



SAFE HAVEN MINISTRIES CHX

Annual Report 2026

Mission Statement:

Love and serve His people through building relationships so that others may see Him.

A Message of Gratitude

As we reflect on 2026, we are overwhelmed with gratitude for God's provision and the incredible support of our volunteers, donors, churches, businesses, and community partners. Through every act of service, meal served, guest sheltered, and child encouraged, we have witnessed lives touched through compassion, kindness, and meaningful relationships.

Safe Haven Ministries CHX is a community-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization operated entirely by volunteers. From our Board of Directors to those serving in our ministries each week, every aspect of our organization is powered by individuals committed to serving others and sharing God's love through action.

Throughout the year, we continued to strengthen our presence in the Charlevoix community through ministry outreach, volunteer recruitment, fundraising efforts, and community engagement. We participated in the Venetian Festival, spoke at local churches and service organizations, and expanded our outreach through social media platforms. These efforts increased awareness of our mission and helped us connect with additional supporters and volunteers.

Our Volunteers Make the Difference

We are blessed with many dedicated volunteers who faithfully serve throughout our ministries.

Night Light Emergency Men's Shelter

Volunteer men serve overnight at least twice each month, providing hospitality, encouragement, and support to our shelter guests. These volunteers build relationships with each guest while helping identify needs and connect individuals with available resources.

Free Breakfast Club

Volunteers prepare and serve breakfast each week for our community members. Cooks prepare pancakes, eggs, potatoes, sausage gravy and biscuits, burritos, casseroles, and other breakfast

favorites. Servers provide meals for dine-in guests and package take-out meals, while dishwashers help ensure a clean and welcoming environment for everyone.

Games & Grub

Each Wednesday during the summer, volunteers come together to pack grocery bags, sort recycling materials, load and transport supplies, prepare meals, and create a fun environment for children and families. Activities include basketball, games, fingernail painting, and opportunities to build meaningful relationships with children, parents, and caregivers while learning about additional community needs.

School Supply Distribution

Volunteers organize and distribute school supplies to area students. Teams greet families, assist with registration, distribute backpacks and supplies, and help children locate the items needed for their specific grade levels. The smiles and gratitude shared throughout the event remind us of the impact that simple acts of generosity can have on families preparing for a new school year.

Growing Community Support

During 2026, we expanded our volunteer base across all ministry areas. While the need for service continues to grow, we are thankful for each person who has answered the call to serve. We also continued fundraising through grant applications, donor outreach to local businesses and individuals, the Superhero Fun Walk/Run, the Turkey Trot Run, and social media campaigns on Facebook and Instagram.

Ministry Highlights

Free Breakfast Club

The Free Breakfast Club operates every Tuesday and Friday throughout the year at the Shirley Roloff Center in partnership with the Charlevoix Commission on Aging. Meals are available for both dine-in guests and take-out service from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Pine River Place residents also receive take-out meals twice each week.

Impact in 2026

- More than 3,000 breakfasts were delivered to Pine River Place residents.
- Between 300 and 350 meals were served each week.
- More than 15,500 meals were served during the year.
- Annual ministry budget: **\$30,000**.
- Funding was provided through a grant from the Charlevoix Community Foundation, local businesses, and individual donors.

Night Light Emergency Men's Shelter

The Night Light Emergency Men's Shelter operates annually from November 1 through March 31, providing a safe, warm place for men experiencing housing insecurity. Guests arrive each evening and are provided with shelter, food, showers, and laundry services. Volunteers work closely with guests to identify barriers and connect them with needed resources.

Services Provided

- Safe overnight shelter.
- Meals and hospitality.
- Shower and laundry facilities.
- Assistance with vehicle repairs.
- Referrals for substance abuse treatment.
- Job search assistance.
- Support in securing long-term housing.

Number of guests served: *15 different gentlemen*

Annual budget: *\$5000*

Funding was provided through individual donations and local church partners.

Games & Grub

Games & Grub is a summer outreach ministry serving under-resourced children and families in the Charlevoix area. Each Wednesday from July through August, our volunteers bring food, games, and encouragement to Charlevoix Estates and Lighthouse Apartment Complex. Grocery bags are also delivered to Lake Harbor Apartments.

Activities include:

- Basketball
- Sidewalk chalk
- Bubble activities
- Connect Four
- Fingernail painting
- Relationship building with children and families

Impact in 2026

- Over 600 hot dogs grilled and served.
- 340 grocery bags distributed.
- Annual ministry budget: **\$5,000.**

- Funded through a Charlevoix Community Foundation grant, Costco grant, church support, Grey Gables Restaurant, R. Hirt Jr. Co and individual donations.

School Supply Drive

On August 19, Safe Haven Ministries hosted its annual School Supply Distribution for students attending Charlevoix Public Schools, St. Mary's School, and area homeschool programs. Families were welcomed with food, fellowship, and practical support as they prepared for the upcoming school year.

Impact in 2026

- 111 backpacks filled with school supplies were distributed.
- Supplies included headphones, earbuds, pencils, markers, notebooks, composition books, pens, glue sticks, scissors, hole punches, clipboards, colored pencils, dry-erase markers, highlighters, watercolor paints, pencil boxes, folders, and Post-it notes.
- Sanitary wipes were donated to both Charlevoix Elementary School and St. Mary's School.
- Families were served hot dogs, chips, and cookies while attending the event.
- Annual Ministry budget: **\$3,000**.

Funding was provided through grants from the Charlevoix Community Foundation and Meijer of Petoskey, along with support from the Kiwanis Youth Foundation and many generous individual donors.

Looking Ahead

As we enter another year of ministry, our commitment remains unchanged: to love and serve God's people through genuine relationships that reveal His grace and compassion. We recognize that community needs continue to grow, and we are committed to expanding our impact through faithful stewardship, volunteer engagement, community partnerships, and continued outreach.

Together, we can continue bringing hope, encouragement, practical assistance, and the love of God to those who need it most.

Thank You

To every volunteer, donor, church partner, business sponsor, grant provider, and community supporter: **thank you.**

Your generosity, prayers, time, and partnership make each meal served, each shelter bed provided, each grocery bag distributed, and each backpack gifted possible.

Because of you, lives are being touched, relationships are being built, and hope is being shared throughout our community.

Safe Haven Ministries CHX Supporters

September 2025 – August 2026

Many Individual supporters along with the following:

- Ace Hardware Charlevoix
- Bergmann Marine
- Bethany Lutheran Church
- Calmar Construction
- Charlevoix Veterinary Hospital
- Charlevoix Agency
- Christ Episcopal Church
- Clothing Company
- Community Reformed Church
- Crossroads Resale Shop
- DCL, Inc
- Elks Lodge #2856
- Ferguson & Chamberlain
- First Baptist Church
- Five Star North (Ace)
- Greensky Hill UMC
- Grey Gables
- Hannah's Happy Day Foundation
- John E Green Co
- Joppa House
- Kiwanis of Chx- Youth Foundation
- Lakeshore Tire
- Lions Club
- Michigan Barn Co.
- N Point Strategies LLC
- Nana's Wish
- Pearsall Construction
- R. Hirt Jr. Co
- RB Lyons Inc
- Skydive Charlevoix
- Swanson's K&D

Grants from:

- Charlevoix Community Foundation
- Meijer of Petoskey
- Costco