The House of Mercy is a 25-bed homeless center that provides homeless families throughout southern Wisconsin and northern Illinois with short-term emergency shelter. In addition to giving families a safe, warm place to live, staff helps residents develop individualized action plans aimed at achieving stable housing.

1996-PRESENT

- Shelter nights—174,527
- Individuals served—6,609
- Families housed after staying at the Center—1,314
- Volunteer hours served—177,942
- Facility at capacity 95% of the year
- Waiting list almost 12 months per year

2018 NUMBERS

- Shelter nights—8,874
- Individuals served—284
- Volunteers—161

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Volunteer your time—weekday and overnight shifts available.
- Contribute to our Wish List of needed items.
- Invite us to area service clubs, organizations and churches to share our story.

MONETARY DONATIONS

Used for:
- Job placement assistance
- Financial counseling
- Rental assistance
- Parenting classes
- Medical expense assistance
- Nutrition counseling
- Transportation assistance

For more information or to volunteer, call (608) 754-0045.
House of Mercy

WISH LIST

Personal care items
Deodorant
Lip balm
Diapers (sizes 4 and 5)
Baby wipes
Baby shampoo/soap
Shampoo
Conditioner
Toilet paper
Facial tissues
Hairbrushes
Petroleum jelly
Baby oil
Nail files
Fingernail clippers
Mouthwash
Blue Magic hair care
Body wash

Food items
Sugar
Soup
Spices
Coffee creamer (powder)
Coffee
Salt and pepper
Vegetable oil

Cleaning/laundry supplies
Dish soap
Powdered laundry detergent
Scouring pads/kitchen scrubbies
Anti-microbial Febreze®
Lysol® wipes
Bleach
Vinegar

Miscellaneous
Scissors
Sharpie® fine point black markers
Copy paper
Post-its®
Stomachache medicine (over the counter)
Cold medicine (over the counter)
Ibuprofen
Tylenol®

Bolded items are in high demand.
Items can be dropped off at the Center, 8 am-10 pm, seven days a week.

If you would like to donate clothes or toys, please take to Castaways Thrift Shop, 922 Milton Ave., Janesville.

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