



Hebron Spring Newsletter 2024

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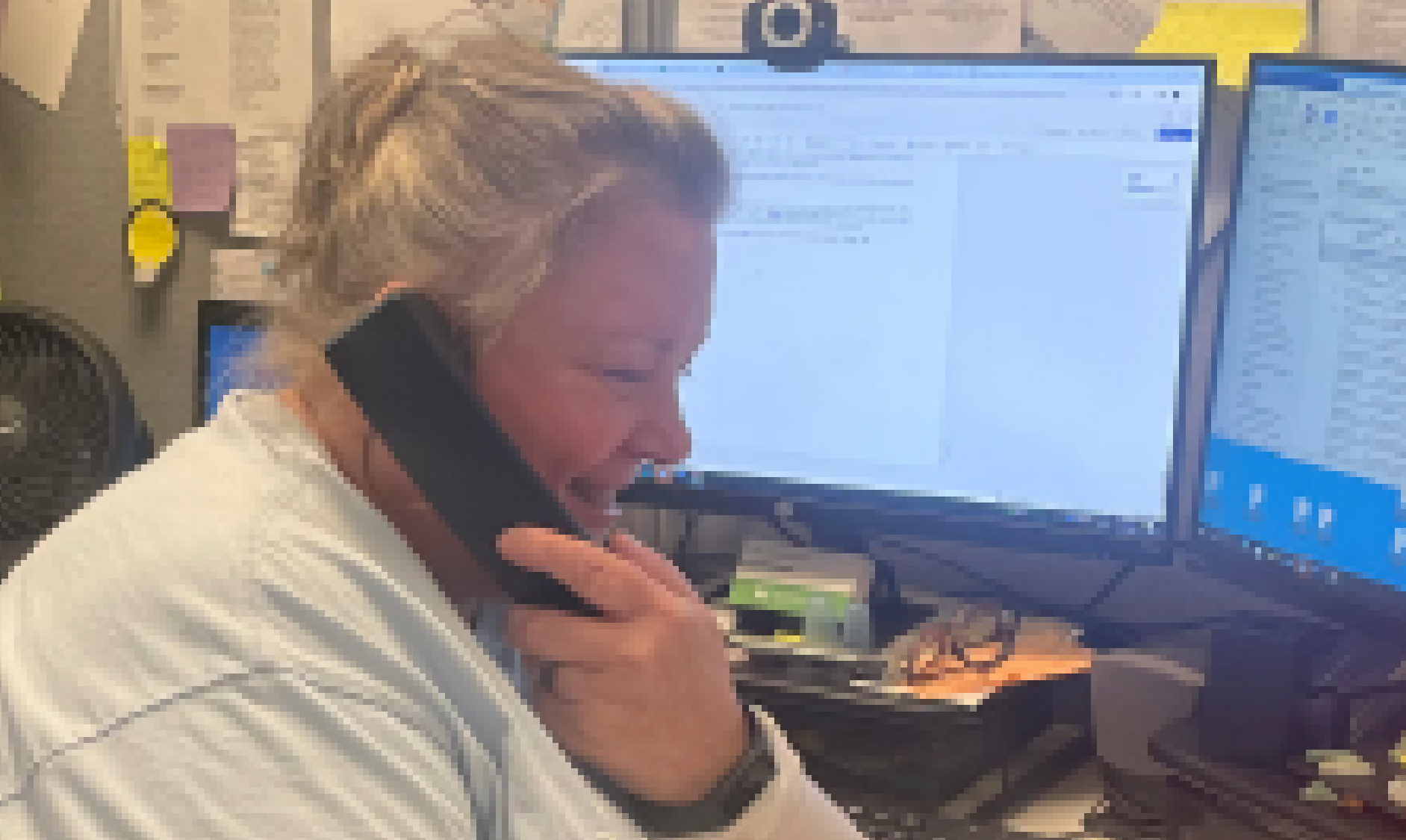
