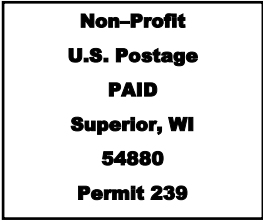


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SHINING LIGHT
Second Quarter 2016

In November 2015, Harbor House was given a matching funds opportunity from an anonymous donor. The donor would give \$1,000 if Harbor House raised \$1,000 from new donors. The anonymous donor contacted the newspaper and the deadline was set for December 31, 2015.

As the story hit the papers, we received a call from a couple that wanted more information. They came in and we talked about the shelters' needs as well as why they were interested in donating.

I heard a story of a life of generosity. This couple was generous with their time, volunteering and helping out where and when they could. They were generous with their talents, sharing their skills with others. They were generous with funds, utilizing their funds to make a difference in the lives of others.

Their story and each of your stories of generosity inspires me to focus on the abundance that we each have been blessed with and use it for the betterment of our world. As Henri Nouwen said, "God's Kingdom is a place of abundance where every generous act overflows its original bounds and becomes part of the unbounded grace of God at work in the world."

And for the rest of the story, this couple made the match and inspired others to become new donors. We are so grateful for all the witnesses to generosity being lived out. Thank you.

Grace and Peace,
Rev. Barbara Certa-Werner, Executive Director
revbarb@harborhousecs.org

**Thank you to our community and
state partners:**



Meeting the Opportunity Gap

A significant contributing factor for homelessness is the poverty rate, which is estimated by the Census Bureau. Douglas County (which includes the five northern counties) rate is estimated to be 14.6—the second highest rate in the state.

This indicates that while Harbor House Crisis Shelters is working to provide shelter and services, we, as a nation, must address the issues of poverty, such as a living wage, employable skills, mental health services, and opportunities for success for all. We recommend reading the book, *Our Kids: The American Dream in Crisis*, by Robert Putman.

As part of the visioning of Harbor House Crisis Shelters, we are exploring ways in which we could utilize a mentoring model for our transitional living center residents. This model would build community relationships, resources, and support for those experiencing chronic homelessness.

Our hope is to have a pilot project begin within the next twelve months. The project outcome would enhance the strengths perceive for the residents as well as promote resiliency. More information will be released as the project develops.

Harbor House Crisis Shelters' big event is just around the corner. Superior's first 15K and our annual 5K will be Saturday, May 21, 2016 on the Osuagie Trail by the Bong Historical Museum. To register, please send in the enclosed registration form or go to tempotickets.com for har-



Enclosed is my donation to help serve children, youth, women, and families experiencing homelessness:

___ \$250 ___ \$100 ___ \$50 ___ \$25 \$ ___ Other

My email address is: _____

___ There are corrections to my name / address on the reverse side.

All gifts are tax-deductible. On-line donations may be made at: www.harborhousecs.org ;

www.facebook.com/harborhousecrisisshelters.

or

Please return this form with your check payable to:

Harbor House Crisis Shelters.

Thank you for your support and contribution!

Harbor House Crisis Shelters Needs List:

- ♦ cleaning supplies
- ♦ crafts for children
- ♦ bath towels
- ♦ disinfectants (wipes and sprays)
- ♦ women's hygiene products
- ♦ diapers (sizes 3, 4, or 5)
- ♦ wipes (baby and adult)
- ♦ laundry soap and dryer sheets
- ♦ garbage bags (13/30 gallon)

All items may be dropped off at 1531 Hughitt Ave., Superior. Thank you.

