“Someone can wake up one day and have a health emergency and all of a sudden they can go from having a relatively privileged life to being in a homeless shelter... That could be me... That could be my mother... That could be my grandmother. That could be you.”

– Lenora Binkley

Lenora grew up in Bloomington and graduated from Bloomington South. During and after graduating from IU, she began her career, working with people with developmental disabilities. More recently, she supported people experiencing domestic violence at Middle Way House, both in crisis intervention and later as the site manager for the Rise, Middle Way’s transitional housing program.

You and I are very fortunate to have Lenora now join the Shalom family as the Program Director for our very own Friend’s Place Shelter.

You may know that Friend’s Place is the only year-round, non-religious shelter in our region, offering forty people safe harbor in a sober environment every night of the year. It is also one of the most effective shelters in the state, moving guests into homes at double the statewide rate.

Lenora said, “I’m so happy to be in this position where I can help so many people. I love the shelter. I love the people. I love the role the shelter plays in moving people from homelessness to being housed.”

But, Lenora needs your help today. Every day the most vulnerable among us come to Friend’s Place with nowhere else to turn. Please adopt a shelter bed for someone who needs you right now.

It’s $12 for a night of shelter, $84 for a week, and $372 for a month!!

Fill out the enclosed adopt-a-bed card and mail in your support today!

With gratitude,

Rev. Forrest Gilmore
Executive Director

P.S. Lenora is working hard every day to help people get back home! Please adopt-a-bed at Friend’s Place shelter right now!!