

2026 Spring Newsletter

Many Hands, One Mission: Building Hope Together

By Tara Prah, EPH Director of Social Services

I'm excited to share that I was recently voted to serve as Chair of the Brown County Homeless and Housing Coalition. This role is an incredible opportunity to work alongside a talented executive team and more than 40 partner agencies who are united in one goal: ending homelessness and housing insecurity in our community.

The work of the Coalition doesn't just shape who we serve—it strengthens how we serve. By coordinating efforts across agencies, we create new partnerships, align resources, and build a system of care that is effective, sustainable, and rooted in collaboration. This collective approach expands our capacity at EPH and helps ensure that families facing housing instability receive the right support at the right time.

At its heart, the Coalition envisions a community where everyone has access to safe and stable housing. But this work goes beyond housing alone. It's about connection and hope. It's about strategy and intention. It's about being part of something bigger than any one organization—coming together so our entire community can thrive.

When asked why I chose to step into this additional responsibility, my answer is simple. In Nehemiah 3, we read about many people coming together to rebuild the wall—each doing their part, turning what seemed impossible into reality. Many hands make light work. I see that same truth lived out through EPH every day.



*Top: Matt, Shamika, Pa, Stacy
Lower: Crystal, Chris, Tara, Wendy*

Because of the dedication of our staff, volunteers, donors, and supporters, we witness God's grace at work—bringing people together, strengthening our collective impact, and making the impossible possible. I am deeply honored to carry the EPH spirit into this broader community effort and grateful to walk alongside each of you as we continue this important work together.

Gratitude & Growth: A Look Back at 2025

By Crystal DeCleene, EPH Executive Director

Looking back on 2025, I am incredibly grateful for the community that makes our work possible. Because of your support, EPH continued to grow and respond to the needs of families with children facing homelessness in Brown County.

Last year, we were able to increase our capacity through the addition of four housing units – allowing us to provide safe, stable housing and case management for up to 41 families at a time. We walked alongside parents and children during moments of uncertainty and helped them find stability and hope.

One of the most meaningful moments of the year was celebrating a family who completed our program and purchased the home they were living in from EPH. Their journey from homelessness to homeownership is a powerful reminder of what is possible when families are met with support and compassion. We were grateful to be able to purchase another house from one of our partner churches, Calvary Lutheran Church, with the proceeds of that sale.

Our entire team was inspired by the outpouring of community support throughout the year. From the energy of Give BIG Green Bay and Giving Tuesday to the warmth of our Grace & Gratitude Gathering, and through the dedication of more than 200 volunteers who gave over 4,200 hours of their time, we were reminded that this work is never done alone.

As we look to the year ahead, the need remains great. Our homes consistently remain full, families are waiting about six months to enter our program, and changes in housing voucher availability in Brown County are creating new challenges for both families and EPH. Ongoing support through financial contributions and volunteer hours will be critical to ensure that we can continue to respond to the needs of local families with children facing homelessness.

Thank you for walking alongside us and the families we serve together. Your generosity doesn't just provide housing. It provides safety, stability, and hope for families with children in our community. We are deeply grateful for your continued partnership.



FAMILIES SERVED

HOUSING AND CASE MANAGEMENT



62 Families Served

156 Children in Families Served



200 Volunteers



4,200 Hours Donated

PREVENTION SERVICES



66 Families Saved from Eviction

138 Children in Families Served



TOTAL SERVED

128 Families Total

294 Children Total



Grace & Gratitude in Action: Loving Everyone, No Exceptions

By Matt Kadlec, EPH Family Ministry
& Housing Stability Coordinator

The Grace & Gratitude Gathering last November was a beautiful reminder of why Ecumenical Partnership for Housing exists in the first place. It was an evening filled with music, food, fun, and fellowship—but more than that, it was a night that reflected the heart of our mission. Every raffle ticket purchased, every baked good enjoyed, and every dollar given represented something far greater than an event. It represented families finding not just a roof over their heads—but restoration, dignity, and hope.

For more than 30 years, EPH has been putting faith into action, walking alongside families experiencing homelessness and housing instability. We provide support, stability, and long-term solutions—but never through a one-size-fits-all approach. Every family has a story. Every story matters. And every family deserves to be heard, respected, and met with amazing grace and compassion.

At EPH, we come alongside moms and dads, sons and daughters—people who have been knocked down by life's circumstances—and we remind them that their story is not over. God is still at work. Hope is still possible.

This truth has been especially personal for me over the past year.

On Labor Day 2025, my mom went home to be with Jesus after a courageous battle with cancer. She lived her life with quiet strength and a fierce love for others. Her last words were simple, but they carry profound meaning: *"I love everyone."*

Those words have stayed with me. They are also the heartbeat of Ecumenical Partnership for Housing.

My mom taught me that love isn't just something you say; it's something you live. It's something you do. And that is exactly what I see lived out through the EPH community—our staff, board, volunteers, church partners, and donors.



- ♥ **We love everyone—without conditions.**
- ♥ **We serve without judgment.**
- ♥ **We believe that every family, no matter what they have faced, deserves the opportunity to begin again.**

You are people who believe that when faith is put into action, lives are transformed. Because of you, families who once wondered if anyone cared are discovering that they are not alone. They are finding safety, stability, and hope for the future.

On behalf of all of us at Ecumenical Partnership for Housing, thank you for being part of this mission. Thank you for loving in a way that lasts. Thank you for putting grace and gratitude into action.



*May we carry my mom's words—
and Christ's heart—with us always:*

"I love everyone."

All People. No Exceptions.



Together We Play

Ten of EPH's transitional housing homes do not have outdoor play equipment and are not in walking distance of a park. Leadership Green Bay Team has partnered with EPH to raise funds and bring the joy of play to our families. Your generous donation will provide:

- A communal area for families to connect, bond, and be active.
- Safe and engaging playsets for children of all ages.
- Essential storage solutions for outdoor toys.

FUNDRAISING GOAL: \$50,000

Donors of \$2,500 or more will be recognized on a plaque at the homes honoring their generosity.

Mail a check:

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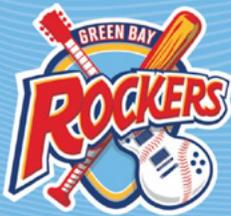
PO Box 524

Green Bay, WI 54305

Memo: Together We Play Project



DONATE
ONLINE



FUNDRAISER

\$15 / TICKET & HAT

CONCERT: 5:35 PM

FIRST PITCH: 6:35 PM

Capital Credit Union Park

2231 Holmgren Way, Green Bay

920-497-7225

www.greenbayrockers.com



TUESDAY, JUNE 11

PURCHASE THROUGH OUR LINK AND
\$7 FROM EACH TICKET WILL GO TO EPH!



<https://green-bay-rockers.nwltickets.com/Tickets/SelectPromoSeats?PromoCode=EPFH>

2026 EPH Events

Pints with a Purpose: April 15th from 3:00pm-9:00pm at Zambaldi Beer. \$1 from every pint, flight, to-go growler or to-go 6 pack sold that day will be donated to EPH.

Annual EPH Celebration & Service Award Event: May 7th from 6:00pm-7:30pm in Michels Ballroom at St. Norbert College. \$35 per person includes dinner and program.

Nonprofit of the Night at the Rockers Game: June 11th at 6:30pm. A portion of each ticket purchased through the EPH link will be donated to EPH.

Grace & Gratitude Gathering: November 2026 at Stadium View Event Halls; Tentatively scheduled for 11/5 (pending Packers schedule release). Free entry!



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