



WELCOMING THOSE IN
NEED EVERY NIGHT.

CLAY STREET EMERGENCY SHELTER



After more than 15 years without a permanent shelter, Lancaster City finally has a place for its most vulnerable neighbors to turn every night, all year long. Opened December 30, 2024, the Clay Street Emergency Shelter (CSES) offers 85 beds, a warm welcome, and no barriers to entry. Hosted in the lower level of the Otterbein United Methodist Church and operated by the YMCA of the Roses, CSES is more than a shelter, it's safety.

CSES has served over 750 guests since its first night in operation.

WHO WE SERVE*

- **Our neighbors.** 86% last reported a Lancaster County address.
- **Our most vulnerable.** 70% have no income. 50% have a disabling condition.
- **Our elders and those who served.** 27% are over the age of 55. On average, 3% are US Veterans.
- **Our progress.** 75% of guests stay less than 60 days.



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*May 2026 data.

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SOMEONE A SAFE PLACE
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HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Every person who walks through the doors of the Clay Street Emergency Shelter is seeking more than a place to stay. They are seeking stability, dignity, and an opportunity to move forward.

Your gift helps fund the daily operations that make transformation possible, from case management and housing navigation to showers and overnight support. Join us in creating a road to home.

- One night stay for a single guest..... \$30
- One guest for 7 days \$200
- One guest for 30 days \$850
- One guest for 75 days \$2150
- One night of operations \$2,250



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