

Established in 1981

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Loaves and Fishes Ministries Mission



Loaves & Fishes Ministries provides short-term emergency and long-term transitional housing, advocacy and support services for homeless adults and children in a caring Christian environment. Our purpose is to serve, not convert, respecting each person's spiritual path, different though that may be from ours. All are welcome who are in need, regardless of race, gender, age, sexual orientation, religion, ethnicity, country of origin. If Loaves and Fishes Ministries cannot meet some one's needs, our staff refers them to a medical or social service agency that can.

"I was homeless, and you sheltered me, naked and you clothed me, hungry and you fed me.... As long as you did this for the least of my brethren, you did it for me." Loaves and Fishes Ministries was officially opened in April of 1982 to embody these words of Jesus and has always taken this call very seriously.

REAL FACTS

4,380

**Overnight Emergency Shelter
bed nights provided annually**

13,140

**Overnight Emergency Shelter
meals served annually**

2 additional

**Longer term 24/7 houses –
1 for single women with
children; 1 for single men**

365 days/yr.

**Professional Advocacy &
Support Services**

However, REAL FACTS are incomplete without acknowledging that it is generous people like YOU who have kept our Emergency Shelter and our Transitional Homes going and growing. If we have learned anything over these past many years, it is that we could never have even tried to meet the complex needs of homeless mothers, fathers, children, veterans and mentally ill without the generous support of our private and public donors.

The gratitude of our L&F guests is very REAL too! Nothing says it better than surprise notes from guests like this:

"I am writing this letter with tremendous gratitude for your full-time staff. Their kind and thoughtful demeanor met me from my initial telephone call to my final goodbye. I was so appreciative of the way they both went out of their way to make me feel comfortable. After my painful and ugly divorce, the last thing I was in need of was anyone making me feel lower. I got the exact opposite from them!"

"The facilities were immaculately clean, the volunteers clearly and properly trained in the ways of compassion and goodwill, and the food was surprisingly delicious. Although it may seem unlikely to find this kind of gem right here in Lansing, MI, it is absolutely true. I have never in my life had to stay in a shelter before, and like many of us, I was afraid and believed the stories I'd heard. But because of the unlikely safety, humanity, and professionalism I experienced at L&F – I am compelled to write this 'Thank You!' letter."

Please consider helping to sustain L&F by:

Making secure donations through our website at www.loavesandfisheslansing.org

Click on "Donate," then click the "Network for Good" button.



**HELP SHAPE THE
FUTURE BY
LEAVING A
LEGACY OF LOVE**

Plan now to share your bounty to help secure the future of our sisters and brothers experiencing homelessness in the Greater Lansing Area, by designating Loaves and Fishes Ministries as a recipient of a portion of your financial blessings in your Will or Trust.

OR...consider Legacy Giving (Next column)