

## Adopt-a-Bed Contribution Form



***YES! I want to guarantee shelter  
for people without homes by  
supporting Friend's Place Shelter.***

At \$12 per bed per night & the matching grant  
that doubles my gift, I'd like to sponsor:

- Shelter for **1 for 1 week** = \$42
- Shelter for **1 for 2 weeks** = \$84
- Shelter for **1 for 1 month** = \$182
- Shelter for **all for 1 night** = \$240
- Shelter for **all for 1 week** = \$1,680
- Shelter for **all for 1 month** = \$7,300
- Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Contact Information

**Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Payment Method

Enclosed is my check, payable to Shalom Community Center with Friend's Place in the memo.

Please charge my (circle one):

◆ Visa ◆ Mastercard ◆ Discover ◆ AmEx ◆

Card # \_\_\_\_\_

CCV \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

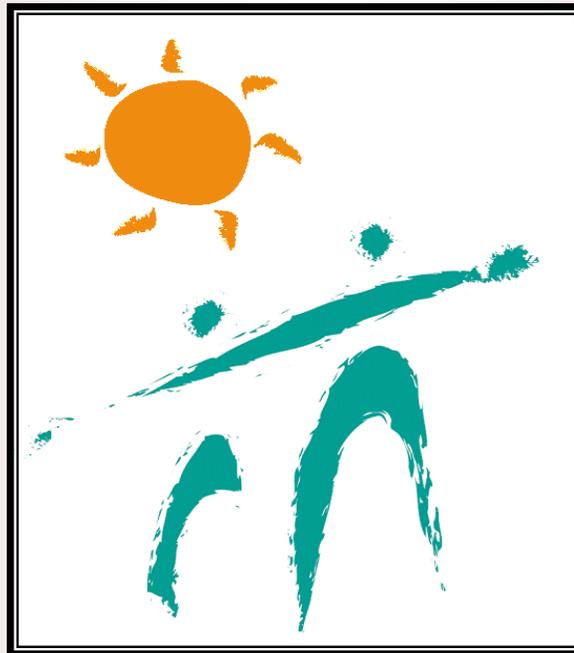
Please keep my donation anonymous.

(You can also give at [shalomcommunitycenter.org](http://shalomcommunitycenter.org).  
Please note Friend's Place in the special instructions.)

Please return to:  
Shalom Community Center  
PO Box 451 / 620 S. Walnut St.  
Bloomington, IN 47402-0451

The Shalom Community Center, Inc. is a 501(c)3 registered, not-for-profit charitable organization. We work in partnership with many faith traditions, but are not religiously affiliated. Your support of Shalom Community Center is tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

**Ninety cents of every dollar you give directly benefits our clients, which is considered exceptional by nonprofit best practice groups.**



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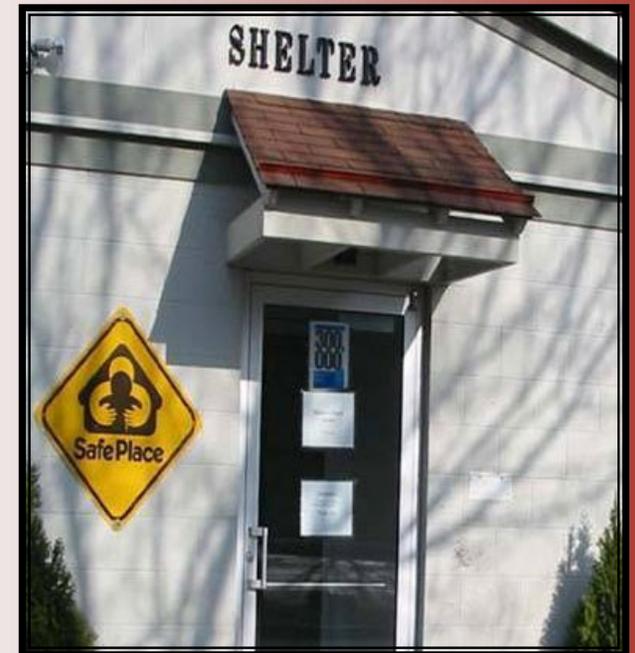
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# A Friend's Place



**A Safe & Sober Homeless  
Shelter of the Shalom  
Community Center**

## An Urgent Need for Shelter

***“It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.”  
- an Irish proverb***

It was that close. Arguably the most important homeless shelter in Bloomington almost closed forever.

