor's Name – _____

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____

Please make your tax-deductible check payable to:

“New Beginnings Homeless Shelter of Dodge County”

If your gift is in memory of someone, please print the person's name.

If your gift is in honor of someone, please print the person's name.



United Way
of Dodge County

New Beginnings Homeless Shelter of Dodge County, Inc.



“From homelessness to hope.”

Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Monday - Friday

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Providing temporary, emergency shelter for people experiencing homelessness.

Background

New Beginnings was organized in 1998 by a dedicated group of volunteers who sought to provide persons who were experiencing homelessness with temporary shelter. Prior to that, Dodge County residents who became homeless or displaced had to travel as far as Fond du Lac or Madison for emergency shelter. The Dodge County Sheriff at that time stated, *“It seems that on a weekly basis, law enforcement is exposed to yet another family or individual who is in need of temporary shelter. New Beginnings has filled the void in Dodge County by providing these necessary services.”*

New Beginnings is governed by a Board of Directors who meet monthly to review shelter and financial matters.

In October 2007, the Board of Directors entered into a management arrangement with the Central Wisconsin Community Action Council, Inc. (CWCAC) to oversee day-to-day shelter operations and fiscal matters.

Since then, CWCAC’s Unit Supervisor for Homeless Prevention & Intervention and its County Coordinator have served in an advisory capacity on the New Beginnings Board.

The shelters are zoned by the City of Beaver Dam and serve single women, single men, mothers with children, fathers with children, and two-parent families with children.

While in the Shelter

Participants are able to stay up to 30 days, or more, with extensions granted on a case-by-case basis.

Participants are required to:

- Actively participate in the shelter case management process in exchange for the FREE services provided.
- Obtain a source of income through employment, disability benefits, child support, or other.
- Assist in finding affordable housing.
- Explore needed community resources.

What Our Participants Say

- *“You’ve helped me to stay determined and focused during my search for employment and housing.” E.S.*
- *“I can’t thank you enough for helping me when I had no where to go.” K.J.*
- *“We appreciate all of the help and resources given to us!”*
- *“We are so grateful and hope to be able to give back someday when we are stable.”*
- *“Forever grateful for the help and support in a very difficult time for me.”*



How You Can Help

- Volunteer your time.
- Call for a “Wish List” of needed items.
- Make a financial contribution or organize a fundraising activity/event.
- Invite us to the next meeting of your service club, organization, or church and we will share our story.
- Spread the news and show your much-needed support to assist homeless families in our community.

