

# Samaritan House News

Homeless Shelter For Women and Their Children

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## 35 Years of Service

By: Patrice Reinhart  
Board President

35 Years! That's a milestone we need to celebrate. The staff is running on fumes, the Board will need to lead the event, can we do it? Are businesses and individuals able to support us with sponsorships and auction items? Is Panera Bread willing and able to partner with us? Can they provide the food and staff needed? Will people come out to support us as they did in 2019? Will there be a COVID resurgence? If the answer is "no" to any of these questions, we'll lose money. Maybe we should continue with a virtual fundraiser. We miss the connection with the community and our supporters, but it has been fairly successful. But it is 35 years, 35 years of excellent service deserves a celebration!

The English dictionary powered by Oxford Languages defines *service* as "the action of helping or doing work for someone". On August 10, 2022, the Samaritan House will celebrate 35 years of service to the community. The staff will reflect on 35 years of providing a warm, safe, clean place for homeless women and children; 35 years of propping up the weary, picking up the fallen, directing the drifting, encouraging the despondent and cheering on the triumphant. We will celebrate the hundreds of volunteers who serve the Samaritan House residents with hours of counseling on various topics, craft and game nights, Bible studies, pizza parties, and hours of maintenance on the building and grounds. We will celebrate those who serve with donations of skills, knowledge, time, funds, food, supplies, smiles, kind words and prayers.

Service is not always easy or comfortable and the last 35 years have not been without challenges. The Samaritan House Staff and Board have successfully weathered challenges. Years before the pandemic, we often struggled to meet payroll, prayed for the right person to join the staff, treated another room with bedbugs, and advocated for difficult residents. In the last two years, our greatest concerns have been life-threatening injury and illness of staff and family, personal loss and grief, increased government requirements with decreased staffing, and dwindling technical and directional support from government resources. Despite the challenges, the doors of the Samaritan House remained open and the staff provided the same level of excellent service for residents.

Thanks to the generosity of the community, meeting the next payroll is not the most immediate need, but funding is an ongoing concern. Homeless Crisis Response Program (HCRP) Grant funds fifty percent of our operational budget but support from the community is still needed to meet the remaining fifty percent. This is only one of the reasons the Samaritan House Board will host the annual Anniversary Celebration. In addition to raising funds, we also want to recognize and celebrate 35 years of service. Whether in person or in spirit, we invite you to join us as we celebrate on August 10. With your sponsorship, auction item or ticket purchase you partner with us serving homeless woman and children. We pray, as long as there is a need in the community, the Samaritan House doors will be open to carry on the legacy of service.



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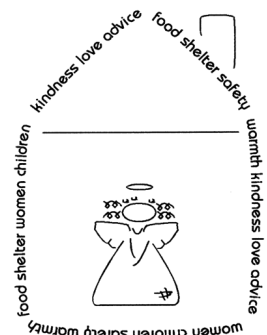
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## A Resident's Perspective

### Coming to the Shelter

Did you ever see a homeless person and think: "Why doesn't he/she just get a job?" You are disgusted by their appearance. And you think I could never live like that.

Well, I used to be that person that felt the same way. Then in 2010, I lost my job. I couldn't find another. There I was with no way to pay the rent and a nine year old daughter to take care of.

After a lot of praying and searching for something, I finally came to the decision to take my daughter to the Samaritan House. I knew nothing about the shelter. All I knew was what you see on TV and in the movies with everyone in a large gym or something, sleeping on cots and worrying about all your belongings being stolen.

One of the hardest things I have ever had to do was to take my daughter to a shelter. When we arrived I was so surprised by what I saw. I couldn't believe how clean it was. And I was so amazed that we had our own private room.

The staff were so nice and treated us with the utmost respect. I can't remember who did our intake but she gave us a tablet of paper and pen and told us to write down anything that we needed. I wrote the usual things: toiletries, panties and bras. And at the bottom of the list my daughter wrote lip-gloss. I told her that they only wanted us to write down things that we need. She said, "But Mommy, I need it." Later that day we received a bag with everything that we asked for. I am a big woman and they even had brand new underwear for me. And at the bottom of the bag was a pack of 6 lip-glosses.

It was a very pleasant atmosphere. They made us feel like we were special.

When we left, I thanked them and said that I hope I never have to come back. Well, never say never, because at the beginning of this year I was evicted from my home and I could not find another place to live. So, I found myself at the Samaritan House again.

