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STORY

gift of grace

A Campaign for
Homeless Women
And Children



A New Shelter for Women and Children in Walla Walla

MORE THAN 200 CHILDREN are homeless in Walla Walla. Through no fault of their own, these children live night-to-night wondering where they are going to sleep, if they will be safe, if they will be warm, and if they will be fed.

Their tender young lives are often marked by addiction, abandonment, abuse, and shame that threaten their critical foundational years and position them to renew the cycle of homelessness—placing further strain on community and government resources. For most of them, hope flickers perilously and will not rise until their mothers can find the resources to change the course of their future.

Unfortunately, homeless women with children in Walla Walla County have limited options. The Christian Aid Center shelters single women and mothers with children. But, on a typical week, we turn away eight families because of lack of space.

Our difficulty is not just with space—the condition and design of our buildings inhibit our program's potential.

**IN MANY WAYS, THE
CHAOS IN THE WOMEN'S
LIVES IS MIRRORED IN
THE BUILDINGS THAT
SUPPORT THEM.**

The facilities, even with vigilant and appropriate maintenance, are past their useful life. They are simply old, dark, stained, worn and unsafe beyond any meaningful remodel.

We believe our community can do better for these women and children by helping them reverse the cycle of homelessness for themselves and future generations.



WHO DO WE HELP?

We help women and children like Xandra and her family.

“IMAGINE BEING A CHILD and suddenly becoming homeless. That’s what happened to me when my mother decided it would be better for us to live on the street than to stay in an abusive home. So my mother, along with me and my two little brothers escaped to Pioneer Park carrying all of our belongings in garbage bags. We had no plans or place to go other than to get away.

I will always remember how scared I was. Fortunately, someone gave us the phone number to the Christian Aid Center and it wasn’t long before a staff member came to pick us up.

Everyone at the CAC was so happy to help us and gave us everything we needed to feel safe. I knew I wanted to be just like them when I grew up.

Twelve years later, I now have a family and two children. I am going to school to get a degree in education. I came back to the CAC not as a guest in need, but as a volunteer to fulfill my dream of helping others like they helped me. The volunteers and staff really made an impression on me and showed me how amazing people can be when God works through them.”

—Xandra



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PLAN

We believe it's possible to create an environment where change can take place.

The Christian Aid Center is conducting a \$4.85 million capital campaign to build a new shelter with the goal of ending the vicious cycle of homelessness for women and children in our community. Your participation is vital.

The new 17,000-square-foot facility promises women and children a chance to be safe, to experience dignity, to live in a caring community, and to find restoration and hope. This new building will provide the following spaces:

MAIN FLOOR

- Welcome and gathering room
- Dining room with attached kitchen
- Childcare center
- Secure outdoor playground
- Classrooms
- Store for guests
- Conference room
- On-site staff offices

SECOND FLOOR

- 16 flexible living-quarters that can house a maximum of 52 guests
- Common living rooms
- Counseling offices
- Apartment for dorm monitor
- Laundry facilities



MEET THE *Christian Aid Center*



EIGHT

Each week, eight families are turned away because of lack of space.



700

MEALS SERVED EACH WEEK

40

GUESTS SHELTERED EACH NIGHT

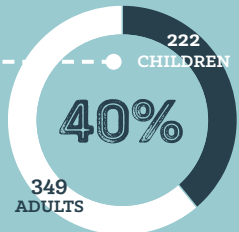


53 children

WERE SHELTERED WITH THEIR MOTHERS LAST YEAR



We achieve all of this without government funding.



Children comprise almost 40% of the homeless population in Walla Walla County.

NEARLY 300 VOLUNTEERS HELP EACH MONTH

The Christian Aid Center has been assisting hurting individuals for over

OUR MISSION

We believe in serving Jesus Christ by providing restoration and compassionate love to those in need.

70

YEARS





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Our passion and desire
is to help people get out of
homelessness for good.

Beyond meeting their basic needs,
we want to see them thrive!

JASON WICKLUND

*Christian Aid Center
executive director*

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With shelter, food and counsel
provided by Christian Aid Center,
countless men have successfully regained
the dignity of independent living.

We are now seeing a growing need to help
women with children reach similar goals.

The new women and children's facility
will be an essential tool in helping CAC
serve this segment of our community.

TOM AND SANDI MADSEN

Christian Aid Center supporters

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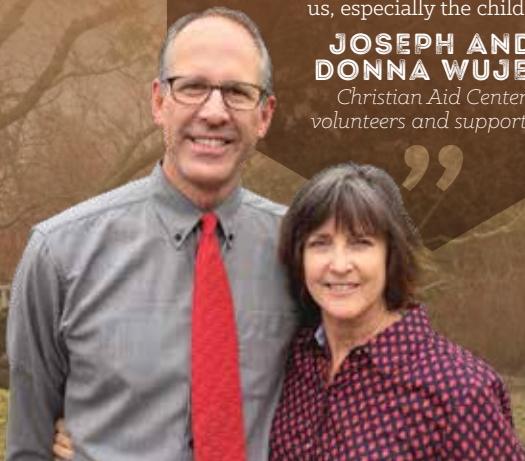
Over the years, Donna and
I have seen first-hand the need
for a women and children shelter in
this community. But Christian Aid
Center doesn't have enough space
or the modern building most people
would consider safe enough.

Join us in supporting this project to
help the most vulnerable among
us, especially the children.

**JOSEPH AND
DONNA WUJEK**

*Christian Aid Center
volunteers and supporters*

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—MY—
GIFT

*Yes! I want to end the vicious cycle of homelessness
for women and children in our community.*

The Christian Aid Center is a nonprofit organization and your contribution is tax-deductible.

TO DONATE ONLINE, visit christianaidcenter.org.

NAMING OPPORTUNITIES are available in the new facility.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact: Corina Car, Donor Relations

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DONOR INFORMATION



NAME(S) _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY, STATE, ZIP _____
DAY/EVENING PHONE _____
E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

DONOR RECOGNITION

- Please use the following name(s) in all acknowledgments and public recognition: _____

- I wish to remain anonymous.

DONATION INFORMATION

- I pledge a gift of \$ _____
monthly/quarterly (circle one) over
three years for a total of \$ _____
- Please send me payment reminders.
- I prefer to make a one-time gift of \$ _____
- Check (Please make checks payable to Christian Aid Center.)
- Credit Card (circle one)   

CARD NUMBER

AMOUNT CARD CODE EXPIRATION DATE

SIGNATURE

- My gift will be matched by _____
NAME OF BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION

MONTHLY PLEDGE EXAMPLES

\$150 x 36 months = \$5,400
\$100 x 36 months = \$3,600
\$50 x 36 months = \$1,800
\$35 x 36 months = \$1,260

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EMERGENCY SHELTER



FOOD GIVEAWAY



HEARTY MEALS



HOT SHOWERS



LAUNDRY



WARM BEDS



CARING ENVIRONMENT



SPIRITUAL ENCOURAGEMENT



LIFE-CHANGE PROGRAMS



RESOURCE REFERRALS



FREE HAIRCUTS



WELLNESS CLINIC



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