



DOLLAR-for-DOLLAR

Match Opportunity for Porchlight's Safe Haven Program!



Safe Haven is in need of extra support to help keep programming operational.

Since the pandemic, we have seen a drastic increase in the number of people seeking mental health services at Safe Haven. Programming dollars from Dane County, Crisis Stabilization and rent are not enough to close the budget gap. We are looking to raise funds so that we can meet this increase and not have to turn anybody away from these basic services.

Luckily, we have TWO amazing partners who are doing a DOLLAR-for-DOLLAR match up to \$35,000!

In tandem with our matching donors, *Steve Brown Apartments, and One Community Bank*, we can provide the necessary relief to those who are struggling with homelessness and mental illness.

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— your —
DONATION

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Donations can be made on our website or by mail to:
Porchlight Inc. 306 N Brooks St. Madison, WI 53715

What is Safe Haven?

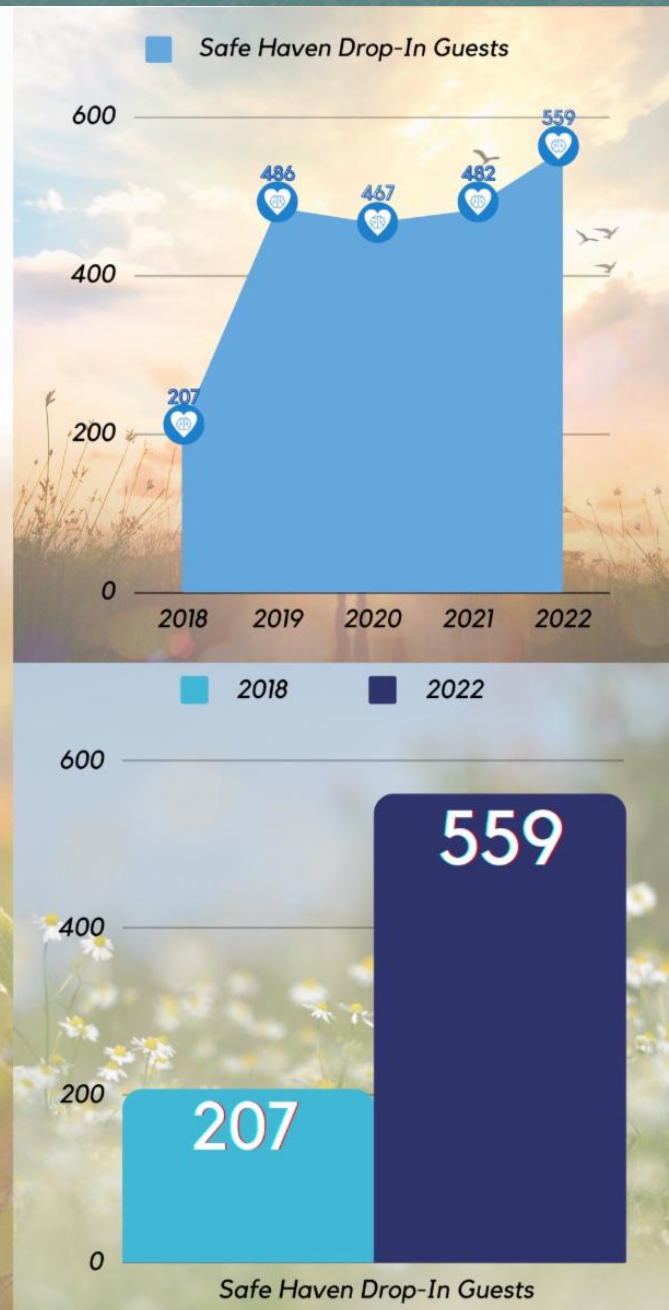
Safe Haven is a day resource center on Madison's East Side that provides services to individuals with mental illnesses, and who are currently experiencing homelessness.

Eligible guests may access drop-in services seven days per week, including meals, laundry, showers, and case management. Shelter guests are also eligible for Safe Haven's 14 on-site permanent housing units.

Safe Haven staff provide Crisis Stabilization services to guests who are struggling and connect guests with recovery supports, income, case management, and housing.

From
2018 to 2022...
there has been a
170% INCREASE
in guests dropping in
to receive services at
Safe Haven.

In 2022,
Safe Haven served
559 guests.



