



# The Lazarus Foundation

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Greetings to all with the hope that we recognize and appreciate the many blessings bestowed upon us by our Creator.

The Lazarus Foundation is a Janesville, Wisconsin outreach ministry in partnership with the Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee since 1997. We provide safe, comfortable and clean transitional housing plus ongoing Case Management and life-skills continuum placements for at-risk homeless adult men with alcohol/chemical addictions and professionally 'dual-diagnosed' with non-violent mental health conditions. County Agencies, Mental Health professionals and Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (AODA) professionals typically refer new residents for admission. Our mission is ongoing, having provided about 19,600 addictions recovery "shelter nights" (a 'shelter night' is where one person is actually in residence for a 24-hour period) in our facility, the Lazarus House, and supplied case management for persons in recovery for the last sixteen years. There are no great 'victories' in addictions recovery and entry back into society, only day-to-day successes. At this writing, we have three residents in recovery; one is employed full-time, two are employed part-time, with one additional application for residency in process. One resident 'graduated' this year, fully employed and in his own housing. Most former residents are in our 'After-Care' program.

In the past, the Lazarus Foundation has been generously supported by religious groups, private corporations and individuals like you. We thank you for your ongoing prayers and support.

We are operating on a budget of less than \$27,500 a year due to the continuing unstable local economy. Our collected rents (when residents are actually able to pay rent) haven't been enough to make the house payments and some of the utilities. We rely on individual, corporate and religious organization donations, plus some small grants for the case management, insurance, minor repairs and other basic resident needs. Our income over the last several years has not been enough to add any additional support services for the community or upgrades to our facility, other than minor repairs, a new dryer and a commercial water heater replacement. Rising facility operations costs are the norm although utility prices continue to remain somewhat constant, plus insurance coverage continues to be costly, although we have experienced no claims.

Because we provide long-term housing and case management services to 'dual-diagnosed' persons with addictions and mental health problems, we are unique in this mission for our area. There are no other long-term facilities like ours, unless the individual has a GOOD insurance plan, is a military veteran (although that care has degraded the last few years) or has ample personal resources. 'Short-term' methods (such as advertised on TV, promising a 'cure' – understanding addictions, the guys REALLY rip on those) seem to create little help for the addicted person and the possibility for this person falling back into the same old cycle of drug and/or alcohol usage historically tops 80%. In contrast, the Lazarus Foundation's rate of 'recidivism' over the last few years has been less than 27%. We can't be perfect, this disease won't let us.

## The Good News

As our commitment to God's mission to us for our residents and the community does not allow us to sit idly by and, with your help, we strive to continue this mission. God hasn't given up on us and we will not give up on Him. Knowing that money is tight for everyone, we still need to ask you to help us continue.

*"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed." - Proverbs 19-17*

We invite you to support the Lazarus Foundation with both your prayers and financing. Please make your contributions payable to "The Lazarus Foundation" and, if you wish, include the category(ies) in which you would like to help (Maintenance, Case Management, Rent Subsidy, Utilities, etc.) Again, we thank you for your support.

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***"That where there is despair, I may bring hope" - St. Francis of Assisi***

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