Daybreak Shelter

Daybreak Shelter operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and provides emergency housing and supportive services to individuals and families who are homeless. Some participants in the program are in need of short-term housing as a result of a situational crisis. Others need support services as they work to re-establish permanent housing.

- Clients from outside Will, Grundy, Kendall, Ford, Iroquois, and Kankakee counties may be admitted for a three night stay.
- Youth under the age of 18 are not admitted except when accompanied by a parent or legal guardian or have been legally emancipated by the courts.
- Daybreak Center is also a designated warming and cooling center open to the community during extreme weather conditions.

Eligibility Criteria for Permanent Supportive Housing

- At least 18 years old
- Head of household must have a documented disability
- Must be homeless for at least a year continuously prior to admission or have four documented episodes of homelessness in the past three years totaling a year or more.

New Beginnings

New Beginnings is a permanent supportive housing program that provides a safe living environment to chronically homeless and disabled men. Participants live in an independent setting at Daybreak Center.

Turning Point

Turning Point serves single veterans and families with minor children in scattered site apartments in Joliet. Case management and other supportive services are provided during home visits.

Creative Crossroads

This program provides scattered site independent housing in Joliet to chronically homeless single adults. Case management and other supportive services are provided during home visits.

Kendall Grundy Permanent Supportive Housing Program

This program provides scattered site independent housing in Kendall and Grundy Counties to chronically homeless single adults. Case management and other supportive services are provided during home visits.

To be assessed for Permanent Supportive Housing, call 815-774-4663.

(More programs and information on reverse side)
Shepherd’s Table

Shepherd’s Table (located within Daybreak Center) provides a free midday meal to members of the community who are hungry and unable to afford food. Meals are prepared and served by volunteers each day. Hours of operation are 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM seven days a week, 365 days a year. Shepherd’s Table is also a designated warming and cooling center open to the community during extreme weather conditions.

Supportive Services for Veteran’s Families

This program assists veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Available services include case management; employment and education assistance; locating housing and helping with paying rent arrearages or security deposits. Each program participant is linked with the US Department of Veteran Affairs to gauge eligibility for additional VA benefits and services.

Emergency Services

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet provides a variety of Emergency Services at Daybreak Center, including food vouchers; clothing and furniture vouchers; employment services; financial assistance for prescription medication; and rent/mortgage/utility assistance (all available on a limited basis, as funds are available). Emergency Services also provides referrals to other community resources including but not limited to:

- addictions referrals
- advocacy
- assessments
- budget counseling
- money management
- family programs
- education programs and services
- financial assistance
- group counseling
- support groups
- housing location and inspection
- mental health referrals
- parenting classes and support groups

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet helps people of all faiths and beliefs. To learn more about the programs and services provided by Catholic Charities, visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org.