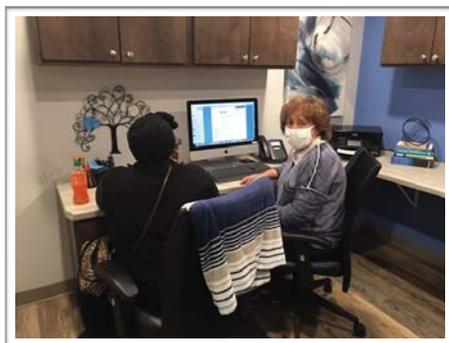


Happening @ the House

Shelter from the Storm Ministries, Inc. News

Coaching the Community in Sun Prairie is Going Strong!

Opportunity Coach Gynel Orr, and interpreter Beva Loredo have been very busy helping community members outside of Madison, but inside of Dane County obtain or keep good employment. Gynel said “There are so many stories already”. She has helped people with resumes, cover letters and job training with our



Community Development Block Grant from Dane County, and we have also been helping repair people’s vehicles and keep them road safe and reliable transportation for getting to and from work.

Beva has been assisting any Spanish-speaking clients that call for assistance with employment.

Together she and Gynel have handled several clients with different needs to remove barriers to sustainable, good paying employment that can stabilize households in our community and our neighboring ones outside of Madison that are earning



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LAUNDRY

When our moms are going to school or job training we try to help with quarters for the laundry mat- if your group is interested in doing a Quarter Drive contact us!

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DESK VOLUNTEERS

Tonia is here 24-7 and could use some help if any volunteers are willing to come back for desk duty a few hours a week- please call her! She needs a break! :)
(314) 265-7756

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CHILD CARE

We are looking for a few people to be on call to watch a child or a few children here and there while moms have appointments, classes online or new/overtired mommies need a little rest. Interested? Call Tami at **608-445-7067**



SFTSM received \$243.50 from Sun Prairie Utilities’ “RoundUp” program

Sun Prairie Utilities RoundUp is a voluntary program where customers can donate a few cents each month to help specific help organizations. They have identified Shelter From The Storm Ministries, the Sun Prairie Food Pantry, the American Cancer Society, and Hunger Heroes as the help organizations to receive all RoundUp donations once a year. You can learn more and sign up at www.sunprairieutilities.com

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80% of the median income or lower. Gynel says that the walk-in hours at the Sun Prairie Library on Tuesdays from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm are not very busy at all, but their program helpline rings all of the time. If you know someone who may benefit from this program, the only requirements are that they earn less than 80% of the median income for their household size, and that they live in Dane County, but outside of Madison. Have them call and speak to Beva or Gynel at 608-301-6612.

AS OF JUNE 1, 2021



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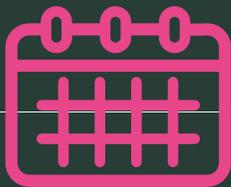
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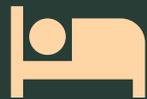
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HAVED MOVED INTO PERMANENT HOUSING



HAVE OBTAINED A HIGHER PAYING JOB THAN EVER BEFORE

These Moms

...came here from all different vulnerable places with their children and felt the presence of God and that they were safe. They practiced, studied & obtained a driver's license- or first car. They paid off crushing debt- or learned to budget. Maybe they finished an HSED/GED, or obtained an Associates Degree. Some completed certificate courses, or discovered a legal side-hustle to earn extra money. Several opened a first savings account, or earned a first credit card. Many practiced self-defense, or reclaimed their self-esteem in physical fitness boot camp. They all achieved goals, healed from trauma. Most of all learned from & supported one another. After a while, they understood that they were the daughters of the King, and that He gave them each a HOPE and a FUTURE.

Make a donation today:
www.sftsm.org

New House Meetings at SFTSM

You may wonder what kinds of things SFTSM staff and volunteers teach to residents on a regular basis? Since we are able to start meeting again, our house meetings have been re-vamped and re-focused to help our moms/families in many ways:

1. **The “Fierce Female”** a way to empower moms who (because of experiencing homelessness) have felt pretty powerless. 92% of the women who have experienced homelessness have been sexually assaulted, and many are the victims of crime/scam artists or violence. So the “Fierce Female” segment of our house meetings has hosted Sun Prairie Police Officer Jeremy Rademacher to explain what the common scams are in the area and how to know what is real and what is a trick. We have also learned how to use a Kubaton, self-defense weapon (it’s a keychain) and how to regain strength and fitness through a boot-camp fitness class run by an instructor who volunteers her time each week. We are also hoping to host the Rape Crisis Center self-defense class soon.

