



**Ecumenical
Partnership
for Housing**

**Helping families with children
move from *homelessness*
to *hopefulness*.**

2025 Holiday Newsletter

**Turning a House Into a Home:
Celebrating Community and Transformation**
...Thanks to Our Dedicated Team



As we welcome fall and begin preparations for Thanksgiving, I am reminded that change can bring warmth and hope—not just in the seasons, but in the lives of the families we serve. At Ecumenical Partnership for Housing, our mission goes beyond providing shelter; we offer stability and solutions leading to self-sufficiency for families facing homelessness.

This season, I am especially grateful for the incredible teamwork that brought our latest duplex renovation project on Edgewood Drive to life. Thanks to the vision and leadership of Wendy and her crew, Josh and Chad, the transformation process was expertly spearheaded from start to finish. Their commitment ensured that every detail was addressed and that the project ran smoothly.

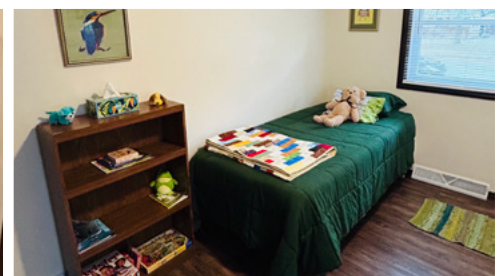
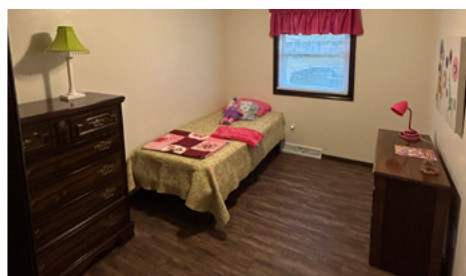
Of course, no renovation is complete without the hands and hearts of volunteers. Chris and her dedicated team worked tirelessly to make sure that every room reflected great care. From painting walls to cleaning the kitchen, their many efforts helped to create a welcoming home.

We also extend our sincere thanks to Mary Jo, Marlene, and Diane, whose talent and creativity in decorating added to the final, beautiful touches. Their attention to detail helped turn empty spaces into warm, inviting rooms where families can begin to build new memories and dreams.

It is through this shared commitment of our partnership churches, generous donors, dedicated volunteers and your prayers that we are able to offer not just physical shelter, but a place where hope can flourish. On behalf of the board and all those whose lives have been touched by these efforts, thank you for helping us turn a house into a home.

I am looking forward to seeing you on Thursday November 20 at our Grace and Gratitude Event. Wishing you all a memorable autumn, filled with gratitude.

Kitty Barry, Board President



Message from the Executive Director

By Crystal DeCleene

The Spirit of Community

As we enter the holiday season, my heart is filled with gratitude for the incredible spirit of community that makes it possible for families facing homelessness to find safety, stability, and hope through EPH. That spirit is visible in the **partnership of 22 local churches**; the generosity of many dedicated individuals who selflessly share their time, talent, and financial resources with EPH; and the commitment of a passionate team of staff members – all coming together with a shared purpose and steadfast belief in our mission.

Thanks to your support, we are witnessing lives being transformed every day. Families are moving from homelessness into safe, stable homes through our transitional and long-term supportive housing programs. Families that were once at risk of experiencing homelessness are avoiding eviction and regaining stability through our prevention program. Parents are gaining new confidence and life skills through case management, and children have a stable home where they can grow, play, and dream.

One mom had this to share: *"I thank God for the incredible blessing that EPH has been in (our) lives. Without your help, I don't know where I would have been or what I would have done. But with your support and guidance along the way, we still have a place to call home, and our future looks a little brighter."*

Each story of transformation began with people like you—people who chose to make a difference through their gifts, volunteer hours, and prayers – and reflects the power of a community coming together to lift one another up. It is this spirit of community that makes it possible for the mission of EPH to continue to be carried out. Together, we are providing families with homes, hope, and opportunity.

From all of us at EPH, thank you for helping us celebrate the spirit of community and being part of this mission. Wishing you a blessed and joyful holiday season.

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Reflections from My First Few Months at EPH

By Chris Betcher, Volunteer & Office Coordinator

When I interviewed for the role of Volunteer and Office Coordinator at Ecumenical Partnership for Housing (EPH), I knew deep down it was the perfect fit. It aligned with my passion for making a meaningful difference in people's lives—and I'm thrilled to say, it absolutely has.

From day one, the staff welcomed me with open arms. It truly feels like I've always been part of the EPH family. Their warmth, support, and encouragement have made this transition not only smooth but deeply fulfilling.

And then there are the volunteers, what an extraordinary group of people! They've gone above and beyond, not just in preparing homes with painting, cleaning, cozy touches, and curb appeal, but also in helping me settle into my role with kindness, patience, and unwavering support. Whether it's organizing our data systems or rolling up their sleeves for hands-on projects, their dedication is inspiring.

Together, our staff and volunteers have readied ten homes for new families and are currently working on two more. Our landscaping crew and exterior coordinators keep the outside of our homes looking beautiful and inviting. I've also had the pleasure of working with four outside volunteer groups who tackled outdoor projects like painting, spreading dirt, pulling weeds— you name it. Their energy and generosity have been incredible.

I've been privileged to attend two thought-provoking conferences with my EPH colleagues, which have deepened my understanding of our mission and strengthened our bond as a team.

And of course, our families. Watching them walk into their new homes with joy and gratitude is a powerful reminder of why we do this work. Seeing their growth as they settle in and begin their journey is nothing short of amazing.

I feel so grateful and blessed to be part of something bigger than myself. I'm proud to be part of EPH and the incredible work we do in our community, turning houses into homes, and hope into reality.



You're Invited!



OUR SECOND ANNUAL

Grace & Gratitude Gathering

Please join us and enjoy a casual evening out while making a difference for families with children facing homelessness in our community.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2025

5:00pm - 8:00pm

Stadium View - Traditions Event Hall

1963 Holmgren Way, Green Bay

FREE Entry

Come and go as you please throughout the night.

Bring your family, invite your friends, and be part of a night filled with fun, connection, and purpose – all in support of local families experiencing homelessness.

The night will include...

- ♥ live music
- ♥ engaging speakers
- ♥ a soup and bake sale
- ♥ raffle baskets
- ♥ 50/50 raffle
- ♥ silent auction, and more!

We're thrilled to welcome Jyll Everman from Fox 11 Living as our emcee and feature LIVE music by Courtney Paulson.

We would like to extend a special thank you to our Family Foundations Sponsor, Jones Sign, for their generosity and laying the foundation for a family to build long-term stability.

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Holiday Wish List

- ♥ Gift cards:
 - gas stations
 - grocery stores
 - Walmart
 - Sam's Club
- ♥ Pillows
- ♥ Paper towels
- ♥ Toilet paper
- ♥ Facial tissues
- ♥ All-purpose cleaner
- ♥ Magic erasers
- ♥ Liquid hand soap: small bottles
- ♥ Laundry pre-treater
- ♥ Disinfecting wipes

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