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.



How to Help

We are in constant need of the support of concerned individuals who can help us continue to offer shelter to the homeless.

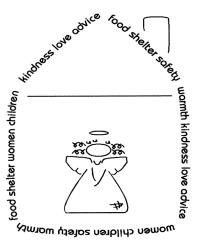
There are many ways to help such as volunteering, offering monetary or in-kind support, or helping to raise the awareness of homelessness.

If you are interested in more information about Samaritan House or our current needs, please visit our website at www.samaritanhouselima.org. If you would like to speak with someone about how you can help, please call (419) 222-4663 or contact us by email at samhouse@samaritanhouselima.org

If You Need Shelter Call (419) 222-HOME

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AN EMERGENCY SHELTER FOR WOMEN & CHILDREN



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"Let no one ever come to you, without leaving better and happier."

- Mother Teresa

Program

Lima's Samaritan House is a supportive program designed to help women become self-sufficient. Our on-site services, along with several area social service agencies, assist each individual with housing, personal, educational and vocational goals.

Shelter services include one-on-one case management, meals, bathing and laundry facilities along with supportive programming that may include parenting, resume and job readiness, drug and alcohol education, budgeting, health and hygiene education, nutrition and more.

The crucial role of case management identifies and addresses the multiple challenges our women and children face on a daily basis. Guiding clients through choices and changes increases their chances to succeed and significantly reduces recidivism. Case Management also works to connect individuals with programs and resources necessary to ensure not only a successful transition, but a support system once they have moved on from the shelter.

While there is no cost to stay at Samaritan House, the women are required to save 80% of their income to apply toward their future housing. This not only empowers the women by investing in their own future, but also helps to extend the limited community resources. Admissions are up to a 90 day period.



About Us

Lima's Samaritan House is a thirty-eight room emergency shelter with seventeen bedrooms and seven bathrooms. Since 1987, the program has been providing food, shelter, and essential services to approximately 200 unduplicated homeless, and/or abused women and their children per year.

Women and children are referred to Lima's Samaritan House by self-referral, churches, and other public and private social service agencies.

Clients eligible for services must have no permanent residence, be able to provide care for themselves and their children, and not pose a safety risk to themselves or others.

Lima's Samaritan House can accommodate up to seventeen households at a time and up to thirty-eight individuals depending on the size of the households being served.

Funding



Lima's Samaritan House receives approximately 41% of its total annual budget from the Ohio Department of Development Homeless Crisis Response Program (HCRP).

The remaining 59% of necessary funding is attained through sustained grant writing efforts, private foundations, churches, clubs, organizations, and individuals. Fundraising efforts are ongoing. We are also supported tremendously by in-kind donations throughout the year.

Ohio Homeless

Ohio's Unhoused Population Grows 7% Amid Rising Rents



The unprecedented spike in rents since the pandemic has fueled an alarming increase in homelessness as assistance for struggling renters is running out.

Point In Time

On one night in January 2023, at least 11,386 Ohioans were homeless, according to the most recent Point in Time count data released by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. This represents an increase 6.9% from the previous year's homelessness count.

Average rent for a 2-bedroom apartment in Ohio increased 18% from 2021 to 2023. The lack of affordable housing is the primary cause of homelessness, and the shortage of affordable housing has been growing steadily for years. Over 700,000 Ohioans now spend over half their household income on rent.

Buckeye State Homelessness Increases Slower than National Average

Nationally, homelessness grew 12.1% from 2022, driven largely by a 25% increase in the number of people who became homeless for the first time, according to HUD's Annual Homeless Assessment Report.

The good news is, Ohio is in a better position than much of the country, where rents are even further out of reach for people stuck in the low-wage economy.