In the Spring of 2015, Martha’s House, Inc. went bankrupt, putting at risk the only year-round, nonreligious, emergency shelter for homeless adults in a 7 county region. Over 400 people each year relied on this essential resource. To lose it would have been devastating.

Thanks to a broad community effort and with Shalom taking on the management in January 2016, the shelter has stayed open for now. **But to keep it open for the long-term, we need your help.**

Please make a gift right now to provide shelter for someone who needs it not just for today but for the long-term.

**For a short time, any gift you make will be doubled. Please fill out the attached adopt-a-bed card and send in your support.**

**“You actually have caseworkers that help you. They want to see you succeed in life... Get me on my feet, from the gutter to something. From having nothing to potentially having everything... That’s what I get out of it, so far.”  
- Rickie Johnson**

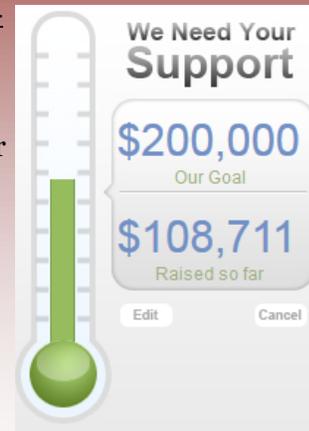
## Doubling Your Gift Through Matching Funds

The Bloomington Urban Enterprise Association has offered the shelter an unprecedented gift – for every dollar you give in 2016 towards the shelter, they will give another dollar up to \$200,000.

**Your support would not only keep the shelter doors open but also make it possible for us to build long-term stability.** If we make the entire match, the shelter will be fully funded until 2020, giving us the essential time we need to raise the funds to keep the shelter open year after year.

As we kickoff the public campaign this May, we have **already raised \$108,711 towards the match.** Be part of this winning team and help put us over the top with a gift of any size.

If you are invested in tackling the challenges of homelessness, **please donate to the campaign now.**



**“Basically it saved my life, you know, having somewhere to go. I wouldn’t have made it on the street... I would have gone back to doing heroin. After doing heroin for 20 years I’m learning how to do something different. I’m learning a new way of life. I needed to get back on the right path.”  
- Michelle Swango**

## What is A Friend’s Place?

Friend’s Place is a safe and sober 40-bed emergency shelter for homeless adults in Bloomington, IN. The program strives to be more than shelter, emphasizing housing as its primary goal. With Shalom’s many services and partnerships and a client-centered approach, your support makes it possible for us to do everything we can to help guests find their way back home.

We chose the name to help our guests avoid the stigma of homelessness. Whenever a guest is asked where they are staying, they can respond, “...at a Friend’s Place.”

## The Work of Shalom Community Center

The Shalom Community Center is the most comprehensive, solutions-based approach to addressing homelessness in Bloomington.

As full service resource center in Monroe County for people who are living in poverty and experiencing its ultimate expressions: hunger, homelessness, and a lack of access to basic life necessities, Shalom offers both emergency services and long-term solutions.

Founded in 2000 in response to a growing community concern about the absence of a daytime shelter and services for homeless people, Shalom has grown rapidly, providing hunger relief, day and overnight shelter, housing, employment support, social services, street outreach, eviction prevention, prescription and health care assistance, life essentials (laundry, showers, mail, ID, etc.), and other health and human services to hundreds of people each day and thousands of people each year.