2. **“Power over your \$\$”** - is a short but practical guide breaking up how to take control of your finances in small and focused segments. We have discussed budgeting, how to negotiate with creditors, what goes into a credit score, emergency funds, and many other useful segments that are short and sweet and easy to remember. This has helped us get past the embarrassment, or short attention span and other forms of resistance when trying to teach young women who really don’t have much money... how to handle it.

3. **“Stress Management for the overworked and underpaid Mama”**- our lovely therapist Brittney comes in and does a 5 minute self- care talk, helping

the moms pay attention to their own needs once in a while, to help them get a handle on stress before it handles them!

4. **“Side- Hustles”** (legal ones) We have a guest at each meeting to talk about something they do or have done to earn extra income by performing work outside of a traditional job. A “side-hustle” can help stretch their budgets different ways. So far, our moms have learned how to “flip furniture”, “clean houses” and also some basics about becoming an “Organizer”.

5. **“Testimonies”** are also a quick and meaningful way to connect with the Moms. We share testimonies of our faith, how God has answered prayer, changed our lives or protected us from harm each house meeting. We also ask for prayer requests and pray with each other.

If you might have a side-hustle to teach, or a way to make our women feel stronger in the fierce female segment, or a testimony to share... I would love to talk to you-send me an e-mail or give me a call at tami.fleming@sftsm.org or 608-445-7067

2021 Another amazing golf tournament put on by the Wisconsin Finishing Contractors’ Association!

Every year they have at least 60 people representing great local businesses show up at the Oaks Golf Course in Sun Prairie. These foursomes come for camaraderie and to raise money for Shelter From The Storm Ministries!

Our shelter board members brought a couple foursomes along —as well as wonderful volunteers to check in the golfers and to help with the game prize holes out on the course.

No one won the “\$10,000 big hole-in-one prize”, but the many sponsors listed below helped raise over \$10,000 to help serve the needs of homeless women and children in our community!



← This is the picture of Michelle Hanley accepting the \$10,000 check! She was “blown away” by their generosity!

WFCA Annual Golf Outing

Wednesday, June 23, 2021

68 Golfers Enjoyed the Day.

Over \$10,000 was raised for our charity

[View a video of the golfers](#)

Thank you for your support.

The proceeds of the golf outing benefited the:

[Shelter From The Storm Ministries](#), Inc, Sun Prairie, WI

A nonprofit dedicated to serving the needs of women and children homeless families in our community.



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This is Youth with a Mission (YWAM) from Michigan. They were here this week and toured the shelter and also brought with them gas cards and quarters for laundry and laundry detergent for the families at the shelter! Thank you YWAM!!!

Shelter From The Storm Ministries, Inc. recently received a grant to help 5 additional families in the Sun Prairie area with "Rapid ReHousing". This means that we are given \$7,000 in rental assistance dollars for each of these 5 families over the course of the next year (July 2021-July 2022) to spend on rent to help them get established after being displaced. Generally, Rapid ReHousing households are ones that have had an event of some kind (temporary job loss, illness, divorce, death in the family) that has derailed their stability and left them homeless for the first time. Rapid ReHousing allows them to enter into a lease and has not only money to help them pay for it while they get additional job training, or obtain child care and take care of things in their lives that they need the stability of housing to do, but we provide ongoing help and case management in the form of home visits where we check in on the families progress toward their stated goals for a period of 12-24 months. Case managers assist with mainstream services and reaching their income/employment goals and as well as make sure they are being good tenants, keeping their apartment neat and clean and following the rules.



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Shout out to **Transformation Church youth** who came all the way from **Georgia** to volunteer the services of 5 hardworking young adults. They trimmed our shrubs, painted our new play space cubbyhole under the stairs and helped shape up the exterior of the shelter over three afternoons of volunteer work! Here is an action shot of them cutting back some

overgrowth ... we are so grateful to you guys!! THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU and thank you Jesus for constantly fulfilling the needs before we even know to ask for the help sometimes! God is SO good to us!