

Happening @ the House

Shelter from the Storm Ministries, Inc. News

SFTSM Co-Sponsors Greater Sun Prairie Area Job Fair

Resume Reviews, Interview Skills Training & Financial Assistance Available for Job Seekers

The Chamber of Commerce is spearheading the Greater Sun Prairie Area Job Fair event on Wednesday, November 3rd from 1:00 – 6:00p.m. In addition to nearly 40 employer booths, participants will have complimentary access to professional resume reviews, skills training and even financial assistance to cover job start-up costs. The event will be at the Hilton Garden Inn, 1220 South Grand Avenue, Sun Prairie.

The Chamber has partnered with local, regional and statewide resources to provide a wide-range of employment opportunities. Various industries will be represented from municipal, education, hospitality, manufacturing, non-profit to white-collar positions. While many positions are full-time employment, part-time, remote and seasonal openings are available. Special population recruitment, such as Veterans and special needs employees, will also be requested and available for attendees.

Shelter From The Storm Ministries, Inc. Employment Opportunity Program grant funding is available for job seekers. Funding is available to remove barriers to employment such as transportation, childcare, education, deposits, registration fees, certifications, licensing, etc. For instance, substitute teachers must have a license; this grant could cover applicant's costs. If uniforms, scrubs and/or steel toe boots are required for employment, funding is provided. Certain restrictions apply. Shelter From The Storm Ministries is administering and distributing grant funding that has been provided by a Dane County Development Block Grant. Their representatives will be available on-site to answer questions.

Placement specialists will also review career goals, employment parameters and cross-reference them to available positions. Therefore, upon arrival, pre-registered attendees will be given a list of potential employment matches. *(continued p. 2)*



Welcome to our new little one!

This sweet baby girl was born to one of our shelter moms on Friday, September 24th around 10 pm.

Gynel was able to ride with her in the ambulance and Beva our wonderful volunteer and translator was able to follow behind and be there for mom. Both mom and baby girl are doing well.

We thank God that He put everyone and everything into place for this little lady to come into a world that was safe, ready and welcoming to her.

Mom has peer and staff support, and all the things she needs to care for her, and there is a very proud 5-year-old sister walking around with a big smile on her face!

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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

We are ready for our volunteers to come back, are you??? Please call Tonia at the number below to see how you can help SFTSM do what we do!

(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? Go to www.sftsm.org

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Our goal is to get those seeking employment aware of your employment opportunities and motivated to attend. Resume reviews, interviewing skills training and the introduction to substitute teaching sessions will be held.



Meet Pastor Kent Van Horn, our new Development Coordinator!

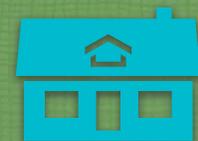
Hello Friends of SFTSM!

I am excited to provide my experience and service to SFTSM as Development Coordinator and join the team in helping these families have a stable environment to get back on their feet and learn skills to succeed in life. My role will be to develop a strategic funding plan for this ministry that is sustainable and engages the community in supporting these women and children.

My wife, Mia and I have lived in Sun Prairie for 23 years and raised our two daughters here. As I look at some of the names of supporters of this ministry, I know many of you from sitting in bleachers watching soccer games, community events and various city-wide ministries. About 10 years ago, Mia and I were part of the several local churches that reached out to the school district to see how many children needed donated winter coats. This is when we learned that there were about 100 homeless children in our community attending our schools. This awareness eventually gave birth to Shelter From The Storm Ministries. We were there in the early years praying over the ministry and writing scriptures on the studs of the building.

I have worked in public service for state agencies for 34 years and in ministry for 28. In my public service, I have managed public lands, worked on policy, administration, grants and budgets. In ministry, I am an ordained pastor with the Assemblies of God and worked with the elderly, youth, and small group ministries before taking a position as Senior Pastor. I pastor Harvest Church – Deforest and I retired from the state last month. I will be working part time for Shelter From The Storm. In Sun Prairie, Mia and I have led various city-wide ministries such as intercessory prayer groups and organized National Day of Prayer events. We have ministered in the neighborhoods helping people with practical life issues of parenting, food, housing, financial management as we lead people to Jesus. We have learned much from many beautiful people that are struggling with life's challenges. I am looking forward to my next phase in serving our community on the team at SFTSM!

As of September 30th, Shelter from the Storm Ministries, Inc. Transitional Shelter has provided 161 Women and children with shelter for 36,494 bed nights.



Coaching the Community Employment Assistance Program has assisted 38 households from the Greater Sun Prairie Area. This assistance has all been employment related. We help people obtain and retain stable, sustainable employment through our CBDG Grant.



#GIVING TUESDAY

Giving Tuesday is November 30, 2021

Want to help us to continue to be able to provide this much needed help to the community? Please remember SFTSM on Giving Tuesday, November 30, 2021. You can financially support us via check mailed to SFTSM PO Box 152 Sun Prairie, WI 523590 or online at www.sftsm.org.

Thank you to Ellen Sandow, for knitting 23 lap quilts and 2 baby blankets for our clients children! They are beautiful.



Psalm 93:1 "The Lord reigns, He is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength; indeed, the world is established, firm and secure. -Scripture of the Month, From Pastor Tonia



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