

COMMENTS FROM FORMER GUESTS

"I think the volunteers and staff are wonderful for what they do. They have a lot of heart and are clearly dedicated. They were always there for us and always so helpful. Thank you to the staff and volunteers of Sojourner House."

Johnny O.

"The Sojourner House gave me a place to stay when I was homeless and looking for an apartment. Thank you to the staff and volunteers for everything you do. It was a blessing to meet you all."

Debby B.

"The Sojourner House gave me a place to lay my head down and helped to clear my mind and focus on positive things I needed to straighten my life out. Being able to talk with staff and volunteers and get my questions answered was a blessing."

Teddy K.



To learn more about Sojourner House or donate online and support this endeavor, visit us on the web at www.cclse.org.

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Sojourner House



*"For I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me drink,
I was a sojourner and you welcomed me."*

Matthew 25:35

Our mission is to provide a safe, clean place for single men and women, and to accept and encourage their ambitions or hopes; while continuing our main goal of ensuring guests' personal dignity, safety and respect.



Catholic Charities' Sojourner House provides:

- Overnight sleeping for up to 32 men and 8 women
- Separate bathrooms and showers for men and women
- Guest laundry facilities
- An evening snack and daily breakfast
- A professional and helpful staff
- Help and hope with personal dignity and respect

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

There are many opportunities for you to help at Sojourner House. All volunteers must be 18 or older. Under the supervision of a professional staff, volunteer roles and responsibilities include:

GREETER (2 PER SHIFT)

One volunteer welcomes guests and sets a positive tone by assuring that the shelter is a place of hope, acceptance and restoration. He/she would start the registration process. The other volunteer oversees a breathalyzer test to gauge our guests' sobriety. Shift hours: 6:30 – 9:30 pm.

REGISTRATION INTERVIEWERS (2 PER SHIFT)

Volunteers continue the orderly check-in process of guests to include the review of regulations, scheduling laundry and shower times. Shift hours: 6:30 – 9:30 pm.

STORAGE ROOM MONITOR (1 PER SHIFT)(2 SHIFTS)

Volunteer collects guests' personal belongings in exchange for bedding and makes bunk assignments on pm shift. Shift hours: 6:30 - 9:30 pm.

Volunteer retrieves guests' personal belongings in exchange for soiled bedding. Shift hours: 5:30 -8:30 am.

KITCHEN HELPER/FOOD SERVER (2 PER SHIFT)

Volunteers prepare the evening meal or breakfast, including cooking, serving and cleaning-up. Shift hours: 6:30 – 9:30 pm (dinner) and 5:30 – 8:30 am (breakfast).

OVERNIGHT HOSPITALITY (1 PER SHIFT)

Volunteers help manage the overnight/early morning shifts including assisting guests with any special needs. Shift hours: 9:30 pm -1:30 am and 1:30 – 8:30 am.

TO VOLUNTEER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT SOJOURNERHOUSEEAUCLAIRE@GMAIL.COM. INFORMATION IS ALSO AVAILABLE BY "LIKING" SOJOURNER HOUSE ON FACEBOOK.

FILLING A VITAL NEED FOR THE COMMUNITY

Since opening in November 2011, Sojourner House has averaged more than 1,000 sheltered stays per month to the homeless of the Chippewa Valley. Guests represent a cross-section of the community, including adult men and women ranging from 18 to 77 years old, high school to college graduates and all ethnic groups. Overnight stays by guests range from a single night up to 90 nights. The average age of guests is 41.

Operated by Catholic Charities, the shelter relies heavily on donations from individuals, local businesses and churches of all denominations. Without their support, the shelter would not have become a reality and would be hard-pressed to meet the needs of the homeless in the community.

"There was definitely a need for such a facility," said Deacon Richard Sage, executive director of Catholic Charities. "We are giving respect and dignity to people who are on the streets, traveling through or are chronically homeless. We accept people where they are in life by giving them nice lodging and extending a hand."

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