Just like before, they treated me so well. I was pleasantly surprised that there were still several women working there that were there in 2010. So, I actually felt right at home.

I have now moved on to my new apartment and I am doing well. WOCAP paid my deposit and first 3 months rent, so with the money that I saved while staying at the Samaritan House I was able to put a deposit down on a car.

I am so grateful that Samaritan House was there for me both times I found myself homeless.

I hope that they will be here for many years to come.

So, all I ask is that when you see a homeless person, don't judge them. You don't know what their situation is. Maybe, buy them a warm meal, or stop and talk to them or just say hi. You never know how much that will touch their life.

God Bless You!

*P.M.*

## Volunteer Projects

Over the past few months, the Youth Group at Freedom Church in Ottawa has been providing a meal and craft project for residents at Samaritan House on a monthly basis. We have recently begun expanding our relationship with Samaritan House even further.

Several weeks ago, members of our church and Youth Group mulched and updated the grounds of Samaritan House. Everyone was pleased with the results as pictured below:



At the same time, residents were able to make jewelry and a picnic meal was provided for both the residents and church members working on the mulch.

One of our fondest encounters was being there when a resident learned she had been approved for placement in an apartment. We shared in her great joy and members of our church were able to purchase and donate many household provisions to help her get started on her new life.

We feel blessed to be able to participate in this great work and look forward to working on other projects with the Samaritan House staff and residents.

By: Diana Pickard  
Freedom Church Volunteer

Panera Bread Presents  
**Raisin' Bread**

*A Benefit for Samaritan House*

An evening featuring Dueling Pianos,  
Appetizers and Silent Auction to Celebrate  
the 35th Anniversary of Samaritan House.



**Wednesday, August 10th, 2022**  
**5:30 pm - 8:00 pm | Civic Center Exhibit Hall**

**Platinum Sponsor - \$1000 and Above**  
*Up to 8 tickets. Company name and logo on the event program. Reserved Table. # tickets \_\_\_\_\_*

**Gold Sponsor - \$500**  
*Up to 8 tickets. Company name and logo on the event program. # tickets \_\_\_\_\_*

**Silver Sponsor - \$250**  
*Up to 4 tickets. Company name on the event program. # tickets \_\_\_\_\_*

**Friend Sponsor - \$100**  
*Up to 2 tickets. Recognition at Event. # tickets \_\_\_\_\_*

**Donate a Silent Auction Item**  
*Recognition on a donated item. Items must be received by August 1st, 2022*  
*Item Value: \_\_\_\_\_ Item Description: \_\_\_\_\_*

**Giving Campaign Donation**  
*I am unable to attend the celebration but would like to make a tax-deductible donation of:*  
*\_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_ \$75 \_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_ \$250 \_\_\_ \$500 \_\_\_ Other*  
*Donations due by September 10th to be included as part of our Giving Campaign.*

**Tickets: \$25 each**  
*# of tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_*

**Sponsorships Due by August 1st, 2022. Tickets available while supplies last.**

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**35**  
*Years*  
*of Service*  
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### Mission Statement

Restoring personal dignity and independence to homeless women and their children by providing shelter, hope and guidance.

### Vision Statement

Lima's Samaritan House, Inc. will be recognized as the community leader in providing quality service to homeless women and their children with integrity through empowerment, education, financial stability and networking.

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## Wish List

**Grocery Items:** Butter, Cheese, Eggs, Frozen Dinners, Fruit/Snack Cups, Hamburger, Individual Coffee Creamers, Individually Packaged Snack Items, Milk, Sliced Lunch Meat, Sugar

**Office Supplies:** Click Pens, Copy Paper, Postage Stamps, Thank You Cards

**Household Items:** Bathroom Cleaners, Furniture Polish, Mops, Paper Towels, Toilet Bowl Cleaner, Trash Bags (30 Gallon and Tall Kitchen)

**Misc:** Adult & Child Bus Passes, Athletic Shoes, Black Non-Skid Work Shoes, Children's Cold Medicine, Steel Toed Shoes, Tampons

**Wal-Mart/Meijer/Save-A-Lot/ Ruler Foods/Aldi's Gift Cards**

Please see our website at [samaritanhouselima.org](http://samaritanhouselima.org) for the most up to date wish list.