



T.R.U.T.H. Three Rivers United Temporary Housing Inc.

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Mission Statement:

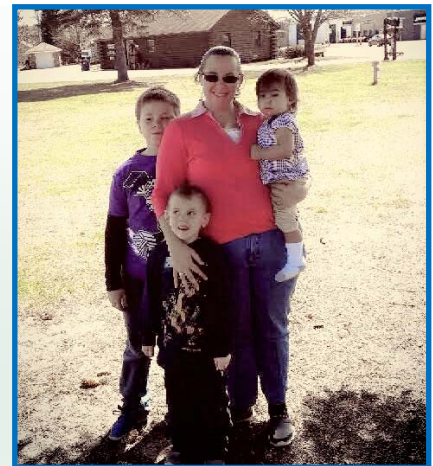
Our mission is to provide temporary housing and living essentials to those in need, in a safe environment that fosters a sense of self-worth, promotes self-sufficiency and strives for independent living.

Notes from Tina

As we enter into the month of May, I think of how most moms will celebrate **Mother's Day** by relaxing at home with their families and, with any luck, getting some special treatment from their children.

Unfortunately, nearly 40% of the nation's homeless population is made up of single mothers with young children. These moms are struggling every day to keep their children safe and fed. They try to show them that they are loved despite the fact that they do not have the security of a home. They also protect them from the shame and stigma that comes from all directions when you are labeled as homeless.

These women teach us that someone's life circumstance has little to do with how much love a mother has for her children. The very fact that these mothers are keeping their families together while they are homeless makes them *superheroes* in my book.



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House Stats — April 2017

April House Volunteer Stats:

This month we had 197.5 documented volunteer hours which included 41 documented spots filled by 13 different volunteers.

We THANK ALL of our volunteers for all they do.



April Resident Breakdown:

12 total individuals served this month

- ◆ 5 Men
- ◆ 4 Women
- ◆ 3 Children



Fundraising and Fun Stuff



Paint Night

Date: Saturday, **June 3,**

Time: 4pm - 8pm

Location: **VFW 203 S. 4th Street,**
Tomahawk WI

Cost: \$40/Person (Cost includes all paint & material and a drink ticket)

Brat Fry Fundraiser

Date: Friday, **June 9,** &

Saturday, **June 10,** 2017

Time: 10am - 2pm

Location: **Nelson's County**
Market Parking Lot - -

662 N. 4th Street, Tomahawk WI



Stay Tuned for upcoming Events:

Brat Fry— August 4-5th
Rummage Sale — to be announced



Thank you to *Ann Stoeckmann* and the kids from the *After the Bell Program* in Merrill for making these beautiful blankets for us. Y'all are amazing and We LOVE you!!

Our Volunteers
are Awesome!
Thank you *Jeff* for
helping color *Easter*
Eggs with the
children.

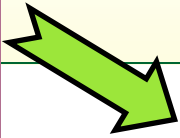


Meetings, Classes and Needs

PR & Fund Raising Meeting: May 1st and May 15th — 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm
Our Sisters' House conference room

Board Meeting: (closed) May 9th — 7:30 pm
Corpus Christi Center

Volunteer Meeting: June 13th — 6:30 pm, Corpus Christi Center



Volunteer Corner

We will be hosting our next Volunteer Meeting on **June 13th at 6:30pm.**

Our guest speaker for this meeting will be **Betty McCluskey**. Betty is an Outpatient Psychotherapist at the *Psychological Resource Center* in Tomahawk. This is primarily a question and answer session on **“How Homelessness affects People.”**

All volunteers and staff are encouraged to attend.

If anyone is interested in volunteering, please attend as well.

Affordable Housing Needed

The scarcity of affordable housing is one of the root causes of homelessness. The Joint Center for Housing Studies of Harvard University reports that 71% of extremely low-income renters spend over half of their income on housing, a huge cost burden that squeezes out money for other items in the household budget. Meanwhile, rent subsidies are only available to 24% of households who are eligible to receive them. Families cope with excessive housing costs by overcrowding, “doubling up,” and choosing between their basic necessities. For households on the brink of homelessness, almost any financial setback can be enough to result in the loss of housing. High rents and the lack of available subsidies are also the main hurdles in solving homelessness for many people who are currently in the shelter system.

Given these harsh realities, it is nearly impossible to envision a pathway to end homelessness without significant expansion of rental assistance. Based on research, nearly 9 million low-income households are in critical need of help with their housing costs.

Yet current programs assist less than a third of this total number.

What can you do to help us help our residence find affordable permanent housing?

If you or someone you know owns apartments in the area with affordable rent, please make a phone call to Tina at 715-224-3520 and ask to be placed on our data base for potential apartments. If you are a landlord and have an open apartment, consider calling us first and letting us know about it. We may have a resident ready to move into a place of their own or perhaps will team up together.

Loving Our Neighbors as Ourselves

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Wish List

- ◆ Tall Kitchen Garbage Bags
- ◆ Dishwasher Detergent
- ◆ Lysol Wipes
- ◆ Lysol Spray
- ◆ Bathroom Cleaner
- ◆ Grocery Cards
- ◆ Gas Cards
- ◆ Butter
- ◆ Milk
- ◆ Masking Tape
- ◆ Zip lock Bags (all sizes)
- ◆ Furniture Polish
- ◆ Rubber Gloves
- ◆ Sugar
- ◆ Scotch Bright Pads

We always need Volunteers!



Donations should be mailed to:

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Or you can donate online through
PayPal and AmazonSmile