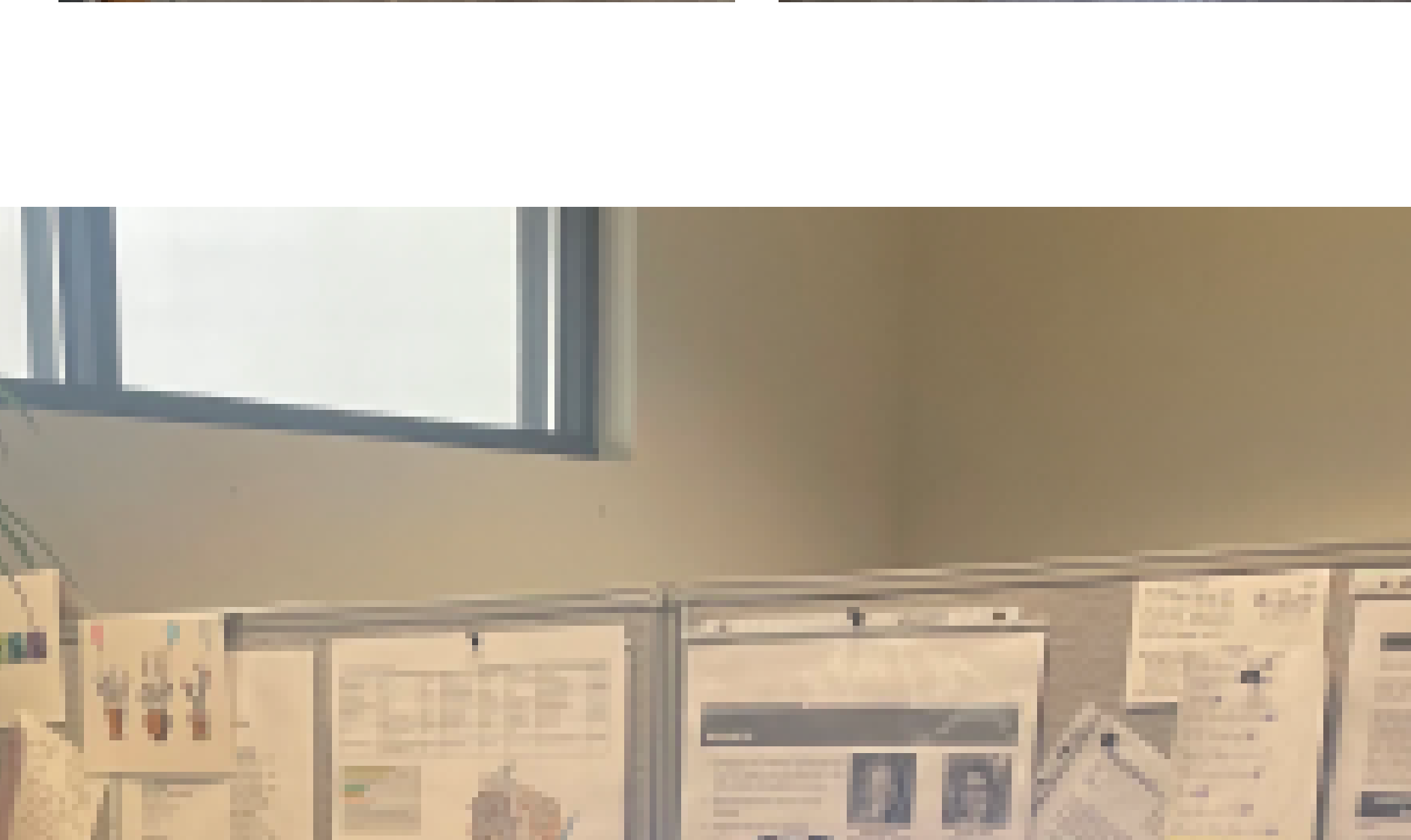
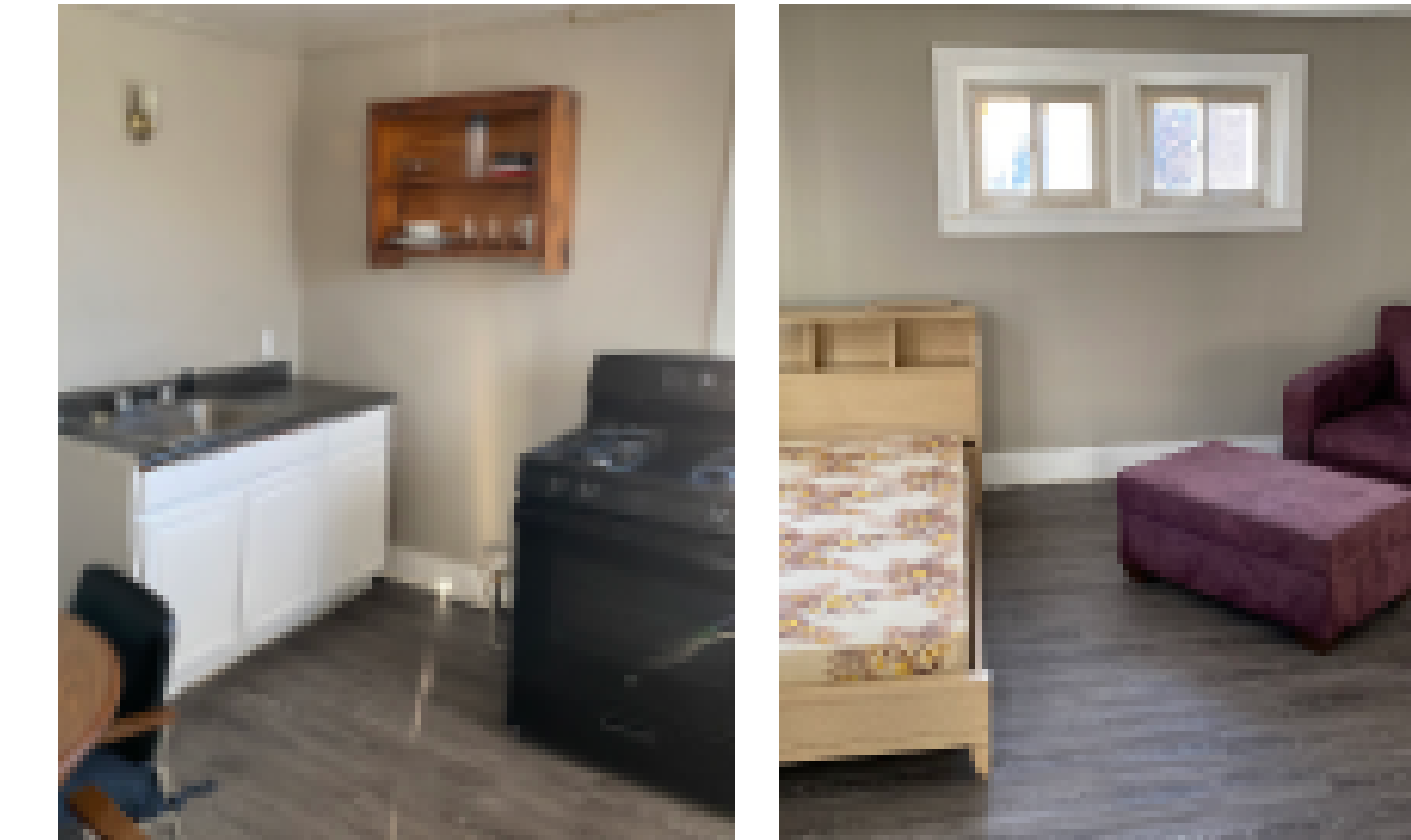
COMPASSIONATELY SERVING VULNERABLE YOUNG ADULTS

