



# *A Place of Refuge Ministries of South Wisconsin, Inc.*

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## **LifeWalk 2017**

Saturday, June 17th was a perfect morning for a stroll and a great group of folks did just that in support of A Place of Refuge Ministries Annual LifeWalk, hosted this year by Christ the Life Lutheran Church in Waukesha.



Participants enjoyed Starbucks coffee and breakfast treats, fellowship and children's activities, including a visit from the Waukesha Fire Department, as they waited for the walk to begin. The 1.5 mile route took walkers through a lovely neighborhood and a beautiful park. Walkers carried our signature blue balloons and handed out APOR brochures to neighbors and then made their way back to Christ the Life for an incredible taco lunch cooked and served by some of the many volunteers from the church who helped make the day possible.

Moms and children served by APOR participated in the day's events. Some were

current residents of Refuge House and some were past residents. "LifeWalk is a wonderful opportunity for our shelter residents to see firsthand people who support them all year round," said Trish Kagerbauer.

Walkers came from around the state and as far away as Togo, West Africa! It was great to see Pastor Wildauer and his family. Those who couldn't travel to Waukesha, like the Good Shepherd Women of Tomah, "Strolled With Us in Spirit", adding to the total raised.

Thanks to the efforts of our walkers, our generous donors, and the support of Christ the Life we were able to raise over \$14,700.00!

Please join us in PATRONIZING and THANKING the following businesses for their support of this year's LifeWalk!

Mason Street Grill, Milwaukee  
Culver's, Summit Ave. Wales  
Cozy Nook Farm, Waukesha  
Starbucks, Sussex



## News from Refuge House

Savanah and her children have successfully transitioned out of Refuge House. Our donors were very generous in helping Savanah with necessities for her new home. Joseph and I used the large trailer to move furniture, linen, kitchen items and food to her home.

Thanks so much to our donors for each and every donation to Refuge House. The Ministry, the residents, and I are very thankful for your support. During the past months, my technology has not been up to par. Trish and I are working with professionals to correct the issues. Please accept my most sincere apology for not typing a letter of appreciation for the donation(s) or being able to always respond to emails and phone calls in a timely manner. When dropping off donations at Blessed Again, please leave an address with them. I would like to send a thank you letter to you.

With a room available, Nancy (the Intake Director and Board Member) and I are in the process of interviewing potential moms for residency. As always, rooms at Refuge House are at a premium and difficult decisions have to be made.

Refuge House is in dire need of slightly used bunk beds. One mom would like to share a family room with her five and six year old sons. The room cannot accommodate three single beds and a crib or pack 'n' play. Bunk beds are definitely a necessity.

The pantry in Refuge House needs to be replenished. Below are some of the essentials that are needed.:

Spaghetti sauce, cold cereal, oatmeal, cooking oil, sugar, spice rack, beans (lima, baked, northern), cake mix, frosting (chocolate, sprinkle, cream cheese and white), Raman noodles, spaghetti (no thin or angel hair), flour, pancake mix and syrup, canned fruits, canned sweet potatoes, ingredients to make chocolate chip cookies for the children, and canned meats (chicken, tuna and hash).

A major portion of my food budget is for the purchase of meat. When feeding a minimum of twelve people for dinner, the cost of meat is from \$18 to \$30 per meal. If anyone knows of a farmer or butcher who can supply the ministry with discounted meat in bulk, please inform the Board of Directors or myself.

Our plumber discovered a pipe had disintegrated while unclogging the drain. All the pipes will need to be replaced in the next few years.

God's blessings to all,

Ronne Murray, Refuge House Manager

## Advocacy

It's been a very busy few months in our Advocacy ministry. There were 3 babies born in July, including a set of twins! With so many new additions, we are running low on baby supplies once again. Lists of baby needs and other needs can always be found on our website at [aplaceofrefuge.org](http://aplaceofrefuge.org). Currently, onsies, diapers and socks are in especially low supply. Donated items can be dropped off at Blessed Again Resale on 76<sup>th</sup> and Hampton and labeled, "Advocates".

As calls from additional moms continue to come in every day, we would like to thank Barb, our new hotline coordinator, for doing a wonderful job screening, directing and documenting callers.

We would also like to renew our plea for additional Advocates. Advocates work one to one with moms. They help them find resources in their community, get them donated items, put them in contact with their local church as an additional resource, and are a friend they can call during a very difficult time. If you would like more information on becoming an Advocate, please contact Linda at 414-761-2270 or [LMNHass@thewarren.us](mailto:LMNHass@thewarren.us).

## Blessed Again News

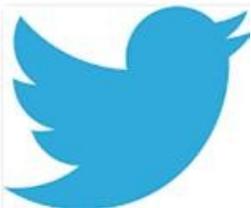
Many changes have gone into effect since our last newsletter. Maribel has accepted the manager's position and Betty is back to volunteer status. We have also added 2 new volunteers that have dedicated themselves to working in the intake room. The donations have become much more organized. This does not mean we could not use more volunteers. We can always use volunteers for pricing, register, and organizing.

We need some help to install a computer in the manager's office. We do have one but it does need to be upgraded to Windows 10. We also have a printer which could be installed and used to print sale signs, write reports, and newsletters.

We will be receiving the donations from Just Between Friends on September 24<sup>th</sup>. We welcome any groups that could help on this day. We start at 10:00am and are usually done by 3:00 in the afternoon. If you have a Youth Group interested in helping, please contact Maribel at 414-464-9099.

God has truly blessed this store and our mission. We continue to pray for His help each day. We also wish to thank our many donors for bringing in clothing, housewares, & furniture. Without these donations, we would not exist. Just a note regarding store hours. We are now closed on Sundays and Mondays. We still accept donations on Mondays until 4:00pm. Monday is now being used to restock and clean the store.

God's Blessings  
Maribel  
Blessed Again Resale  
7624 W. Hampton Ave. Milwaukee



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## LWML Grant Presentation



The South WI District – Lutheran Women's Missionary League were able to collect enough mites to present the check for our grant in July! Many thanks to LWML for this incredible gift. And thanks to Kristen Kolell and to the other members who came to St. Paul's Lutheran Church to celebrate with us. Digger's Hotline has been to Refuge House and we hope to begin the much needed repairs to the back of the house very soon.

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