

NEW CREATION NEWS



*“Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person.”
// Cor.5:17*

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A Christian Ministry to Men Experiencing Homelessness

New Creation Men's Center is a Christian day center for single men experiencing homelessness in Porter County, Indiana, providing clients with a safe environment, day-to-day services, health care resources, counseling, and spiritual direction. Clients who utilize the Center's services are assigned a case manager, who works with individuals on a one-on-one basis, helping equip them with the tools they need for success. Our hope is to bring about **lasting change** in the lives of these men, including a vital relationship with Jesus Christ and healthy interaction with other people & congregations.

Changed Lives—The Goal

Some of our men come to us because they have gone through a loss of work, health issues and nowhere to turn. Many come because of poor choices they have made and the consequences they now face. Some need just a respite to get on their feet and others need some serious reworking of their lives. God's plan works through His Church to support our men. It's great to see men overcoming obstacles, men with disabilities resourced to find the medical and social services they need. Each man is treated individually according to their life situation. Our staff works hard to help them move to independent and productive lives. Their confidence grows when they are able to begin moving forward once again. A growing faith helps them to **new lives through our local congregation's care & support.**

A Measure of Success

Partnering with a local business owner who was willing to lend a hand up to train and employ one of our men, brought new beginnings. This job provided income that made housing and needed transportation possible for this former client. Achieving goals set. Success and Joy as we have watched this man reach back to offer continued friendship and transportation to our current clients. He continues to volunteer, remembering the shelter and kindness given by the volunteers at the churches. An appreciated component of his story.... **God's hands at work.**

To Our Supporters

We are **thankful** for congregations, area businesses, and individuals who make donations to this ministry and volunteer. Thanks to everyone who drops off or calls to have donations picked up for our Resale Shop. The Resale Shop is revenue that enables us to keep our programs running. It is also an avenue for clients from other agencies to redeem vouchers to be used for household furnishings and clothing, again utilizing the generosity of the community's donations.

Not a Cookie Cutter Program

The term "Homeless" can mean many different things to many different people. For some, it's a person living in a tent in a local park; for others, it's someone that couch surfs from friend to friend or family member to family member. As different people have different perspectives on people that find themselves "Homeless," many of those that do not have permanent housing come into the "Homeless" situation for various reasons.

Mental Illness, Unemployment, Divorce, Major Medical Issues, Legal Problems, and Substance Abuse are just a few of the myriad of things that cause someone to lose their housing. Sometimes a combination of these factors all come into play, making it challenging to decipher which issues to work on first.

Case Management at New Creation is tailored to meet the needs and address the client's issues. By individualizing the goals and objectives for each client, clients can receive the required help and or treatment that will enable them to be successful in maintaining sustainable housing. To reach these goals, the client, through and wrap-around support services, makes a client successful in achieving **permanent housing.**