Imagine being homeless at the age of just 19, living in your car for months on end. It's a harrowing experience, made worse by the lack of confidence and self-esteem that may result from leaving home due to life circumstances. Without the safety of home, you'll be vulnerable with no place to sleep, shower, or cook. You're forced to spend your nights in your car, hoping for a brighter tomorrow.

For young adults aged 18-24 who find themselves without a home in Waukesha, Ozaukee, and Washington County, our Youth Housing Program is a vital lifeline. We provide rent assistance and case management to help connect these young men and women to the community resources they need to secure permanent housing solutions. Our goal is to help them overcome their current hardships and achieve a brighter future.

Last year, Hebron assisted 39 households, with 70% of them being successfully connected to housing solutions. Our first client was an 18-year-old man who had to leave his toxic family environment. Despite experiencing intense anxiety, he remained committed to finding a place he could call home. Our Case Manager helped him find temporary housing in one of our Transitional Living units, get a job, and eventually secure a long-term subsidized housing unit.

Stories like this inspire our Board Members, Staff, Volunteers, and Donors to keep an open mind. We understand how difficult life can be for young adults, and we're committed to being a part of their journey. Together, through our compassion and support, we can make a positive impact on someone's life in ways we never imagined.



Hebron Shelters and Impact 211:

A SOLUTIONS-DRIVEN

Did you know that our shelters receive over 12,000 calls for help each year? To bridge the gap between our callers and the experts in Southeast Wisconsin, Hebron has teamed up with Impact 211. Impact 211 has a long-standing history of providing a comprehensive database of services in the area, ensuring that our callers receive access to the resources they need.

Each call is assessed to determine the caller's immediate shelter needs. If necessary, we will connect the caller with our shelter advocates. With this new program, our advocates can focus more on serving our guests who are already enrolled in the shelter program. They can provide assistance with job and housing searches, meal planning, and other daily activities, and most importantly, be a source of support for the women, children, and men in the shelter.

Our goal is to serve people experiencing homelessness as efficiently as possible. This partnership with Impact 211 will have a positive impact on the direct connection to much-needed community resources for people at risk of homelessness in Waukesha.



