



Local 2209

Hello from Colli

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REGION 2-B VETERANS SHIRTS



The UAW Region 2B Veterans t-shirts have arrived! If you pre-ordered a shirt, you can pick up at the Union Hall starting next Monday, during regular business hours, 6:00AM-3:00PM.

Shirts are \$12.50 each. If you can, we would appreciate an additional \$2.50 or \$7.50 donation from those who purchase the shirts. The added donation will be given to The Shepherd's House in Fort Wayne. It is a transitional housing facility for Veterans. They recently lost their government funding and are looking for businesses and organizations to help them until they can get their funding back. There is more information about the Shepherd's House on the next page.

In Solidarity,

Colli Murphy

SHEPHERD'S HOUSE

Shepherd's House is a long term, residential/transitional housing center for individuals who are alcohol and chemically addicted men, 18 years or older. The facility is centrally located on the northeast side of Fort Wayne. Participants are asked to make a personal commitment to the recovery program. The program offers education and therapy regarding alcoholism and/or chemical dependency and recovery. Participants attend regular recovery meetings and have access to spiritual counselors and caring staff who assist them with the creation of an effective support system. The structured approach is designed to help the individual develop a solid foundation of sobriety. They are held accountable to the rehabilitation community for behavior as well as for the completion of daily work assignments. Dignity and a healthy self-image are viewed as basic to recovery.

The program recognizes and satisfies an individual's early realistic dependency needs while striving to assure that, as treatment progresses and personal coping mechanisms become more adaptive and functional, there is less need for the rigid structure support and reliance on external resources. Participants increasingly learn to take responsibility for their own behavior and build a solid foundation of sobriety. Recovery is a long process that requires a strong support environment, which is exactly what Shepherd's House provides. This facility is comprised of highly motivated, experienced staff, many of whom are themselves in recovery.

No honorable discharged veteran should be homeless regardless of their situation. We help those who need help and give them a comfortable warm place to stay. Rehabilitation is in our hands through the work of God and through him we are blessing those who need to be blessed. By providing a safe warm place to live and showing that there are people who care we are able to help those veterans back on their feet in time of need. After all, they were there for us when we were in need and this is just our way of giving back to those who need us and maintain a mainstay in our community.

For more information on The Shepherd's House, visit their website

<https://www.shepherdshouse.org/>

