



DAY BY DAY warming shelter

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HELLO FRIENDS OF DAY BY DAY



We received great news coverage a few weeks ago in the Oshkosh Northwestern by reporter Katy Macek, which illustrates why we need a new shelter. Here are some excerpts and highlights from the article:

A lottery system stood between Damian Brown having a warm place to sleep or spending a cold December night outside.

He just had to be one of 25 people, the shelter's maximum capacity, to draw the right number. Those who didn't were given a sleeping bag and gift card to buy food.

Fortunately for Brown, he was not one of the 72 people Day By Day Warming Shelter turned away during its tenth season that ran October through April.

After COVID-19 forced Brown out of his food industry job in Pennsylvania, he moved to Oshkosh because a friend in the area offered to help. But those plans fell through, and he turned to Day By Day.

"They're pretty phenomenal there," Brown said while sharing his story at a July 13 council meeting. "They've done as much as they can in the limited time given."

That's because Day By Day has, for the past decade, operated six months per year on a temporary use permit from the city at its location at Most Blessed Sacrament Parish's St. Peters site, 449 High Ave.

But the agency is ready for a permanent home. The City Council on July 27 approved a general development plan for a site at the northwestern corner of Ceape Avenue and Broad Street.

The shelter's board has been researching a full-time location since the agency's inception. Three years ago, they conducted a feasibility study on the proposed site, including environmental studies.

Board member Jason Havlik, who oversees facilities management for Oshkosh Corp., has taken the lead on selecting a site for the shelter. "We've already done our due diligence on the property," he said. "We know what we need to do to get the site ready."

Day By Day Warming Shelter may only host overnight visitors part time, but since last summer it has also provided year-round services to clients during the day. That includes everything from a place to shower and do laundry to providing employment resources. It hosted a job fair at the end of July that resulted in four people being hired on the spot.

When Day By Day closed for the season, Brown said its staff members

helped him find temporary housing in hotels from April through July. Now, he is living underneath a bridge with a couple other people from the shelter until he either secures housing again or the shelter reopens.

To operate a homeless shelter part-time simply does not make sense, Yatso Butz said. Any progress made during those six months is negated when people don't have daily touchpoints with staff members.

That's not to say there is no progress, she said, but, "we could do so much more with a full-time shelter."

Brown, who is experiencing homelessness for the first time in his life, said the shelter is so much more than just a place to sleep.

"If it wasn't for the shelter, I would be completely on my own figuring out all my resources and everything," he said. "They helped with shelter, which was amazing, but also food and health care, things like that."

They also helped him secure a job. On Aug. 9, he started his new job with more consistent hours at a manufacturing company in Oshkosh. His new job is on the second shift, which means he can get ready at Day By Day before going into work.

After 10 years, the agency is ready to move forward, permanently. Yatso Butz said the board is working with consultants to develop a specific site plan that will need to go before the city's plan commission and council, perhaps as early as this fall.

They are, more than anything, excited. Yatso Butz said she is glad to hear people talking about Day By Day and homelessness because it means they are acknowledging the housing crisis.

Brown also wants to see the shelter become a full-time place; not just for him, but for all the people he's met while staying there. Still, with steady income, he's hoping not to rely on it.

"Some individuals need a lot more treatment than six months to get somewhere, so hopefully with a full-time shelter they'll be able to get back on track," he said. "As much as I want to help it open, I don't want to be there. I want to have my own place and go visit."

As we move forward with the planning for the new shelter, we are grateful for the community support we have received to date.

Molly Yatso Butz

HELP NEEDED FOR SEASON 11

Volunteers are critical for keeping Day by Day running smoothly and providing essential services for our Guests. Last year 563 people logged over 5,000 hours of service. Day by Day Volunteers serve in a variety of roles, including:

MEAL TEAMS - OCTOBER 15-APRIL 15

Meal Teams of 5-8 people prepare and serve an evening meal for 30-35 people.

HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEER (PM SHIFT) - OCTOBER 15-APRIL 15

Hospitality volunteers engage with the guests and assist the staff with shelter operations. Volunteers on the PM shift (5:30 to 8:30 PM) check-in guests, manage the sign-in log, monitor the shower schedule, assist with laundry, and complete other tasks as needed.

HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEER (AM SHIFT) - OCTOBER 15-APRIL 15

Hospitality volunteers engage with the guests and assist the staff with shelter operations. Volunteers on the AM shift (7:00 to 8:00 AM) assemble breakfast bags, take food inventory, complete remaining laundry, wash breakfast dishes, clean the kitchen, and complete other tasks as needed.

SUMMER OUTREACH HOSPITALITY - APRIL 16-OCTOBER 14

Summer Outreach Hospitality volunteers engage with the guests and assist the staff with shelter operations. Shifts are 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, or 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. You would be assisting with guest check-in, managing the sign-in log, monitoring the shower schedule, helping with lunch and snacks, assisting with laundry, and completing other tasks as needed.

If interested in volunteering at Day by Day, please contact Chris at info@warmingshelter.com for more information!



SUMMER PROGRAMMING

DAY BY DAY'S SUMMER MOTEL VOUCHER PROGRAM SHOWS SUCCESS

Summer is a great time for a fresh start!

When Day by Day closes for shelter on April 15th each year, staff witness the progress of some of our guests decline without an overnight shelter. They are on the streets without restrooms, showers, laundry facilities and of course, a safe place to sleep.

The Motel Voucher Program assisted some guests with shelter for two months, allowing them to focus on other needs and goals, without the stress of wondering where to sleep at night.

Day by Day guests and staff are dedicated to making the year-round shelter a reality to ensure progress can be worked on all year.

Over the course of two months in the program, JB (guest initials used for confidentiality) was able to find employment and save for a place of his own! Day by Day helped to move JB into his new place and also supplied him with cleaning supplies, hygiene products and linens. Staff encourage individuals moving into housing to come back to Day by Day for supplies or food, if money is tight, to ensure they can keep and prioritize their housing, and still have their basic needs met.

We cannot wait to hear what is next for JB!



DAY BY DAY HOSTS JOB FAIR FOR HOMELESS COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Day by Day's first Job Fair was held on July 29, and it was a huge success! Many connections were made, great conversations were had, THREE guests found immediate employment to start the following Monday, and others set up appointments for tours with local agencies and businesses.

Leading up to the Job Fair, Day by Day's Program Director and Outreach Specialist assisted guests in creating or updating their resumes, picking out interview outfits, practicing interview skills, and providing positive encouragement to build confidence.

Day by Day is incredibly thankful for our partnerships with Oshkosh employers, and all those who attended to provide opportunities for individuals to get back on their feet. AMCOR, Oshkosh Coil and Spring, Clarity Care, Express Staffing, IQ Resource Group, Lakeside Packaging, Remedy Staffing, Silver Star Brands and UMOS. If you are a local employer that would be interested in attending our next Job Fair on January 27, 2022, please contact Program Director, Denise Holz, at 920-420-6933.



DAY BY DAY HOSTS BIKE REPAIR WORKSHOPS FOR GUESTS

The Transportation Gateway works with guests to make sure they have their mobility needs met so they are able to look for housing, find employment, and make it to medical and other appointments independently.

Day by Day provides guests with vouchers to St Vincent's De Paul for bus passes and bicycles, assisting with overcoming transportation barriers, as guests work towards getting their driver's license, a vehicle or insurance.

"Bike Steve" meets with guests monthly to ensure their bikes are in safe, working order and well maintained. Steve also supplies guests with printouts for bicycle care instructions. Having our guests' bikes in safe and working order save lives and prevent accidents.



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SEASON 11 NEEDS LIST

- Disposable dinnerware (plates, napkins, silverware, cups, bowls, etc.)
- Cleaning supplies (bleach wipes, bathroom cleaner, shower cleaner, toilet bowl cleaner, floor cleaning solution, etc.)
- Backpacks
- Laundry detergent
- Men's and women's long underwear

To schedule a drop off for these items, please contact **Chris Bauer, Administrative Assistant** at info@warmingshelter.com.

SEASON 11 DONORS WILL BE RECOGNIZED THROUGH DAY BY DAY'S SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS, E-NEWSLETTERS, AND PRINT MATERIALS. LOGOS WILL BE USED FOR ALL MONTHLY AND SEASON SPONSORSHIP.

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