Appeals From Supporters

I remember when Safe Haven began more than 25 years ago. It was designed to be just that, a "safe haven" for people who very much needed it and had no other haven that would begin to meet their needs. It started in an old rambling house with a jumble of rooms and steep staircases, and it became a community that people could use for a period of time and then pass through to more permanent housing. It had a young, dedicated staff and a volunteer psychiatry clinic, and in some incomprehensible way it worked. For many people who passed through, it became a true community, a temporary haven that allowed them to travel to the next step.

Safe Haven is now very different. It is in a modern building with no stairs and less jumble. Unfortunately, the need for Safe Haven has not changed. There are still a group of people in our community who need a chance for respite and for "safe haven" and a need to have time in a protected space so that they can move on with their life. Unfortunately, it is very hard to keep such havens afloat. Grants that existed in the past are no longer available, and the budget from the county and payments from service fees never fully covers the costs of services.

There is now a chance to raise money from donors who will match contributions dollar to dollar. As someone who has consistently donated to Porchlight and to Safe Haven, I ask you to join me in helping to keep Safe Haven and other Porchlight services in our community.

- Ronald J Diamond M.D. Professor Emeritus, UW-Madison, Department of Psychiatry and Former Medical Director, Journey Mental Health



Safe Haven's commitment to serving those experiencing homelessness in Dane County is an essential component in addressing the needs of the homeless population in Dane County. Whereas traditional emergency shelters serve the general homeless population, Safe Haven provides a comprehensive and compassionate approach to meaningfully engaging with homeless persons experiencing severe mental illness.

Unfortunately, it is not uncommon for homeless persons with a severe mental illness to be removed from an emergency shelter or to be denied services altogether as a result of the nature and severity of their mental illness. This lack of access to resources thrusts one of our most at risk populations into a never ending cycle and makes it extremely difficult for them to get stabilized and secure and maintain housing.

Safe Haven understands and addresses the essential needs of homeless persons by giving them access to two meals a day, showers, laundry, bus tickets, mail and phone services, housing-focused case management, and crisis stabilization services. Additionally, their staff have an acute understanding of how important it is to create and maintain a trusting environment that puts them in a position to help one of the hardest to reach populations. Without Safe Haven, many individuals across Dane County would be left in an incredibly vulnerable position with potentially nowhere to go.

Increased and sustained funding is necessary to ensure Safe Haven's mission and services continue. A donation to their organization is an investment in our community as a whole.

Jeanne McLellan

Executive Director, NAMI Dane County

A "Safe Haven" can indicate many things, but in essence, it is something that provides an escape from unpleasantness and worries. Porchlight provides this

for those having mental health and/or substance use concerns that contributed to, or led to homelessness.

Those who find their "Safe Haven" in Porchlight secure support both from psychological and social service professionals, in addition to peers with lived "real-world" experience. This mix of professional and peer support is cited as a "Best Practice" in many social service areas. Porchlight truly embraces this practice; nestling those in need amongst the critical resources needed to repair and energize themselves for a successful re-emergence into the world.

Safe Haven provides individuals the resources to overcome homelessness at the root through a holistic and scalable model. Safe Haven's visible social and economic impact unites families, stabilizes neighborhoods, and creates vibrant, viable communities.

This is done by providing crisis-stabilizing programming, trainings, and temporary housing. In addition to providing relief for the residents, Safe Haven offers admission to day services for those awaiting housing, after care for those who have graduated the Safe Haven program, and employment opportunities for those in any way connected to Safe Haven.

Please consider donating to Safe Haven, so it can continue to offer shelter in life's storm!

- Rich Zietko, Community Advocate

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**SAFE HAVEN STAFF
SPOTLIGHTS**

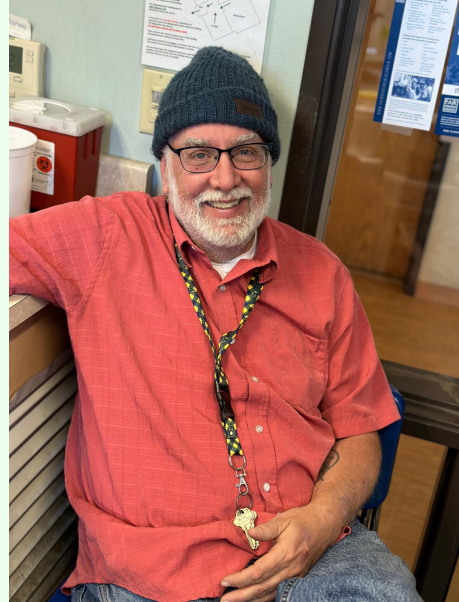


Fred Hill

Fred Hill decided that he wanted to pursue a career helping others and began attending Madison College to pursue an Associate's Degree in Human Services in 2011. While in school, he did an internship with Porchlight's housing case management program and enjoyed this so much that he applied for a position with Porchlight.

