



**Ecumenical
Partnership
for Housing**

**Putting faith into
action for families
facing homelessness.**

2025 Summer Newsletter

Message from the Outgoing Board President

By Lisa Maas

Four years ago, I embarked on a journey I never could have imagined six years prior. As this chapter comes to a close, I want to acknowledge those whose support made it possible.

Judy Turba. I will be forever grateful that I decided once again to be the fifth wheel at a Turba sisters' gathering. Over a glass of wine, I shared my interest in getting involved with a nonprofit, and within months, Judy reached out with an opportunity at EPH. Her thoughtful connection set me on this incredible path. Thank you, Judy!

Dave Pietenpol. I'll never forget the meeting where future leadership was discussed, and Dave looked at me and suggested I take on a leadership role. Quite honestly, I thought he was crazy! At that point, I was still trying to decipher acronyms and couldn't imagine filling his shoes. But he didn't give up. I remember pacing through my kitchen, living room, and office on countless phone calls with Dave. Eventually—perhaps out of sheer exhaustion—I agreed to give it a try. Thank you, Dave, for believing in me!

Wayne Micksch. Wayne was my constant support. He has a remarkable sixth sense, knowing precisely when I felt overwhelmed or questioned whether I could do this. His calls and messages always arrived at the right time, offering reassurance and encouragement that kept me going. Thank you, Wayne!

Board Members. EPH is blessed with an incredible group of individuals committed to representing their faith communities. Their engagement makes it easy to serve this organization. I recall a meeting at Suamico United Methodist Church in early 2023 when Kitty Barry remarked that every board member had contributed to the discussion—an energy that has remained strong ever since. Their dedication is a gift to me and the churches they represent.

EPH Staff. The work of our staff is challenging and emotionally demanding, yet each time I step into the office, I am met with grace and warmth. You make time, despite your busy schedules, to share a personal connection, and your dedication is a blessing to the families we serve.



My Family and Friends. Your support—both financial and emotional—has meant the world to me. I am truly grateful to have people who champion my passions, who lift me up, and who stand alongside me in this work. Thank you!

Crystal DeCleene. Serving alongside Crystal has been an honor and a privilege. In the early days, we often felt surrounded by uncertainty, carefully laying each steppingstone to build a foundation that defines EPH today. Under Crystal's leadership, we transformed fundraising, strengthened family outcomes, and saw five families achieve homeownership—through the purchase of an EPH home or through Habitat for Humanity. These milestones reflect the dedication of many, but Crystal's resilience and unwavering commitment in those early years kept me focused on the mission. Her vision and determination helped shape EPH into the organization it is today.

Thank you, EPH community, for believing in me, supporting me, and making EPH the organization it is today. I am forever grateful.

Message from the Incoming President

By Kathryn Barry

It is an honor to serve as the new Board President of this amazing organization. It will be a challenge to fill the shoes of Lisa Maas, outgoing President. Lisa helped to create an engaged and committed board with her faith-filled and passionate leadership. We are grateful she will continue to serve on the executive committee as past president.

I represent Resurrection Catholic Parish, which has supported EPH since its inception over 30 years ago. I have been a member of the parish for 35 years, serving as trustee-secretary and parish council president, along with being a member of various school and parish committees.

I retired five years ago as the Assistant Director of Options for Independent Living, an advocacy organization for people with disabilities. Currently I am the President of The Gathering Place Board of Directors, a peer recovery center for adults with mental health conditions or substance use challenges. I am fortunate to have grandchildren living in the area and cherish my time with them.

I am looking forward to working with the board as we continue to support the mission of EPH.



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\$15 / TICKET & HAT

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

**PURCHASE THROUGH OUR LINK AND
\$10 FROM EACH TICKET WILL GO TO EPH!**



**GATES OPEN: 5:35PM
GAME START: 6:35PM**

Capital Credit Union Park
2231 Holmgren Way, Green Bay
920-497-7225
www.greenbayrockers.com



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

Message from the Executive Director

By Crystal DeCleene

With summer (and the midpoint of the year) upon us, I would like to take a moment to thank you – our supporters – and share the impact your generosity has made so far this year.

Each night, approximately 100 children fall asleep in an EPH home.

Your support is providing them with more than just a temporary home – it's giving them safety, stability, and the opportunity for a brighter future. Five children living in EPH homes graduated from high school this year and two have been accepted into college programs.

With your support, we have provided housing and case management for **44** families – including **114** children – so far this year. The families we've served this year have made great strides, including becoming debt-free, earning promotions, furthering their education, and taking the steps necessary for long-term stability. We helped one of these families transition from homelessness to

homeownership when they purchased the home they were living in from EPH. Thank you for helping make their dreams a reality!

As we look forward to the second half of the year, we are excited about what lies ahead. In the fall, we will have our second annual **Grace & Gratitude Gathering** – a casual evening to raise awareness and funds for our mission. We hope you will save the date and join us on November 20th.

Thank you for being part of this mission. Your generosity and compassion are making it possible for families to find safety, stability, and hope. May God bless you for the love you've poured into the families we serve at EPH.



2025 Celebration Dinner



Lacy Hansen and family shared an inspirational story of their journey to self-sufficiency.



Dave Harpole
2025 Duane Howell
Service Award winner

SAVE THE DATE!

OUR SECOND ANNUAL Grace & Gratitude Gathering

**A casual evening of music, food,
and fun to benefit EPH!**

Come and go as you please throughout the night.

Bring a friend and enjoy an evening out
while supporting a great cause!

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2025
5:00pm - 8:00pm**

Stadium View - Traditions Event Hall
1963 Holmgren Way, Green Bay

Sponsorship
opportunities
available!

Contact us for details
crystald@ephgb.org

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


Join us.



Our Mission

As faith calls us to minister with our neighbors, Ecumenical Partnership for Housing provides safety, stability, and solutions leading to self-sufficiency for families with children facing homelessness.



Our Values

- ♥ We believe we are called to put our faith into action.
- ♥ We will make a difference one family at a time.
- ♥ We will meet our families where they are.
- ♥ We believe our families respond to their environment.
- ♥ We will act with a sense of urgency to move families out of homelessness.
- ♥ We will advocate for those in poverty.



Our Vision

EPH envisions a future in which families have the knowledge, skills, and confidence necessary to maintain self-sufficiency, and family homelessness no longer occurs in our community.

EPH Donations



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