

GRATITUDE REPORT

Dear **PARTNERS**,

*You may not have seen the mom and her two children sleeping by the dumpster behind a school. You may not have seen the man using an abandoned garage for shelter. You may not have seen the women escaping violent relationships. But **YOU** helped many trapped in these desperate, hopeless crises find refuge and care. We were overwhelmed with over 800 emergencies homeless and near homeless cases. Without you, many would not have escaped OR survived the unsafe and unstable circumstances that impacted their lives. Thank you for caring and investing in YOUR “invisible” neighbors!*

SHE’S ALIVE BECAUSE YOU CARED!



“When I came to Grace Beyond Borders, I was in a very depressed state. It started with my apartment building being sold, and new owners wanted everybody out. I’m 72 years old, retired, low income, and now homeless. It was impossible to find rent that I could afford. One afternoon, I walked by a church and met the pastor, Apostle Kelly. I told him my story, and he took me to Grace Beyond Borders, a safe place for homeless women and moms with children. The first days were a daze. But I was safe in a clean place, fed, with a caring, friendly staff. The women who came here, all had their own different problems and needed Grace Beyond Borders. They helped me rebuild my self-confidence and my spirit. Ms. Brandi guided us all to take steps to find resources. Ms. Terri counseled us spiritually through learning God through the bible Mr. Martin provided shelter, food, clothing, and dignity. Yes, depression leads to suicide, but no-one wants to hear it until it becomes a crisis. Thank you. I got here and helped myself with Grace Beyond Borders’ guidelines to continue my journey. I would be proud to be a part of this organization with these gifted people Judith



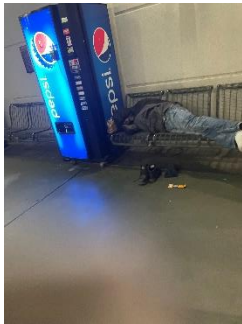
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Provided emergency, personal hygiene, clothing, winter wear, resources, and housing solutions.

793 individuals and families; 1,306 acts of service

CLIENTS SERVED FROM:

Crown Point, Dyer, East Chicago, Gary, Griffith, Hammond, Highland, Hobart, Lake Station, Merrillville, Munster, Portage, St. John, Valparaiso, and Greater Chicagoland



CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES – HOMELESS EMERGENCIES

One-on-One assessment, evaluations, goals, and connection to emergency resources

Northwest Indiana – 11 Cities
140 – Homeless cases

Porter County, Indiana – 3 Cities
5 – Homeless cases

Illinois and Out of State
10 – Homeless cases

I am a SURVIVOR!

"I was with my kids' father for 11 years. I met him when I was 16 years old. I did not expect to be physically beaten by him for the littlest reasons that he thought justified it. Now when I say beat, I mean anywhere from getting smacked across the face, punched so hard my nose was broken, damaged nerve in a tooth. several blackeyes, fractured ribs from being kicked, strangled, fingers fractured, and hit with various objects. And worst of all, my children witnessed these things. I stayed with my kids' father because with me not knowing the available resources to escape. Whenever I tried to leave, he would hunt me down and began the abuse again. I filed police reports and had restraining orders, but after jail time, he would return and continue assaulting me. I tried escaping to my grandparents' home, but that was not a safe place. My uncle lived in their home. He would get intoxicated and start fights with me for any reason that he felt justified. Also, my daughters and son were not safe there. I had to find help. I reached out to Grace Beyond Borders and asked for help. They responded right away and transported me and my children to a place of safety. If it wasn't for Grace Beyond Borders, I would not have been in a safe place to write and tell my SURVIVOR STORY! Thank you! Grace Beyond Borders!.

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HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ Our final #'s are in for GBBNWI's 10th anniversary celebration. We reached our goal to raise \$100,000! Heartfelt thanks to our **10th ANNIVERSARY DONORS:**

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- ❖ **GBBNWI receives a huge boost to close staffing gaps with major donor gifts from**
 - Powers and Sons Corporation, Inc., Gary, IN.
 - John Will Anderson Foundation
 - First Fruits/Minko Family
- ❖ **Foundations of East Chicago** awarded a \$10,000 - 2025 grant to GBBNWI to offset key general operating expenses for our Women and Children Mission and Outreach Programs.
- ❖ **A 2024 Program Grant Award from the Foundations of East Chicago** funded programs and services for our Women and Children Mission, Outreach Program, Life Skills Training, and Emergency Services.
- ❖ **A major gift donation from National Christian Foundation/ /VanDrunen Family** provided three years of support for our Women and Children Mission, which helped homeless single women and single moms and their children.
- ❖ **A grant from The Novak Family Foundation** enhanced safety with funds needed for security cameras at our Women and Children Mission Center.
- ❖ **Highland, IN Police Dept.** donated seven (7) computers and keyboards with mouse(s). Additionally, new monitors were purchased with a donation from retired Police Chief Jerry Kodyker.
- ❖ **Family Christian Center (Pastor Steve Munsey)** continued to support GBBNWI outreach work to the homeless population in the NWI communities.
- ❖ **International Christian Ministries (Ruth Munsey)** continued support, providing emergency resources for our outreach program and Women/Children Mission.
- ❖ For the 5th year, **Faith Church – Highland, IN** provided sponsorship for eight staff and volunteers' registration to enhance their leadership skills, and hear success stories at the Annual Global Leadership Summit held August 5-6, 2024,

- ❖ The **4th—6th Grades Student Council of Harrison School in East Chicago, IN**, selected GBBNWI for their community service project. They packaged 300 personal care/hygiene packs for distribution to their homeless community.
- ❖ **Franciscan Health of Dyer and Munster** donated one hundred and two (102) winter coats for clients and participants of GBBNWII. Additional donations received included hoodies, undershirts, and cases of water.
- ❖ **Two hundred and fifty-seven (257) adults and children had a Wonderful Thanksgiving**, thanks to the generous donations of food to GBBNWI from:
 - **Creative Carpet and Flooring's (Highland, IN)** Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive.
 - **Spirit of Life for the Homeless – Faith-Based Church** donation of 400 lbs. of chicken quarters)
 - **The People's Turkey Drive (Weto F.)** gift cards (turkeys) and food.
- ❖ **More Compassionate Care Reaches Homeless Neighbors**



DONORS:

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"I COULD NOT HELP MYSELF"

My story not only begins with being homeless, but homeless with seizures. One night, I was walking down Chicago Avenue. The next thing that I remember is waking up in a hospital bed. Someone had found me lying on the street. I had another seizure. The seizures were coming on a regular basis which increased my stress. I never knew when and where I would end up on the floor or ground. I had nowhere to go. I ran out of help from family and friends. At night I slept by a dumpster near a fast-food store. I was cold and wet from the rain. When I woke up, I was in the hospital again! A fast-food worker had found me lying, unresponsive, by the dumpster. After I was discharged from the hospital, Mr. Martin, Grace Beyond Borders came up to me. He offered me a meal and asked me where I had slept last night. When I told him that I slept outdoors by a dumpster. He said that was not to happen again. He had me check into Women Center where I found a warm and safe bed. I'm having less seizures now! *Rachel*