



SHALOM CENTER  
 PHIL'S KITCHEN  
 FRIEND'S PLACE  
 STREET OUTREACH  
 RAPID RE-HOUSING  
 CRAWFORD HOMES

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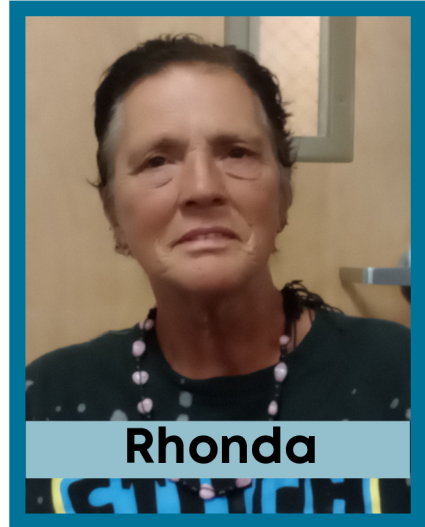
Aiding and empowering people experiencing extreme poverty, especially hunger and homelessness

## Your Support Inspires Resilience

When you're homeless, it can feel like everyone is looking down on you, like you have nowhere to turn. Sometimes, all it takes is finding the right people to support you during a time of need. When you donate to Beacon, you give people like Rhonda a reason to keep going.

**“Beacon is a family,” Rhonda said, “If it weren’t for you guys, I would be dead.”**

Rhonda has been a client at Beacon for over 8 months now. She left an abusive housing situation and had nowhere to go. Her fiancé passed away 7 years ago, and she was struggling to find a reason to live. After having 4 strokes, 2 heart attacks, and a quadruple bypass surgery, Rhonda was referred to Beacon for help.



**Rhonda**

**“It’s just become a family now,” Rhonda says about the Shalom Center and Friend’s Place. “They’re there for me when I need something.”**

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**Rev. Forrest Gilmore,  
 Executive Director**

## The Next 25 Years

As of January 24, 2025, Beacon is a quarter century old!!!

I am as excited as I’ve ever been about Beacon. A quarter century in, your impact through your support of Beacon has never been greater!

There are so many indicators of the work we accomplish together, so many services that never get measured, but I use something I call the Big Three (meals, shelter, housing) to mark so much of what we all do. In 25 years, your support has helped us serve over 1,520,493 meals.

In 25 years, or more technically, dating back to 2016 when we opened Friend’s Place, your support has provided at least 130,386 nights of shelter. And if we had the data for days of shelter, it would be in the millions.

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With her current condition, Rhonda requires certain accommodations for mobility and clothing. Rhonda says everyone at Beacon makes sure she has what she needs and that **“everything has been taken care of.”** From helping her put her earrings in to making sure she has water and coffee to drink, Beacon has supported her every step of the way. **“I appreciate the little things so much more now.”** She currently stays at Friend’s Place and visits the Shalom Center almost every day.

Rhonda dreams of giving back to Beacon and is grateful to all those who are able to give, whether it is monetary or with time. **“You guys made me want to live.”** She says the new Beacon Center is wonderful and will give even more clients a chance to receive support and accommodations. With your kind support, Beacon is able to give people like Rhonda a new life with something to look forward to every day.

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And perhaps most importantly, in 25 years, your support has housed or prevented homelessness for more than 14,329 children and adults.

That’s incredible, my friends. And... we are just getting started!!

The new Beacon Center is the beginning of our next phase, not the end. It is our launching pad. It is our trampoline. It is our bouncy house into the future!! And what an exciting bouncy house it will be!!

The 45,000 square foot multi-service center will be located at 1201 W Third St, just south of Rose Hill Cemetery, right near the landmark everyone knows, Cresent Donuts.

The Center will feature 25 new apartments, 50 shelter beds with options for many more severe weather beds as needed, and fulfilling a long-term dream in our community, a day center where services co-locate together to work for common cause, including HealthNet, Centerstone, and the Bloomington Downtown Police Officers and Social Workers. The Center will also feature an employment center, a multi-faith chapel, a family room, a day sleep room, a dog kennel, a classroom, and a training kitchen.

All of this will serve to build on Beacon’s foundational premise to be solutions-driven - not just a bed but a home, not just a meal but a job, not just a place to survive but thrive, a home base for a home run.

Beacon’s next move into the future will be to not just care for the body, but the mind, and the heart, and the soul... a guest can ask not just how do I live, but why... a place of protection and purpose... of bread and meaning.

I wholeheartedly invite you to join us for the ride.



# Celebrating 25 Years - Beacon's History

**2000**

We began as the **Shalom Community Center** 25 years ago in the First United Methodist Church, offering a warm, safe space during the day

Expanded food services, serving breakfast and lunch

**2002**

Secured 501(c)(3) nonprofit status

**2003**

Purchased 620 S Walnut property for a day shelter

**2010**

Opened **Crawford Homes**, providing permanent, supportive housing to 40 chronically homeless individuals with disabilities

**2013**

**2014**

Started **Rapid Re-Housing** and **Street Outreach** programs

Assumed management of Martha's House – now called **Friend's Place**

**2016**

**2020**

Changed organizational name to **Beacon, Inc.** to better reflect breadth of services

Acquired 1201 W 3rd St property with plans to build a 45,000 square foot, two story housing and service center - the new **Beacon Center**

**2024**

## A Quarter Century of Impact Through 25 years, Beacon..



**served 1,520,493 meals**



**provided 130,386 nights of shelter**



**housed or prevented homelessness for 14,329 people**

# You Make a Difference

**WE MADE IT!** - Thank you for helping us reach our \$10,000 match to wrap up 2024! Your support makes a brighter new year for so many people in our community experiencing homelessness and hunger. **Thank you for being a beacon to our neighbors and helping us make 2025 a year of hope!**



**\$10** a month provides 60 hot, nutritious meals for people experiencing food insecurity



**\$50** a month pays the security deposit for a family moving into a new home



**\$25** a month shelters a person facing homelessness for nearly three weeks



**\$100** a month covers a month of rent and supportive services for a person experiencing chronic homelessness due to a disability

## *Beacon, Inc. - Solutions for People in Poverty*

Sign up for a monthly gift at [beaconinc.org](http://beaconinc.org) mail a check to:  
**Beacon Inc, PO Box 451, Bloomington, IN 47402**

### Coming Soon:

**Hunger Relief Campaign**  
February and March 2025

**7th Annual Solidarity Sleepout**  
June 2025

**NAP Credits Become Available**  
July or August 2025

**Supporter Celebration**  
July 2025

**Homeless Memorial Vigil**  
September 2025

**Beacon's Halloween Bash**  
October 30, 2025

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