



A Home at Last for Our Single Sisters: The 1-Year Anniversary of Our Irish Blessing

Perhaps the Luck of the Irish really was shining favorably upon us. Or possibly St. Patrick himself had whispered into God's ear that yes, this house was the perfect gift on his special day. For it was on Tuesday, March 17, 2020, we informed building owner Jack Morris, representing his law firm partners, that we had secured funding to purchase 3505 Lake Avenue. We are profoundly grateful to John and Judy Brehob for their role in bringing our vision to fruition.

That glorious day capped the long, arduous search launched by our perseverant founding board members in 2015. The ethical dilemma of how to provide safe, warm shelter for single homeless women during our bitterly-cold winters has actually been debated for decades, as evinced in recently discovered notes from Winter Contingency (WC) meetings convened in the year 2000. We thank all of you in our community who would not rest until this issue was resolved.

Today, we are elated to see the phenomenal progress of our shelter's transformation under the masterful direction of CME Corporation. We invite you to follow us on social media for the latest updates—and to contact [Executive Director Lisa Fabian](#) for a tour, Friday-Sunday. With you alongside us, we will welcome our single sisters home knowing—just as the Irish Blessing wishes—God will indeed hold them in the palm of His hand.

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Faith and Begorrah: Historical Numbers for SJM

During our renovations, we are honored to serve single women through the WC's Overnight and Daytime Shelters, funded by the City of Fort Wayne's OHNS, with Just Neighbors Interfaith Homeless Network (JN) as our partner. Our collaboration has yielded impressive numbers as of March 9:

- 76 individual women sought refuge.
- 954 nights of safe, warm slumber were provided.
- 4 guests moved into an apartment.
- 4 guests have been reunited with family members.
- 4 guests qualified for services offered by other shelters.





Jennifer n designs features beautiful handmade jewelry. The talented owner toured our shelter home with other members of the Fort Wayne Medical Society Alliance in January. Profoundly moved by the stories of our single homeless sisters, Jennifer donated 50 lovely bracelets, each with an inspirational message to provide its special recipient with: "a gift of hope; a reminder she is worthy and cared for; and simply something pretty she can call her own."

As we presented each guest with the message selected especially for her, her shelter friends applauded! One guest (lower right) even shared, "'Worthy' is a message I needed to hear today. Please make sure that lady knows."

Hurry: Just A Wee Bit o' Luck Left



You're in luck! You have until March 21 to order your commemorative engraved bricks! They will create a Path to Hope leading from the back of our shelter to our beautiful raised box gardens.

Perhaps it is an Irish pound or a pot o' gold ye wish to pledge. We have several additional ways you can support our shelter guests. Just click below. May the blessings of St. Patrick behold you!

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