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SHALOM CENTER
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RAPID RE-HOUSING
CRAWFORD HOMES

OUR MISSION

Beacon, Inc. is dedicated to aiding and empowering individuals experiencing extreme poverty, especially hunger and homelessness.

OUR VISION

Beacon envisions a community that honors every person's fundamental right to sustenance, a safe home, quality health care, and meaningful work. We see ourselves as a key leader in providing the full range of support and services for people dealing with poverty and homelessness in South Central Indiana.

OUR VALUES

HOSPITALITY: We extend community beyond the margins to include those unserved by society and invite all people into our safe and welcoming space.

DIGNITY: We value the worth and dignity of every person, treating all with compassion and respect.

EMPOWERMENT: We increase the economic and social strength of those we serve and support people to make choices that improve the quality of their lives.

HOPE: We believe in the possibility each person possesses to create a sustainable, healthy and happy life and nurture that hope in all people.

From Our Executive Director

**“There is some good in
this world, and it’s
worth fighting for.”
- JRR Tolkien**



Beacon can feel like a hospital emergency room. Our many programs meet people in their worst moments – when they are struggling with the loss of a home, when they are fleeing a violent abuser, when a substance has captured their bodies, when their minds have driven them to despair, when they are a helpless child, terrified of another loss.

We so often encounter the worst of this world. Hope is but a whisper.

In those deeply, troubling moments, you make it possible for us to stand in the good. Thanks to you, Beacon shines a light.

This gentle manual is a testament to your impact on the good. It’s important you know the positive impact you make on those with some of the greatest challenges life has to offer. Why? Because there is good in this world and it’s worth fighting for.

Thank you for being part of the good!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Forrest". The signature is stylized with a long horizontal stroke above the letters.

Rev. Forrest Gilmore, Executive Director
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Why We Do It: A Beacon Success Story

“I’ll say this, If you’re trying to get on your feet, It’s the place to go...I just needed to get back on my feet” - Shawn



Shawn's journey is a powerful reminder of how quickly adversity can reshape lives and the profound impact your support has to those seeking a helping hand. This spring, her life took an unexpected turn when she faced homelessness with her three grandchildren, whom she cares for alone.

In March 2024, nearing the end of their lease, they discovered that paperwork had fallen through the cracks due to recent property management changes, preventing them from renewing. With nowhere to go, they sought temporary refuge in a local hotel, but high rates quickly depleted their funds.

Shawn found a temporary shelter and then entered Beacon's Rapid Rehousing program, where the path to finding home again began to take shape. Through the Rapid Rehousing program, Shawn was able to secure essential household items, assistance with utilities, and a security deposit.

By May, thanks to this assistance, Shawn and her grandchildren moved into their new home, reclaiming stability. As Shawn nears her 60th birthday, she looks forward to nurturing her family and embracing this new chapter with gratitude.

Your support makes stories like Shawn's possible. Through Beacon's programs, individuals and families receive critical support to regain stability in times of crisis. Thank you for being a crucial part of our mission to provide hope, hospitality, dignity, and empowerment to those in need.

Voices of Support



“[Beacon] gave me some sense of hope that it could and was gonna get better.” - Amber

“There's a lot of people that probably feel that way about this place, because without it, where would you go? What would you do?”- Phillip

“Beacon has reached they hands out and helps people. This is like a lighthouse, that’s what a Beacon is.” - Dominic



“[Beacon] has welcomed me with open arms.” - Tina

“[Without Beacon] I doubt I would be sitting right here right now.” – JR



“To be able to have something like Beacon around...it's an amazing organization, and they help so many people. And that's why I got into this- because of all the help I was given and knowing that I was going to be able to help people out as well.” - Shane



THE BIG THREE

In 2023, thanks to
you, Beacon...



53,437
served meals



provided 14,523
nights of shelter



housed 549
people

2023 By The Numbers

Shalom Center

Hunger Relief & Life Essentials

- 53,437 meals
- 5,174 showers
- 89 IDs
- 6,186 bus tickets

Case Management

- 1,531 casework counseling sessions
- 231 households helped with rent or utilities
- 25 people helped with prescriptions
- 32 people without homes reunited with out-of-town families

Our Other Programs

Friend's Place

- Sheltered 231 people
- Provided 14,523 nights of shelter

Street Outreach

- 53 people served

Rapid Re-Housing & Homeless Prevention

- Housed 105 people formerly experiencing homelessness, including 75 people in families (40 children)

Crawford Homes Permanent Supportive Housing

- Provided homes for 134 people formerly experiencing chronic homelessness due to disabilities

Beacon's Financial Supporters

We are very grateful to all of you who have offered generous financial support to help our most vulnerable neighbors

\$5,000+

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*Thank you to our 364 volunteers who gave a total of 8,413 hours in 2023. The monetary value of their volunteer time is **\$253,736!** A special thank you to these volunteers who gave 50+ and 100+ hours of service in 2023*

Volunteers with 100+ hours of service

Lauren Bryant	Travis Hendrickson	Tom Meador
Claudio Buchwald	Sandy Imanse	Jacob Swing
Hadley Faith	Josie McQuillan	William Wehner

Volunteers with 50+ hours of service

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Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority	United Way of South Central Indiana
Indiana University Health Foundation	United Way Worldwide
Monroe County Council & Commissioners	US Department of Housing & Urban Development
	Van Buren Township Trustee

2023 Revenue & Expense Summary

Revenue

Government:	\$2,148,227
Individuals, Businesses, Organizations:	\$736,302
Faith Communities:	\$19,290
Private Grants:	\$30,793
Other:	\$56,498
Total:	\$2,991,110

Expenses

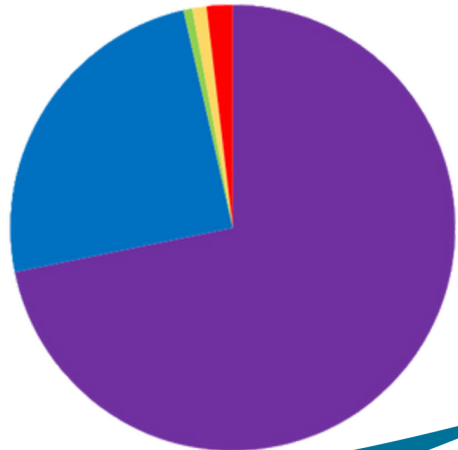
Personnel:	\$1,361,449
Administrative:	\$38,408
Facility & Utilities:	\$116,929
Fundraising:	\$62,318
Misc Expenses:	\$40,566
Housing & Client Support:	\$1,361,568
Total:	\$2,981,238

**Numbers unaudited*



- Personnel
- Administrative
- Facility & Utilities
- Fundraising
- Misc Expenses
- Housing & Client Support

- Government
- Individuals, Businesses, Organizations
- Faith Communities
- Private Grants
- Other



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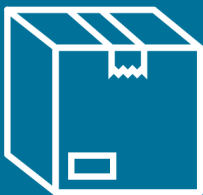
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