“My son lived. How much more of a reward could a place give someone? Shalom didn’t just give me some food and some guidance, they let my son live. My little boy is alive because of this place!” – Daniel Cooper

Dear Friend,

Your support saves lives!

Daniel, employed for 17 years, was hit by two whacks at once. He lost his job and his girlfriend became pregnant unexpectedly. With his girlfriend struggling with addiction issues, he feared for her health and the health of his child and dedicated himself full-time to helping her get safely through the pregnancy.

Homeless and struggling, they turned to Shalom for help.

Daniel’s story is not unlike the story of many of the guests who come to our Center. Families represent over 50% of those without homes in our community. Besieged by a rough economy and expensive housing, which are often compounded with the personal struggles that come with poverty, they find themselves desperate and alone.

To help families like Daniel’s, we need your financial support!! Your donation makes it possible for us to be there for people when they need us the most – when they’re hungry, homeless, and afraid.

Daniel said, “The fear that Shalom took away, I can’t describe how important that is when you’re afraid of where you’re going to eat or what’s going to happen to your family, what you’re going to do? It messes with your head and you can’t get much accomplished. Shalom is a home, kind of like a base, where you can collect your thoughts... and go back and try it again.”

Shalom supported Daniel and his growing family with food and shelter, plus support with employment and housing. After a winter of homelessness, he is now working again and his girlfriend and baby son, Chance, are moved into their new home and doing well.

To support this amazing work, we are grateful to have received a new allocation of state tax credits under the Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP) - $14,136.26.* Sadly, though, due to more organizations applying for credits state-wide, the number of credits we have to offer is down again this year. So, it’s essential to get your donation in right away.

The minimum contribution eligible for a NAP credit is $100; checks must be dated July 1, 2014 or later and accompanied by a completed NAP Application form, which is enclosed. Please read the instructions carefully as an improperly filled out form could risk your credits.
Credits will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. **We will definitely run out, but because of the impact Shalom makes on your behalf I hope you will check the box on the application form that allows Shalom to keep your donation if your check is received after our limited number of tax credits have sold out.**

*This NAP mailing is perhaps the single most important way that donors provide the funds to do the work that we do together, so grow your impact and please donate now.*

For more information about NAP credits and the services they support, please feel free to visit, call (812) 334-5728, or e-mail forrest@shalomcommunitycenter.org.

**Please donate now. For so many people, you are all they have.**

With blessings,

Rev. Forrest Gilmore, Executive Director

**P.S. NAP credits will go quickly. Please fill out the enclosed form completely and use the enclosed return envelope to mail it in with your check of $100 or more.** You can also hand deliver your application and check to Shalom – 620 S Walnut St – during our working hours (Mon-Fri 8am-4pm). *Help homeless families just like Daniel’s find their way home again by making a donation right now.*

*If you’re unfamiliar with NAP, the program allows Indiana donors to receive a credit (not a deduction, but a credit) against their state income tax liability in the amount of 50% of their contribution. Where a deduction reduces your taxable income, a credit directly reduces the amount you owe in taxes, so credits bring you a lot of savings. For example, a $1,000 donation to Shalom Community Center will give you a $500 reduction on the taxes you owe on your 2014 Indiana State Tax return. (As usual, the full $1,000 donation can also be claimed as a deduction on your federal income tax return.)*