



shalom community center

helping people in need



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Dear Friend,

Does it bother you that there are those who are hungry and exposed, without enough to eat, without the safety of home?

Does your heart ache for the most vulnerable with a special concern for those with disabilities, mental illness, addictions, and trauma?

Do you want to invest in programs that work, providing solutions for hunger, homelessness, and poverty?

If so, please make a donation right now!!

Shalom is yielding extraordinary results for the betterment of people in need.

- Our Housing First (Crawford Homes) program houses 60 formerly chronically homeless adults and families, ending over 300 years of collective homelessness. In its first year, our residents had an 88% drop in incarcerations and a 65% drop in emergency room use, saving the community hundreds of thousands of dollars.
- Our rapid re-housing program housed 185 adults and children in its first 15 months, supporting working households who need that extra boost to get back on their feet.
- Our hunger relief program remains the largest sit-down provider of meals in Monroe County, serving 6,000 “home-cooked” meals a month.
- Our crisis caseworkers counsel over a thousand people in need every month, helping people with housing, prescriptions and health insurance costs, ID, jobs, and more.
- Our street outreach workers walk the streets, seeking out the most vulnerable, and expanding Shalom’s services to 7-days-a-week.

In the face of the most terrible trauma, your support makes it possible for us to be there when people need us the most.

And there’s perhaps no better time to make a donation than NOW!

We are proud to announce that Shalom has received a new allocation of state tax credits to offer to you under the **Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP)* - \$12,424**. For every dollar you donate, you can get a 50% tax credit on your Indiana taxes.

Sadly, though, due to more organizations applying for credits throughout the state, the number of credits we have to offer is down again this year. So, **it’s essential to get your donation in right away**. We have detailed instructions on the next page and have enclosed the required forms we need you to send back with your donation. Please read the instructions on this letter and on the forms carefully as an improperly filled out form could risk your credits.

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We will definitely run out of credits quickly, 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.**

On behalf of those in need, I offer my thanks for your generosity!

With blessings,



Rev. Forrest Gilmore, Executive Director

P.S. NAP credits will go quickly. Please fill out the enclosed NAP application and donor acknowledgment forms completely and use the return envelope to mail the form and your check of \$100 or more. You can also hand deliver your forms and check to Shalom – 620 S Walnut St – during our working hours (Mon-Fri 8am-4pm).

***INFORMATION ON NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP) TAX CREDITS**

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 much greater savings than deductions. For example, a \$1,000 donation to Shalom Community Center will give you a \$500 reduction on the taxes you owe on your 2015 Indiana State Tax return. (As usual, the full \$1,000 donation can also be claimed as a deduction on your federal income tax return.)

To receive a credit, *please note the following essential instructions.*

- **All donations must be accompanied by both a completed NAP application form and a donor acknowledgement form**, which are enclosed. Please read the instructions on the forms carefully as improperly filled out forms could risk your credits.
- Credits are sadly limited and will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.
- **Checks must be dated July 15, 2015** or later, however, you can send us a post-dated check in advance of that date.
- The minimum donation eligible for NAP credits is \$100.
- To offer credits to as many supporters as possible, the maximum donation eligible for NAP credits from Shalom is \$2,000.

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.