

#### **Our Vision**

Our Vision is that all people who are homeless in Southern Worcester County will have a place to experience Christian hospitality and receive tools for self-sufficiency.

### **Our Mission**

Our Mission is to provide short-term sheltering and to support guests in achieving self-sufficiency.



Sheltering for Self-Sufficiency

# Partner with US!



Educate yourself about homelessness. Find resources on our website.

FriendsofStLukes.org



Your financial support will help us to equip our guests for self-sufficiency.



Volunteer—Learn how you can help. Visit **FriendsofStLukes.org** 



Support us in the community; encourage others to provide financial and in-kind support to St Luke's Guesthouse.



Connect with us – Like us on Facebook: StlukesGuesthouse



If you or someone you love is in need of shelter, please call us at: (774) 230-6416

# Friends of St. Luke's, Inc. St. Luke's Guesthouse

141 Main Street Southbridge, MA 01550

Phone: (774) 230-6416

 ${\it Email: StLukesGuesthouse@gmail.com}$ 

Website: FriendsofStlukes.org Facebook: StLukesGuesthouse

© 2024 Friends of St. Luke's, Inc.





# Sheltering for Self–Sufficiency

# ST. LUKE'S GUESTHOUSE

TEMPORARY SHELTER



"For I was a stranger and you welcomed me."



Sheltering for Self-Sufficiency



# Our Story

St. Luke's Guesthouse, located in Southbridge, is the only homeless shelter serving single men, women and families in Southern Worcester County. Previously, the space was the day center for Southbridge Interfaith Hospitality Network (a network of sheltering congregations).

The shelter began quietly as a private effort in 2013 and has remained at capacity. Frequently, it has been necessary to turn away men, women and children who are in great need.

Our goal is to increase our ability to help the homeless and to work toward the day that no one in our area is without shelter. Together we will help equip our guests at St. Luke's for self-sufficiency in Southbridge and the surrounding communities.

# Staying at the Guesthouse



The Guesthouse has 7 bedrooms and 12 beds to accommodate a combination of single and married family guests.



Rooms are fully furnished. Containers are provided for guests' personal belongings and clothing.



Guests are responsible for preparing their own food in the Guesthouse kitchens.

- Guests are expected to follow common sense house rules including staying drug and alcohol free.
- Guests meet regularly with a case manager for connection with appropriate resources for selfsufficiency.
- Monday through Friday from 9 am to 3 pm our guests are required to be out of the house, either working, looking for work, or otherwise contributing to the health of their family and the community. Our guests may remain in the house on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays for rest and personal time.



Sheltering for Self-Sufficiency

## **Finding Hope/Preventing Eviction**

Finding Hope/Preventing Eviction Program is an outreach of Friends of St. Luke's Inc. The program provides housing stabilization services necessary to prevent an individual from moving into an emergency shelter, the streets, or a place not meant for human habitation. Our main objective is to help individuals avoid eviction by identifying and addressing their needs.

## **Community Partners**

We partner with many organizations in the community to find the resources that our Guests may need.

## How You Can Help

St. Luke's Guesthouse depends on charitable donations for its support. We receive no government funding. Your tax-deductible contribution to Friends of St. Luke's, Inc., will support our work of sheltering neighborhood families and equipping them for self-sufficiency. This effort to help the homeless is much needed. To succeed we need your help and the help of many in our community.

**GIVE Online** 

## St. Luke's Team at Work

#### Case Manager

Works with our guests on achieving selfsufficiency and securing housing.

#### **House Manager**

Welcomes new guests, helps them get settled, and ensures life in the House runs smoothly.

# Greeter

Checks in with Guests in the evening to be sure all are present and the house is peaceful.

## **Board of Directors**

Responsible for the overall mission and direction of St. Luke's Guesthouse.