

"GOOD SAMARITAN MINISTRIES, MOTIVATED BY CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING, WORKS IN OUR COMMUNITY TO ADVANCE FAMILY LIFE, HUMAN DIGNITY AND THE COMMON GOOD. WE PROVIDE SERVICES TO MEET THE PHYSICAL, SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL AND SPIRITUAL NEEDS OF INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES OF ALL FAITHS, ESPECIALLY THOSE MOST IN NEED."



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GOOD SAMARITAN MINISTRIES AND THRIFT STORE



Who We Are:

Good Samaritan Ministries provides stability to Helena area community members by creating a network of care and connecting individuals and families to resources to help create stability in their lives. Our partnerships with other area nonprofits, the homeless shelters, and the Helena Police Department help us meet the day-to-day needs of individuals in our community.

While founded in Catholic teachings, people of all faiths, genders, races, and orientations are welcome at Good Samaritan Ministries. We help those in crisis by providing a "hand-up, not a hand-out."

Good Samaritan Ministries serves as the social justice arm of the Diocese of Helena and Helena's four Catholic parishes: Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Community, St. Mary Catholic Community, Ss. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Parish, and Cathedral of St. Helena Parish.

We have been serving Helena and its surrounding community members for over 30 years. Since our inception, we have contributed over \$25M to community members in need.

The Thrift Store:

The Good Samaritan Ministries Thrift Store is the largest in the Helena Area and continues to grow in order to meet the needs of the community. GSM has been voted best thrift store in Helena yearly since 2013. In addition to creating an affordable alternative to buying new products, the Good Samaritan Ministries and Thrift Store provides opportunities for job and vocational training, recycling, and volunteering. Donated merchandise is distributed to those individuals and families in need at no charge. These individuals are provided vouchers for them to "shop" for items they need.

Our Services:

Assistance Ministry

Our Assistance Ministry Provides

Outside Financial Assistance such as: transportation, utilities, lodging, auto repair, Christmas giving, daycare, job skills development, medical, phone/phone card, rental assistance and deposit, transitional living, treatment, propane, and other misc.

In-Store Assistance such as:

clothing vouchers, household vouchers, food boxes and personal toiletries.



Housing Navigator

Good Samaritan's Housing Navigation Program's mission is to provide members of the workforce with the tools and resources to be successful to secure housing. The way we do this is by collaborating and connecting community members to landlords, property management companies, and housing providers

Street Outreach:

In 2020 Good Samaritan received a grant from Rocky Mountain Development Council to implement and direct a new grant program, Street Outreach. This grant requires our Street Outreach Coordinator to walk the streets, act upon calls reporting individuals that appear to be homeless, send messages through the homeless community that we at Good Samaritan are there to help, *without judgement*.

Our Place:

Our Place has become a key entity in the Helena community for mental health and addiction. One of the key services provided is one-on-one peer support. At Our Place there is always peer support available to help deal with crises or someone just there to listen. What Our Place provides to our consumers you cannot quantify we give them HOPE and the tools for a better tomorrow.