

## **Historical Information About The Shalom Center**

The Interfaith Network began in 1982 as an outgrowth of discussions of human concerns issues by persons involved in the annual CROP Walk for Hunger. The Soup Kitchen was the first project of the Interfaith Network. A daily meal program, the soup kitchen has been in existence since 1983 serving out of the CYC and Grace Lutheran Church. In 1985 the former Deming School was purchased from the Kenosha Unified School District and renamed the Shalom Center. The Soup Kitchen opened at this site in 1986. In 1990 the second floor of the Shalom Center was renovated and turned into an Emergency Family Shelter. That same year also saw the inclusion of the Children's Classroom and the Nursing Center. In 1991 services expanded and the Interfaith Network Nightly Shelter program (INNS) began. Since that time we have added the Shalom Center Food Pantry located at 8043 Sheridan Road.

Thanks to the overwhelming support of individuals, groups, and organizations of the greater Kenosha community, we have been able to move into our new location at 4314 39th Avenue. This larger building has allowed us to bring all of our shelters under one roof and provide full beds to our clients in place of sleeping mats.