How Can I Help?

- ► Thedacare employees who volunteer for SAM 25 can report their volunteer hours to the ThedaCare Helping Hearts Program. Volunteer hours translate into donations to SAM 25 from ThedaCare.
- If you order items through Amazon, order them through smile.amazon.com. Amazon will donate a certain percentage of your purchase to SAM 25 if you designate us as your nonprofit recipient.
- ► Thrivent members can direct their Thrivent Choice Dollars to Shawano Area Matthew 25 or apply for a Thrivent Action grant that will benefit SAM 25 or Sam's House.
- ► Monetary donations are tax deductible and are needed to help keep SAM's House emergency shelter safe, the heat and lights on, and the water running.
- You can volunteer at SAM's House or attend our monthly meetings to help with SAM 25 projects.
- You and your group can provide dinner once, or once a month, or more at SAM's House. Sign up for meal donation at SAM's House, sign up at http://www. takethemameal.com/ Log in: Recipient Last Name is guests and Password is sam25
- ▶ In-kind Donations. We always will be in need of items for SAM's House and emergency kits. Please see our website for an updated list of needs.
- ▶ **Donate food** items to your local food pantries.
- ▶ You can keep SAM 25 in your prayers.

DONATE



Address info for donations... PO Box 147

Shawano, Wisconsin 54166 www.sam25.org

Who Are We?

Shawano Area Matthew 25, Inc. (SAM 25) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit group that started in 2013 out of concern for the growing poverty and homelessness in our country and in our community.



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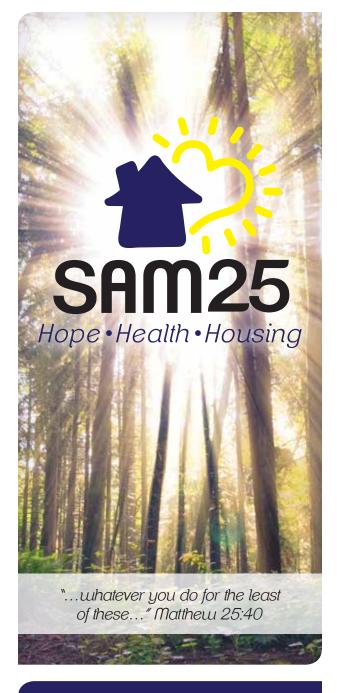
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Find out more information about SAM 25

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Our Mission

We help those affected by poverty improve their circumstances and become self-sufficient.

Our Vision

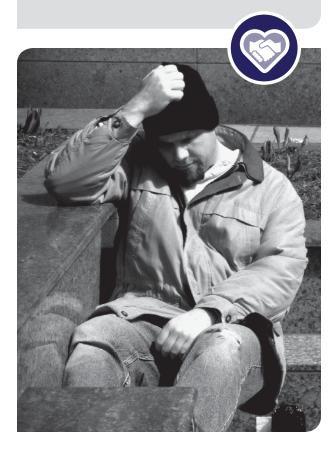
Our community works together to meet the needs of those living in poverty and offers a structured opportunity to gain self-sufficiency, and to have hope for a better future.

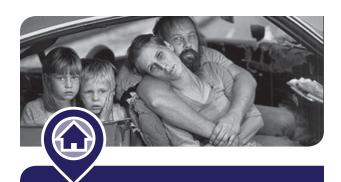
Our Goals

- Everyone in the Shawano area has a meal and a safe place to sleep every night.
- ► Everyone in the Shawano area has access to medical care they can afford.
- ► Everyone in the Shawano area is aware of our community resources for those affected by poverty.

Our Programs

- ▶ SAM's House The seasonal shelter is open flovember through April. SAM's House provides a meal and safe, temporary shelter for up to 15 men, women, and children who are experiencing homelessness during the winter months.
- ➤ Step to Success The Steps to Success Program for SAM's House guests guides individuals who are homeless to community resources and housing options so they can get back on their feet.
- ➤ **Medical & Dental Clinic** Our goal is to add a community clinic to provide the uninsured with medical and dental care.





Local Statistics

- ▶ When looking at regional school lunch data for Shawano County (49.14%) and Menominee County (85.58%), our region is 11.70% higher than the Wisconsin average (41.40%) for children who receive reduced/free lunch according to the WI Department of Public Instruction.
- ▶ According to the WI Department of Public Instruction, in Shawano and Menominee County school districts, there were 193 homeless children reported during the 2015-2016 school year, an increase from the prior year.
- ▶ According to Poverty USA 2015 data, the poverty rate in Menominee County is the highest in the state at 30.1%. The poverty rate in Shawano County is at 11.7%.
- ▶ In the first two and one half months of our 2016-2017 season, we provided 43 individual guests shelter, 466 nights for adults and 344 for children. During our first season we had 58 individual guests.
- ▶ In the first two and one half months of our 2016-2017 season, we provided 2.196 meals.
- ➤ For 2016, St. Vincent de Paul provided 23 overnight hotel stays for 13 adults and 8 children when the shelter was closed for the season.