



HARBOR HOUSE CRISIS SHELTERS

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Homeless shelters and services for women and families.

What an amazing, spirit-filled year 2006 has been for Harbor House Crisis Shelters (HHCS). Our mission is to provide safe, hospitable shelter for women and families. HHCS is the only one of its kind in Douglas County and serves the greater twin ports area.

In 2006, HHCS has been able to provide shelter for 296, providing over 8,000 shelter nights, 17,740 meals and 8,853 snacks. Since opening in January 2001, we have served 1,110 persons.

Some Highlights from 2006 are:

- HHCS opened a Transitional Living Center in Duluth, Minnesota in collaboration with the Twins Ports Ministry to the Seafarer's on January 6, 2006. This program has provided 30 persons with housing, case work, goal-setting and resources/referrals.
- We have been blessed with receiving numerous large and small grants. These grants pay for staffing, supplies, operational and programming expenses. We continue to strive for ways to improve the program for guests through expansion and revision.
- Our priorities for case work are: increase income; budgeting/credit reports; mental health/AODA referrals; other housing referrals; housing counseling; nutrition/parenting classes; and prevention of further incidences of homelessness.
- We joined a Federal Meal Program for the summer to provide breakfast and lunch for all children under 18.
- Hosted the first annual "Homeless Hands Around Superior" event to educate the community about homelessness and how each person can make a difference through volunteering, donations and prayer.
- Hosted the second annual "Homeless Awareness Week."
- Developed a community collaborative, the "Anti-Poverty Action Coalition" to address issues of homelessness and poverty.
- We hosted Wildfire and many other work teams. We thank God and all those that have helped with the building addition and other projects. What a blessing!
- We distribute adult and children's Contemporary English Version of the Bible.

HHCS's goals for 2007 are:

- Purchase a building in Superior for a Transitional Living Center (TLC).
- Meet a donor's matching funds challenge and raise \$150,000 for the TLC project.
- Provide shelter for 300 persons and transitional living for 20.
- Network with United Methodist circuits to educate and promote HHCS.

The Wisconsin Conference has been instrumental in HHCS ability to fulfill its mission. Thank you and may God bless our continued ministry.