He was hired to fill in part-time at the Northport group home and at Safe Haven, then in 2015, he began working full-time at Safe Haven as a Homeless Support Specialist. In 2018, Fred applied for and received a new position at Safe Haven as a Shelter Case Manager.

Fred is appreciated by Safe Haven shelter guests, residents, and staff alike for his hard work, kindness, resourcefulness, humor, and storytelling. As one Safe Haven shelter guest likes to say frequently, "When Fred is working, it seems like I can get everything I need done."



Jasper Davis

Before coming to Porchlight, Jasper worked as a UW Madison administrator running the dormitories. During his time there, he met a couple homeless students who were moving into a dormitory with absolutely nothing. He became inspired by the students, one being a young woman who lived in a shelter, yet determined to make things work.

Jasper believes, "God created me to serve other people... My life's mission is to serve other people." So it's no surprise that only a couple months after he retired from UW, he accepted and worked a job for two years volunteering with the homeless, before leaving that location and right away being recruited to work with Porchlight at Safe Haven helping clients in crisis.

Jasper's goal is to help clients be more successful. Being a part of the LGBT+ community with a Master's degree in counseling, he understands feeling judged and the difficulties of struggling with mental illness, so when he engages with folks, he treats them like the individuals he knows they are able to be. Just the other day, Jasper was able to help one of his clients transition into sober living!



Every year, Steve Brown Apartments helps the communities and the residents they serve through their charitable grant program, SBA Gives. As a housing provider, they understand and support the need for temporary and long-term shelter solutions in Madison, and strive to help organizations like Porchlight provide sheltering and stable housing for Madison's vulnerable populations.

"Our goal is to be an owner who provides exemplary service to its residents, to be a company who honors its team members, and to be a part of the community that never stops giving back."

– Margaret Watson, CEO of Steve Brown Apartments



One Community Bank is a modern, progressive, and forward leaning bank, focused on serving our clients, supporting our colleagues and investing in our communities.

The locally owned bank has 10 locations throughout south-central Wisconsin providing creative solutions to both business and consumers. Feel Good Banking isn't just a tagline. It's a single-minded commitment to going above and beyond in everything that we do.

Our teams volunteer in your community, cheer on your teams, and feel a true pride in supporting our neighbors and friends. Our community colors reflect the pride in and gratitude we have to the communities and clients we serve.

We strive to be worthy of our communities because community is our middle name.



Safe Haven Meal Program



As an organization that serves such a diverse and vulnerable population, the supportive services that we offer are wide ranging. One particularly crucial area where our clients consistently need assistance is in the area of food security. Many of the individuals in our programs or those who seek shelter in our facilities have very little access to or the financial means to reliably attain and prepare affordable, healthy meals on a regular basis.

They say that the kitchen is the heart of the home and that's no different at Safe Haven. We understand the importance of healthy nourishment and the role it can play in helping our clients continue to strive for their goals, both physically and emotionally. As part of the wrap-around services at Safe Haven, we provide breakfast, lunch and dinner, seven days a week without fail.

However, none of this would be possible if it wasn't for the generosity of the UW Athletic department's generous donations of surplus prepared foods and the amazing partnerships with other area agencies who help us procure food staples and other reclaimed food products. About **75% of the food we provide is donated**. Annually, we receive on average 44,000 pounds of food supplies from our community partners. That's roughly \$79,000 worth of food which is equivalent to around **53,000 meals annually**.

Governor Evers Declares 2023 "The Year of Mental Health"

"Mental and behavioral health is as much a health issue as it is an economic one," Evers said. "It affects kids in the classroom; it affects workers being able to join and stay in our workforce; it affects whether folks are able to stay in safe housing or have economic security."

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