



# shalom community center

helping people in need



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Dear [First Name],

I am proud to announce that Shalom Community Center has received an allocation of state tax credits under the 2016 **Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP)\*** - (\$12,381.00). For every dollar you donate, you can receive a 50% tax credit on your Indiana taxes.

I know it is important to you to invest in programs that work, providing solutions for hunger, homelessness, and poverty. I can assure you that you make an extraordinary difference when you support Shalom with a NAP donation.

With the support of staff, the Board, community partnerships, hundreds of volunteers – and **YOU** – Shalom is yielding extraordinary results for the betterment of people in need.

- Our Housing First (Crawford Homes) program houses over 60 formerly chronically homeless adults and families, ending over 300 years of collective homelessness for adults and children with disabilities.
- Our rapid re-housing program housed 183 people, including 69 children, supporting working families 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.
- And now, our overnight shelter, Friend’s Place, provides a safe and sober place to stay for 40 women, men, and transgender people every night.

This and more are the results of your generosity.

Because NAP credits are very limited, they will be awarded on a first come, first served basis. So, it’s essential to get your donation in right away.

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I've included detailed instructions below and a double-sided form for you to complete, sign, and return to us with a check dated July 1, 2016 or later. **Please read the instructions on this letter and the forms carefully as an improperly filled out form could risk your credits.**

We will definitely run out of credits, but because of the impact Shalom makes on your behalf, I hope you will check the box on the application that allows Shalom to keep your donation if your check is received after our limited number of tax credits have sold out.

Thank you for your support of people in our community who are in need!

Sincerely,



Rev. Forrest Gilmore  
Executive Director

**P.S. Our NAP credits are awarded on a first come, first served basis, and are limited, so you must act now to receive this tax benefit.**

#### **\*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 acknowledgment form**, which are enclosed as a double-sided form. Please read the instructions on the forms carefully as improperly filled out forms could risk your credits.
- Credits are limited and will be distributed on a first come, first served basis.
- **Checks must be dated July 1, 2016** 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 and the maximum donation 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 our new Development Director, Dorothy Granger, at [dorothy@shalomcommunitycenter.org](mailto:dorothy@shalomcommunitycenter.org).