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The Freedom House Ministries have been changing and saving lives since 1992 and we're not stopping now. The Freedom House is the only family homeless shelter in the area. We take families of all sizes and help your family succeed. We provide everything you need to get back on your feet. One of our strong survivors of homeless gave a statement about her time here at the Freedom House "Upon moving into The Bridge, we were broken, depressed, had no hope, and were fearful for our safety at times. The Bridge provided a transition for me and my children from Golden House. Without the resources provided by The Bridge, I likely would have returned to my abuser. The Bridge gave me the opportunity to heal and grow more independent and free. I learned how it feels to live an abuse-free life and I found my voice again". Regardless of your background, age, sex, or reason for being homeless, we are ready to help either way. At Freedom House, we offer multiple different life classes to help you succeed. One of the classes we offer is Rent Smart! Rent Smart is a course that educates you on how to rent a house or apartment, and how to find affordable housing. In the past year, we have had 24 graduates who gained their certificates. During the day, we offer parenting classes. While you are at your class, we have volunteer caretakers ready to babysit and take your children off your hands. We have many children in the building, so your child will have plenty of friends! Freedom House cares deeply about families and wants to provide them with everything they need to be healthy, happy, and successful in life. We host many drives a year for donations that consist of diapers, laundry detergent, humidifiers, you name it, we'll take it! Over 92% of our past guests have never gone back to homelessness since their time here. Our program truly does set you, and your family up

for a better future. Before your time here is over, our staff will help you and your family find housing. In 2021, 21 families found a permanent home for themselves. We help any way we can! Throughout the year, we host a community resource fair. We recently had one in February, and it was a huge success. A free grab-and-go meal was offered alongside diapers. If you don't want to come into the shelter, we have other resources that could help you, such as the fair. Tom Burkart is one of our staff members here at Freedom House. Tom works very closely with families as their case manager. When we asked Tom what his favorite part of the job was he said "The biggest joy is when a resident ends up finding a stable housing option for their family. That is always a great feeling." All of our staff members are on your team, and rooting for our families to win. Tom also discussed why he's passionate about Freedom House, "There are a lot of really wonderful things about working at Freedom house. I get to work with people who really need help which is a very rewarding experience, and something I have always wanted to do. Additionally, there is a very positive working environment here. All of the people who are working here care about what we are doing and are always willing to help out in any way they can." We try and provide the most positive experience possible during your time here. After your time here, you are offered to be a part of our Aftercare Program. This program is designed to be able to help you financially afterward. If you want to be stress-free of bills for a month, the Aftercare program will take care of you. Even during the midst of the pandemic, our support never stopped. We kept our doors open, and ready for you! Every day the facility gets sanitized and cleaned to keep everyone healthy. Community members are our biggest supporters. In 2021, we surpassed our goal with revenue, and fundraising by over 20%. We couldn't keep our doors open without all of you. Jessica Degrove a staff member explained our mission " Instead of staying a couple of nights, and getting a meal, We actually work through a program with

families. Our goal is to help break the pattern, and come out of homelessness, and poverty” If you are in the need of help, please don't hesitate to come to visit us. We will never deny a family. We want to change your life, and make it better! You can come to visit us at 2997 St. Anthony Drive Green Bay, WI 54311. Our office hours are between 8 A.M- 5:00 PM, but our phone line is available 24 hours a day, every day. You can call us at (920)- 432- 4646. We can break the cycle, it's not impossible. You're not stuck, you just need the right resources.