

# The Emmaus Homeless Shelter

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*"Actions speak louder than words but not nearly as often" ~ Mark Twain ~*

Dear Friends and Supporters of the Emmaus Shelter:

We all get sluggish in winter and so does our funding but the pace of our bills increases in leaps and bounds throughout the winter months. Now that spring has sprung it is time to spring into action to replenish those much needed funds so we can continue the important work we do for the homeless and our neighbors in need.

The first quarter numbers are in and it cost the shelter **\$96,250** to provide the following services:

- *The shelter housed and fed 45 women, men, and children totaling 1,517 bed nights*
- *Provided 3,707 emergency food boxes and produce*
- *Supplied 27 individuals with linens & blankets, household goods & furniture*
- *74 people received free clothing from our clothing room*
- *12 households received financial assistance*

We had our first annual "Dress Rehearsal" a prom dress re-sale event at the Grand in Ellsworth on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. We requested a donation of \$25 per dress and \$10 for shoes and collected a total of \$850 for the shelter. We didn't make as much as I hoped but seeing the young ladies having so much fun trying on dresses and leaving the Grand with beautiful dresses and shoes was so rewarding. We received tremendous feedback from the girls and their parents about how grateful they were for this event as otherwise they would not be able to afford a dress and therefore miss their prom.

Mark your calendars; our next fundraising event is an indoor name your price Yard Sale, at St. Joseph's Church, on the corner of High and Main Street, Ellsworth, on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

As the demands for our services continue to grow, we hope that you will take the time to answer this appeal and imagine the transformation you can make in the life of an individual or family in our community by making a monetary donation today. We hope that you will continue to support us in our endeavors by helping the less fortunate in our community, which is the purpose and meaning of the Emmaus Homeless Shelter.

*"Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does" ~William James~*

With sincere gratitude,

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