

HSHM AT A GLANCE

For nearly a century, Home Sweet Home Ministries has offered assistance to more than 100,000 individuals in times of need. Because we are committed to helping men, women, and families improve their quality of life, we continue to provide:

- Assistance 24 hours daily, 365 days a year
- 56,000 meals each year
- More than 130 beds, with 10 beds reserved for veterans
- Secure facilities 24 hours daily



“HSHM has given me hope of getting back together with my kids and family. I now see myself as a better person.”

☐—Daniel*, HSHM Resident



*Names changed to protect confidentiality.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Helping others succeed is a rewarding experience — why not start now? There are many ways you can offer practical assistance to those in need.

Volunteer time

HSHM relies on volunteers to keep its programs running smoothly. There are countless ways to help, including lending a hand in the kitchen, Receiving Center, or at the reception desk; leading a Bible study; teaching a class or tutoring students; helping with building maintenance; assisting with holiday activities; and other creative opportunities.

Donate food

Your donation will help feed children and adults at HSHM. We accept perishable and non-perishable items, such as canned/boxed goods, fresh produce, garden fruits and vegetables, or food left over from events. Food donations can be delivered at the south door of our 303 E. Oakland Avenue building.

Donate other items

Donate gently-used items to our Mission Mart at the Receiving Center, located in back of the Bloomington Mission Mart. Visit our website for current needs.

Contribute a financial gift

Annual or “anytime” contributions help keep our programs active, and are greatly appreciated. All gifts are tax-deductible.

Visit us on the web at www.hshministries.org or contact us by phone to learn more about our programs and services, and how you can be involved with HSHM.



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Home Sweet Home Ministries
Investing in Lives Since 1917



ABOUT HSHM

Home Sweet Home Ministries — impacting lives in Central Illinois

This vision began when William "Billy" Shelper founded Home Sweet Home City Rescue Mission in 1917. The original institution was housed in a 75-seat warehouse at 233 E. Front Street in downtown Bloomington. A slight name change and four locations later, Home Sweet Home Ministries (HSHM) now occupies multiple buildings in Central Illinois and offers a variety of services to homeless and poverty-stricken individuals and families. We continue to expand our programs to meet the needs of those who seek help.



Funding to support our programs is primarily community-driven, through individual and organizational donations. Numerous volunteers donate their time to help with meals, classes, and general day-to-day activities.

“Now that I am in Threshold, I see myself as a child of God. I have never been so happy in my life.”

☐ ☐—Vanessa*, Threshold Student

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RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

Temporary Services

Men, women, and families with children who temporarily stay at HSHM receive assistance with housing, employment, and financial independence. Additionally, residents may receive:*

- Shelter
- Daily meals
- Clothing
- Counseling
- Christian ministry

**Nonresidents may obtain daily meals and emergency food boxes as needed per distribution guidelines.*

Threshold Program

In January 2003, HSHM implemented a long-term residential program to help adults overcome chronic barriers to independence. Threshold is an education-oriented, faith-based program that lasts up to 24 months and targets the following areas:

- GED certification, college prep, or trade school
- Career planning
- Personal counseling
- Bible-based guidance and instruction
- Life-skills training
- Addiction recovery, EEG biofeedback



ADDITIONAL SERVICES



Youth support

HSHM supports children living in at-risk environments. We offer special assistance to children to help improve their academic experience and general well-being, including:

- Working with families to enroll children in school
- Tutoring students of all ages
- Providing school supplies
- Offering a secure, safe environment for learning and playing

Mission Mart stores

- Sell donated clothing, housewares, books, toys, appliances, and small furniture, and other items at below-thrift-store prices.

• Locations:

Bloomington 301 E. Oakland Ave. 309-828-1530	Clinton 104 East Side Sq. 217-935-1376	Lincoln 616 Broadway St. 217-732-8806
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Virtual Mart

- Sells donated items in excellent condition.
- Located on the Web at www.hshministries.org (click on *What We Do*, then *Mission Mart*)

