

The Well: Where Hope Begins

A Fundraising Campaign to Establish
a Christ-centered Women and
Children's Shelter



70%

of homeless women
report physical abuse



38%

of domestic violence victims
experience homelessness



25%

of homeless children
witness violence

*The Safe Alliance

The Challenge

Homelessness in America has reached unprecedented levels. Here in Iowa, recent surveys show that around 2,650 individuals experience homelessness on any given night ... and 58 percent are women and children.

In Fort Dodge and surrounding communities, the increasing needs of mothers and their children are evident. Many of these traumatized women and families can be seen on our streets, while others are hidden, sleeping on friends' couches, or choosing to tolerate abusive relationships or other dangerous situations.

Daily, they face the trauma of homelessness, hunger, addiction, mental health challenges and hopelessness.

Our Response

Doing nothing is not an option!

For years, Beacon of Hope Ministries has collaborated with other compassionate agencies throughout Fort Dodge and the surrounding area to bring emergency relief and restorative programs to men experiencing homelessness. Now we are ready to create a safe refuge where women and children can find basics like shelter and food, as well as hope, purpose, and restoration.

With the blessing of our social service partners, the leadership of Beacon of Hope Ministries has initiated a fundraising campaign to raise \$5.2 million to establish The Well: a Christ-centered Women and Children's Shelter.



The Well will provide 24 living units for up to 72 women and children experiencing homelessness. The shelter's design will offer a safe refuge while nurturing hope through the love of Christ and offering programs that guide them toward a better future.

“ We have worked with Beacon of Hope professionally for over 12 years and they are a consistent positive force in our community. Other organizations have come and gone, but Beacon of Hope continues to reach out and help homeless men in the community. Now, they are expanding to come alongside the growing number of homeless women as well. They are consistently looking forward and learning how to be more effective in their mission. ”

David L. Bowser, CPA
Bowser and Richman LLP

Our Challenge to You

To provide the level of quality, care and programming these families will need, Beacon of Hope Ministries needs our community's support in the following ways:

Give Financially

- Cash donations
- Single- and multi-year pledges
- Planned gifts such as stock or DAFs
- Church and corporate contributions
- Grant contributions
- Non-cash contributions

Other Critical Ways to Give

- Volunteer your time as member of our Campaign Leadership Team
- Pray for the campaign's success and for the women and children waiting for our help
- Organize a shower or drive for furnishings, small appliances, linen and other items
- Advocate by telling your church, company, civic leaders and others about the need

Won't You Join Us?

We believe transformed lives are possible through the love of Christ. And we believe that, as a united community, we can act out of Christ's love to bring Hope, Help and Healing to the growing numbers of vulnerable women and children in and around Fort Dodge.



To learn more about our fundraising campaign to establish The Well, contact Executive Director Brian Bidleman at beaconofhopebrian@gmail.com or (515) 571-5199.