

In the past 12 months the Inn provided 29,212 bednights to 714 mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, sons and daughters.

Dear Friend,

Do you remember the feeling locking yourself out of the house caused? That moment of panic, irritation, frustration, discomfort standing in the rain or snow waiting for someone to open the door!

Imagine if that door was closed forever!

When every door seems closed the Goodwill Inn's door is open to welcome our homeless neighbors in their time of need.

For Beth P, 37, the door to her home closed after losing her shared apartment. Without enough income for a place of her own she experienced the shameful feeling of having to call everyone she knew for help. Her desperate journey led her to the Inn.

Today, three weeks into her stay at the Inn was an exciting day as she received notification that she had passed her Certified Nurses Assistant exam, which only a few months ago she had failed. She had not given up, but persevered. She got up at 2 a.m. to walk two miles to work for her 4 a.m. shift and returned daily to study to retake the test until she could not keep her eyes open. She told me that with the hope the Inn has given her, she is inspired to push herself more. If you want something bad enough, you do what it takes to reach your goal.

She is not alone in her struggles and she is not alone in her future. When she needs words of encouragement and acknowledgement that she is working in the right direction her case manager, Inn staff and residents are there for encouragement, advice, or to simply listen. The only end she has in sight now is the end of her homelessness.

You feel that these problems may seem hopeless? For Kim T, 50, before turning to the Goodwill Inn he also had a hopeless feeling and \$75 to his name. But when that door opened so did the feeling of hope. I know first hand that your gift today will reshape futures like it has for Kim. *(Continued...)*



Nightly an average of 80 individuals and families call the Inn home.

I/We wish to provide hope, shelter, a safe haven, food and support to the Goodwill Inn homeless guests.

The Gift of Home

The Goodwill Inn provides support to our area's homeless 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Our residents receive personal support; a safe, warm place to call home in their time of need; food, basic necessities, and the tools and resources for independent futures. **To give the gift of a warm home and support for:**

Phone _____

Email _____

Please update my address:

Name _____

Company _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

1 person per day \$23.87 \$ _____

1 family per day \$57.97 \$ _____

4 people per day \$95.48 \$ _____

3 families per day \$173.91 \$ _____

10 people per day \$238.70 \$ _____

8 families per day \$463.76 \$ _____

Other: \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Today Kim attributes his independence to the open door of opportunity that the Goodwill Inn and its team provided him. Over the past two years he has worked hard and been blessed by an employer that believed his past is not his future. He spent three months at the Inn, moved to a trailer and is now opening the door to a farm he is in the process of purchasing.

These are truly inspirational stories. They are two of hundreds of similar stories that I could share with you. We have other individuals and families just like Beth and Kim, who have benefited from and are grateful for the shelter, safety, food, and resources that the Inn provides.

Food, clothing, shelter, love and hope. Every child, family and individual deserves them. Every person needs them. But I know 80 people tonight who have desperately fallen short of all.

These mothers/fathers, aunts/uncles, brothers/sisters, sons and daughters never stop dreaming of the stability, security and self-esteem that living independently offers. Unfortunately in their time of crisis the reality of homelessness happens: where will I get my next meal, lay my head tonight, keep warm and safe, do the most simple tasks of maintaining my hygiene and personal appearance? Dreams of yesterday are over taken by the reality of the moment.

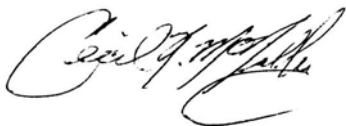
I have witnessed first hand how the open door of the Goodwill Inn can provide the key to unlocking opportunities and brighter independent futures for our homeless neighbors. My heartfelt goal is to ensure that when every door seems closed that our door is open. The Inn is the key to the future of our area's homeless that are faced with serious challenges. For many all that is standing between them and an independent future is hope. You can help restore this hope and provide opportunities that will turn homelessness to wholeness.

Please remember that all things are possible even in impossible times. Beth and Kim are living examples of that.

So please send your gift today, using the attached form and envelope. Your gift regardless of size has an immediate and profound impact on the lives of the children, families, and individuals who come through the doors of the Goodwill Inn.

Your gift will open the door to shelter and the opportunity for hope, self-esteem and independent futures.

Sincerely



Cecil McNally
Executive Director



\$23.87 will open the door to hope, shelter, support, food and basic necessities.

P.S. The Goodwill Inn is only one of our homeless and housing programs. For more information on Street Outreach Services, Housing Support and other Goodwill programs please visit www.goodwillnmi.org.

**TOGETHER WE CAN
CHANGELIVES**

I would like my donation listed (circle one):

In Memory or In Honor of

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

I would like information about:

- Goodwill Inn Endowment Life Insurance Policies
 Planned Giving Other Please Specify
 Wills and Bequests _____

Please send your donations to : Goodwill Inn
2279 S. Airport Rd W.
Traverse City, MI 49684

Payment Information

If payment is enclosed; Please make check(s) payable to: **Goodwill Inn**

Recurring donations are graciously accepted.

Please choose if you would like your recurring gift to be billed

Monthly Quarterly Annually

Amount _____ Begin _____ End _____

Check: Amount: \$ _____

Credit Card VISA MasterCard American Express

Card # _____ Exp Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Please do not publish my name as a contributor

I have access to matching funds and will send more information

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