

## “No Work Of Charity Is Foreign To The Society”

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Together with complete, open and honest communication, we will try to find a long term, sustainable solution to your needs. We will brainstorm ideas to work out the problem. Solutions vary according to the situation.



We do not duplicate what other organizations provide; rather, we seek to coordinate and fill in where other resources fall short. All assistance is on a case by case basis and is dependent upon available resources.

## How Can You Help?

- **Pray** for those we serve and for our members and volunteers.
- **Join us!** We plan to meet twice a month. In friendship and spiritually to discuss our service to others. We welcome prospective members to attend our meeting to find out more about The Good Shepherds. You do not have to be Catholic or attend meetings regularly to participate in the work of the Society.
- **Help** with special projects and fundraising.
- **Donate** a professional service for our friends in need.
- **Support us financially** with a one-time donation or ongoing contribution. We are a tax-exempt 501c3 organization and all donations are tax deductible.

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What Would You Do?

What if you have to choose between paying the rent and buying your medications?

What if you have a falling out with your friend who is letting you sleep on her couch?

How can you apply for jobs if you don't have a phone?

*"Thank you so much for showing me I could do it..."*

*"I feel so much better. You have helped me so much."*

Poverty is the extent to which a person lacks resources. Usually there are multiple factors such as lack of access to, knowing, and / or utilizing resources.

We may schedule a home visit to learn more about your situation. We are not housing inspectors; there is no need to clean for us. When neighbors stop in, they don't expect to find a clean house; they're stopping to see you. We are there for you, our neighbors.

For your safety, all volunteers have gone through training and have had background checks. For our safety, no money or valuables are carried by volunteers.

***"Be kind and love, for love is your first gift to the poor. They will appreciate your kindness and your love more than all else you can bring to them. If you wish to be loved, you must love, and if you have nothing to give, give yourself."***  
***(Bl. Rosalie Rendu)***

## Mission Statement

***The mission of The Good Shepherds Conference:***

***We will be a service to others in our community, while growing together personally and spiritually with each other.***

We are part of an international lay Catholic organization funded in Paris in 1833. Now operating in over 150 countries. Coming to the United States in 1845, now has 90,000 volunteers.

Our founder, Blessed Frederic Ozanam, taught that we should see the face of Christ in those we serve. We serve our neighbors in need through home visits, regardless of creed, gender, wealth, or ethnic origin. Going in twos to be the friendly face that is willing to listen and work with them.

Sister Mother Teresa said:

*"I want you to be concerned about your neighbor.. Do you know your neighbor?"*