

## Donate Goods to Change Lives

When you donate items to the Faith Mission Thrift Store, you're helping change lives by supporting a wide array of services that help restore individuals and families.

You're also providing our guests with clothing and other essential items and promoting valuable work experience for men and women.

So, if you're doing some spring-cleaning and need to unload some gently used furniture, appliances, clothing, books, and household items, bring them to the Thrift Store!

**Where:** 335 LaSalle Street, off Benham Avenue (next to the Dollar General)

**When:** Mon, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.;  
Tues-Fri, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Sat, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
(Closed Sunday)

For larger donations, please call (574) 522-0477 to schedule a pickup.

**Thank you!**

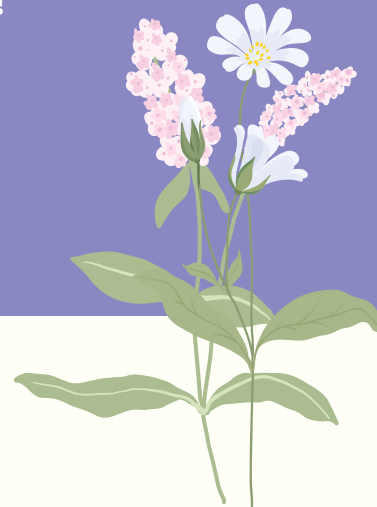


## Calling all summer volunteers!

Summer is a busy season at Faith Mission, as the soaring temperatures bring more people through our doors.

Individual volunteers and groups are all invited to help us care for our guests this season. Opportunities include everything from serving meals to sorting donations to landscaping and grounds maintenance.

**For more information, please contact Vera Swihart at (574) 293-3406, ext. 103 or at Vera@theFaithMission.org. We hope to see you soon!**



# Faith IN Action



**“I didn't know where else to go.”**

Nachelle and her children were among the first to move into the Mission's new Graber House.

Having become homeless when the aunt they were living with died, the family moved from shelter to shelter until your generosity helped provide them with comfort and stability here at the Mission's Graber House.

**Learn how Nachelle's family has gained a new lease on life...**



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**Match my gift to DOUBLE the amount of help.**

- ☐ \$25.48 for **13 meals and care**
- ☐ \$50.96 for **26 meals and care**
- ☐ \$76.44 for **39 meals and care**
- ☐ \$\_\_\_\_\_ to help as many people as possible

**DONATE FASTER ONLINE:**  
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## Just for you...

- Two Challenges and an Opportunity!
- “Without this place I'd be lost.”
- Double Your Impact
- Donate Goods to Change Lives

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NOTES FROM THE CEO  
MIKE PEREZ

## Two Challenges and an Opportunity!

When people first come through our doors, they often don't know much about us. They only know that the Mission can help with basic needs like food and shelter.

But once they are fed and sheltered, your support helps introduce them to long-term recovery programs, our Graber House for families, our Tiny Homes, and much more. Your support also helps provide them with spiritual nourishment, including Bible study and discipleship.

I mention this because as we approach the summer months and prepare to serve more neighbors, we're facing some big challenges. For starters, we'll need to be ready to provide over 15,000 meals, safe shelter for over 200 people each night, and a host of other life-changing services.

Moreover, rising costs have provided an additional challenge for us as we care for our guests.

The good news is that we have been provided with a special opportunity! A generous donor has given Faith Mission \$20,000, with a challenge to partners like you to help raise an additional \$20,000.

That means your gift today will have twice the impact on feeding, sheltering and caring for our hungry, homeless neighbors.

I hope you'll help us take advantage of this opportunity to help change more lives this summer. A gift of any size will make a huge difference.

Thank you so much for your prayers and generosity and, as always, let us know how we can pray for you. God bless you!

## “Without this place, I’d be lost.”

Having lived with and cared for an aunt who was diagnosed with leukemia, Nachele and her children were left homeless after the aunt passed away. At that point, the family moved from one shelter to another until your support provided them with safe, stable housing at Graber House.

“When I walked through the door, I didn’t realize how beautiful it would be and how much work people had put in for us families to have something so amazing.”

“It has been amazing, especially with everything my kids and I have been through. It’s helped me be able to go back to school. It’s helped my 18-year-old daughter finish school. She also just started a job. It’s helped her thrive more than anything you know, being out of the shelters and actually having a place to call home and being safe.”

“When you go through things in life you have a fight or flight mode, and kids have it too. So, I’ve really tried to reassure them that we don’t have to be like that anymore. We have a home. We’re safe.”

**“I wouldn’t want to be anywhere else.”**

Nachele has always believed in God. She was saved when her oldest daughter was born but then strayed. “I had a couple of bad relationships and those brought



me down. I lost everything and suffered from homelessness and addiction.”

“He has been back in my life 100 percent, and I talk to Him every single day,” she says. “I am glad this place is a Christian home. I wouldn’t want to be anywhere else.”

And to friends like you who help make Graber House possible through your support, Nachele says: **“God bless them. The donors are giving us this opportunity. This place gives me hope for my future. ‘Thank you’ is really not enough for what they do.”**



## \$20,000 Challenge Gift DOUBLES your impact!

An anonymous donor has given Faith Mission **\$20,000**, with a challenge to partners like you to help raise an additional **\$20,000**.

That means your gift today will have double the impact on people’s lives by providing immediate needs like nourishing meals and safe shelter, as well as life-changing services like recovery programs, counseling, work training and discipleship.

**\$20 doubles to \$40 to help provide meals and shelter.**

**\$50 becomes \$100 to help twice as many individuals and families.**

**\$100 doubles to provide \$200 worth of life-changing programs.**

Mail your gift today or donate online at **FaithMissionMichiana.org**. THANK YOU!

## Lives you touch every month:



More than 15,000 meals served to hungry men, women and children



Safe shelter for over 200 individuals each night, including low-barrier emergency shelter at our Tiny Shelters



Residential recovery programs that help men and women overcome substance abuse and personal trauma



Tiny Homes that help our recovery program graduates transition back into the community



Graber House that provides housing for homeless families



Bible study, prayer and discipleship



Counseling and education

Thank you for making everything possible through your partnership!