



Your support has allowed Lazarus House to **grow!**

Lazarus House has been both the last line of defense and the first ray of hope for hundreds of thousands of people. Though the years have brought challenges, our doors have consistently remained open because of the one constant - YOU.



1983

A five-bedroom shelter named Lazarus House opens on Holly Street and an advocacy program begins. The shelter opened with five beds. Today, there are 42.



1984

The Good Shepherd Thrift Store, the first of three thrift stores to open, offers the community the dignity of shopping for clothes and household goods.



1986

The Good Shepherd Soup Kitchen begins serving breakfast and lunch. The original soup kitchen had four card tables and fed 60-70 people a day. Now, there are nine banquet-style tables and we feed 250 people per day.



1987

The St. Martha's Food Pantry begins distributing groceries to the community from the shelter driveway.



1993

Two homes, one for individuals and one for families, open to assist homeless people living with HIV/AIDS.



1998

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) classes begin, along with our Spark* L.E. Cleaning company to offer work preparation.



2007

The transitional housing program at Capernaum Place opens, a 20-unit apartment building where families and individuals can live safely while saving money.

2010

The St. Martha's Food Pantry opens on Hampshire Street, restoring dignity by allowing guests a true grocery-store experience. Today, more than 800 families receive groceries each week.



2011

The first Culinary Program's trainees graduate and are hired full-time with benefits at the restaurants where they interned.



2013

Our first-ever capital campaign surpasses our goal of \$5 million to better serve the increasing number of people coming to us in need. Funding is directed to the Lazarus House Emergency Shelter for critical repairs and improvements.



2015

Ishah House, a nine-bedroom Victorian home, opens as a three-year transitional program for single, at-risk, and homeless women.



2018

Lazarus House celebrates its 35th anniversary. Plans for a new Life Skills Center are underway. This program expansion will allow us to offer additional work preparation tracks and further our educational programming.



2019

Longtime Lazarus House Executive Director Bridget Shaheen retires, leaving behind a legacy of love. Jeff Hassel is welcomed as new Executive Director. Project Bethlehem finds a new home at St. Nicholas Residence.

