



Sheboygan County Interfaith Organization

Bulletin Bites

December 2020

1. Farmers Market gift certificates make great stocking stuffers in any amount! You can also buy SCIO Farmers Market t-shirts for only \$5. Call the market office for more information, 920.457.7272 x.111.
2. Bridgeway Updates: Our family of 5 continues to adjust to virtual schooling and mom working full time. Staff has stepped in to assist the children in making sure they are online and present when they need to be in class. Mom continues to attend counseling weekly and work with the case manager on a budget. The kids are enjoying participating in the "kindness challenge"! They really enjoy coming up with ways to share kindness with others.

Another mom and her 2 year old daughter continue to thrive in the Bridgeway program. Mom continues to participate in the W2 program, birth to 3, weekly counseling and is still getting much needed dental work done. One of her biggest dreams has been to go back to college. Last week, she was accepted at Lakeland University. She is so incredibly excited to start classes and work toward a degree in Psychology. She also is extremely proud of her sobriety. She admitted she never thought she could "live life, on life's terms" until she felt the love, support, and encouragement from Bridgeway staff.

Outreach/Aftercare-In addition to the residential families at Bridgeway, our case manager has worked with an additional 14 families in outreach/aftercare within the past month. We are experiencing an increase in the number of families who are homeless and working through barriers such as mental health issues and active addictions.

3. Bridgeway could use the following items: Box noodles, baking soda, vinegar, corn syrup, and cornstarch. Additional needs can be shared by contacting our program manager at ashleigh@sheboygancountyinterfaith.org.
4. As we come to the end of a really difficult year, please remember SCIO in your giving plans. The needs of our community have never been greater, and our revenue is down from lost fundraising events and churches not gathering. Donations can be made through PayPal at <https://www.sheboygancountyinterfaith.org/ways-to-give/> or checks mailed to PO Box 73, Sheboygan WI 53082. We look forward to a season of restored hope and celebration!