Annual Gala Raises Funds for Shelters

On November 4th, we held our annual Gala at the Milwaukee Marriott West in Waukesha. It was a beautiful night filled with inspirational speakers, live music, auctions and most importantly, community members with a heart for helping others. Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of those who attended, we raised over \$230,000! We are so thankful for our event sponsors, gala guests and auction donors who made our 2023 gala the most successful yet!

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SATURDAY NOVEMBER 9, 2024, AS WE GATHER AGAIN TO RAISE FUNDS TO HELP THOSE STRUGGLING IN OUR COMMUNITY!



A LETTER FROM OUR BOARD MEMBERS

New Year, ReNEWed Vision!

At Hebron, we believe that everyone deserves a safe and stable place to call home. With our new programs launched in 2023 and our expanded services and communities served, we are committed to making a measurable impact on homelessness in our community in 2024 and beyond.

Our Mission is to restore hope and dignity by providing services that end homelessness in our community. We believe that by providing short-term help and connecting individuals and families to long-term housing solutions, we can make a meaningful difference in their lives.

We want to ensure that everyone experiencing homelessness in our community has access to the help they need to find

stable housing. Together, with our community partners, we can make our vision a reality.

At Hebron, our values guide everything we do. We are solutions-driven, compassionate, and inclusive. We believe in instilling trust and inspiring hope in those we serve!

By supporting Hebron, you are helping to create substantial life changes for individuals and families in Waukesha, Ozaukee, and Washington County. Thank you for joining us in our mission to end homelessness and restore hope and dignity to those in need.



With Gratitude,
Kathleen Christenson Fisher,
Executive Director

As we embrace the new year, I am compelled to express my gratitude for the unwavering support and commitment many have shown to Hebron House and our mission to provide shelter and hope to those facing challenging times. The support and generosity have created a path toward positive change for individuals in need. We have made significant strides in creating a safe and supportive environment for our guests.

In the face of challenges, your compassion has been a driving force, propelling us forward. Our shelters stand as a testament to the strength of our community and the impact we can achieve when we unite for a common cause.

Looking ahead, I am excited about the possibilities that the future holds for Hebron House. We have ambitious goals and transformative initiatives, and I am confident that with continued support, we will reach new heights in our mission to make a positive impact on the lives of those we serve.



Warm regards,
Ildiko Huppertz,
Board President

Out and About in the Community

Hebron was busy in 2023, joining the community to share our mission! We attended Kid's Fest in Oconomowoc in July, recruiting volunteers and meeting other community resources. In October, we participated in the Milwaukee Bloody Mary Bash, benefitting 3 local non-profits (our garnish won). In November, we attended the Non-Profit mingle through the Waukesha County Business Alliance, where we connected with local young professionals! In December, we walked the Waukesha Christmas Parade.



JULY



OCTOBER



NOVEMBER



DECEMBER

Inspiring New Housing Programs

While emergency shelter is a crucial part of addressing homelessness, it is only a temporary solution. In order to truly end homelessness, we need to focus on providing affordable housing options for those in need. This means expanding access to rental assistance programs. By addressing the root causes of homelessness and offering sustainable solutions, we can help individuals and families get back on their feet and break the cycle of homelessness.

Hebron recognizes the importance of these long-term solutions and is committed to working towards a future where everyone has a safe and affordable place to call home.

JEREMY PSH

Hebron's Jeremy House Safe Haven transitioned to Jeremy Permanent Supportive Housing last year. This new program will permanently house individuals who are chronically homeless and have a disabling condition. The change will house the most vulnerable men and women experiencing homelessness in Waukesha.

PEAK

Hebron launched its new Rapid Rehousing Program, PEAK Permanently housed. Eliminate homelessness, Activate success, and Knock down barriers. Last fall. This program is designed to help individuals and families exit homelessness as quickly as possible. Guests enrolled in this program receive housing relocation services, short-medium term rental assistance, move-in (financial) assistance, and case management.

ASSISTING THE HOMELESS WITH OPIOID USE DISORDER THROUGH THE RECOVERY VOUCHER PROGRAM

A significant number of men and women in Waukesha struggle with opioid use disorder and homelessness. Thanks to a grant from the State of Wisconsin, Hebron has established the recovery voucher program, which connects individuals to recovery housing in Waukesha. The program covers the housing costs and has been a lifesaver for many who would have otherwise died on the streets due to a lack of financial resources to access services. We are grateful for our partnership with DeNoon and WisHope, the registered recovery houses in Waukesha.

