



The Emmaus Homeless Shelter

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2017 SPRING APPEAL

“Try to be a rainbow in someone’s cloud” ~Maya Angelou

Dear Friends and Supporters of the Emmaus Shelter:

Spring has sprung which brings new life and new beginnings to many residents at the shelter who are working towards stability and permanent housing. This has created a silver lining at the end of the rainbow for many, who could not have achieved this without your support and donations. Our success rate of transitioning residents into permanent housing is currently at 80% and we follow most of these for at least a year to insure their continued success.

The following is a partial listing of the services we were able to provide in 2016 because of the generosity of people like you which made a positive difference in the lives of those who are not only homeless but also those in our community who are struggling to make ends meet as well.

- *The shelter housed and fed 95 women, men, and children totaling 6,780 bed nights*
- *Provided 14,670 emergency food boxes and produce*
- *Supplied 93 households with linens & blankets, household goods & furniture*
- *452 people visited our clothing room and left with a bagful of wonderful clothing*
- *79 households received financial assistance*
- *140 families received Thanksgiving food boxes, consisting of a turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, vegetables, fruit, nuts, and pie*
- *Food boxes were also given to 174 households at Christmas time*
- *420 children woke up Christmas morning to wonderful presents under the tree*

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. 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.

Also, please mark your calendars for our second Summer Auction which will take place at the Elks Lodge in Ellsworth, on June 25th, at 12:00 noon. This is our big fundraiser of the year and there will be many wonderful items to bid on. There is a \$10 admission fee and all advanced purchased tickets available at the shelter will be entered into a draw for a wonderful basket of goodies.

We thank you in advance for your generous donation.

Sincerely,

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