



SHELTER MINISTRIES INC

Offering Light & Hope through the Storms of Life

Shelter Ministries is a Christian based non-profit organization that strives to improve the lives of the residents of DeKalb County Indiana, through education and assistance from our ministries.

- ◆ **OUR NEW LOCATION** My father used to say, “Don’t push the river — it flows on it’s own.” That was never more true than with our new building! We are so pleased to announce that God has blessed us with a nice solid building, in a good location, without nasty mold or leaks! His hand controlled everything — from the offer, to obtaining a loan, to the move — three different times! Yes, things are tight with having a mortgage now, but we have faith that God will continue to provide our needs.

PLEASE, STOP BY FOR A TOUR. We’d love to show you our new home. It’s half the size of our other location—but it feels much larger! And check out the beautiful doors the DeKalb New-Tech Students designed — we are so proud of them. Thank You God, Community, and Ken & Virginia Sleeper, (the previous owners). — Sadly, Mr. Sleeper passed away July 10th.

- ◆ **FOOD PANTRY** Since this time last year our Food Pantry has served 7234 people, even though we were closed a few weeks to pack & move! (2385 Children, 3667 Adults, and 1182 Seniors) Thanks to the long hours and hard work of many wonderful volunteers & employees — and the generous donations from the DeKalb Students, the Community through the Mail Carriers Food Drive, and our local Churches!
- ◆ **CLOTHING BANK** The Clothing Bank has served over 756 people (448 Adults and 308 Children) with clothing and small household items so far this year! Undergarments, socks, towels, wash cloths, sheets and blankets are always in high demand. And we **Thank You** for your many donations throughout this year.
- ◆ **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE** Since January, Shelter Ministries has assisted 206 people from 73 families with their financial needs, spending \$6,401.78. A crisis can arise without warning for anyone, so helping clients become prepared for common emergencies, finding ways to improve their circumstances, learning to live within incomes, or simply going without, is our long term focus with families.
- ◆ **CHRISTMAS BUREAU** This year we have 18 Sponsors adopting 172 Children for Christmas! That makes for a lot of happy little faces on Christmas morning! And our **Shop-4-Christmas** program will be providing Christmas gifts through the Clothing Bank for additional families and grandparents that need a little extra help. Please consider donating a new toy, or wrapping paper and supplies!!
- ◆ **SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING** It’s that time of year again! This year we’re hoping to hit the \$20,000.00 mark for DeKalb County so we can share with the Police Dept in assisting with homeless emergencies. **The money that’s Raised in DeKalb County, Stays in DeKalb County**, and it’s used to help families in crisis all through the year! Signing up to ring is easy ... just visit the new website: www.registertoring.com (**REGISTER TO RING**) or give us a call at **260-437-0432** or **260-925-9200—ext 301**.
- ◆ **WHEELS 4 WORK** This year 3 bicycles were donated to our ministry that provides bicycles to those who don’t have transportation, for whatever reason, to get to and from work (or look for work), and we’re hoping they will be put to good use in 2017.
- ◆ **EDUCATION/CLASSES** Shelter Ministries believes in helping families UP. We offer books on Nutrition, Building Job Security, death and relationships, Promises of God, Bibles, and pocket Prayer Cards & Bookmarks on just about any subject! We offer classes, at no cost, on Easy Budgeting, Ways to Save, and Parenting. We even have anti-stress Adult Coloring hours! Faith Sharing classes also take place at the Shelter, and are helping many to develop a stronger relationship with God and others. **Everyone is welcome!**

Thank You!

How does your *Contribution* help others?



Merry
Christmas!

from the Board, Staff,
and Volunteers who make
this all work

