



Womanspace East, Inc.
Serving Families in Crisis

Donor Newsletter

Summer 2023

Donors make our shelter renovations possible

Thanks to recent grants and donations our shelter is getting a much-needed upgrade this summer. Currently work is underway replacing the windows in our main shelter building and to fully renovate the kitchen.

The windows are being replaced by our partners at Renewal by Anderson who are providing an exceptional discount to support our work. They will be fully installed before the cold weather comes and allow us to save money on utilities.

The kitchen at Womanspace East is the center of the community for families staying with us. In our kitchen they cook their daily meals, gather together to eat, and access free pantry items we have available.

The work includes new flooring, cabinets, appliances and the removal of a wall to create an open floorplan. For the first time, each resident will have a locked cupboard to store their own food and supplies.



"The kitchen is by far the most used room in the shelter," says Associate Director Danielle Hunt. "This new space is a huge improvement in the quality of life of the people staying with us and we are very grateful."

On behalf of the 26 families currently staying with us, thank you for being part of our community and showing up for our neighbors in need as a supporter of Womanspace East. You make this work possible.



Take a video
tour of the rest
of our facility.
scan with your
camera here!

Thank you to everyone who supported us during #OneDay this month! 20 donors helped us raise \$5,832 to support families facing homelessness in Allegheny County.



Get to know us



Board Chair, Judith Saunders

I began my service on the board in the late 1980's. At that time, the original charter served women and their children. Today, men and their children are eligible to be housed in our facility.

Under the leadership of our executive director and with her extremely capable staff, an environment of hope and the possibility for change for the better has always existed and from the very beginning of WSE was exhibited in the programs and initiatives provided for our residents.

We began only being able to house six individuals to grow into the magnificent program and facility it is today. We often hear the phrase "we stand on the shoulders of those who preceded us". The women who founded the organization had the foresight for what WSE is today. Whenever I recall this fact, I have extreme feelings of gratitude and admiration for our founders, one of whom I occasionally see today.

Programs for growth

Our Kindergarten through 8th grade summer program partnership with the Homeless Children's Fund supports ongoing learning for children staying with us even when school is closed.



In 2022, we provided shelter and services to 113 families, including 193 children.

The good you create

Wendy came to our shelter with her three children after leaving an abusive relationship. She had very few possessions with her as she started making a new life for her family.

Working closely with her case manager and her homeless support worker Wendy was able to register for school to start a career in phlebotomy. She secured a part-time job while she finishes school. All three of her kids worked hard and did well in school despite the challenging transition. After saving money and obtaining some assistance for her first month of rent Wendy was able to move her family into a three-bedroom apartment that is all their own.

