

How You Can Help

Volunteer— call the office at 903.792.7024 to learn more ways about volunteering

Volunteers gave over 12,696 hours in 20078

Food Donations-non-perishable items are always welcomed at the Shelter

Over 1,500 residents were fed in 2008 due to generous food donations.

Supply Donation-paper goods, travel size toiletries, due to limited space, please refer all clothing donations to other agencies

Over 21,200 evening meals were provided for our 1,589 residents in 2008..

Financial Assistance-we need financial assistance to continue supporting programs

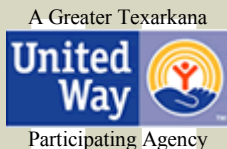
With the generous donations from the community, Randy Sams' provided shelter to 1,117 individuals who would otherwise be homeless .

Our Vision

Our vision is to provide the tools needed to restore as many of our clients as possible to self sustaining, productive members of society. To accomplish our mission, it is our intent to work cooperatively with other local agencies to provide: shelter, food, medical assistance, addiction counseling, employment counseling and training, and family, parenting and life skills training.

Our Mission

Our mission for the homeless is to meet the immediate needs of safe temporary lodging and food for the poor and homeless who come into our midst until their return to self-sustained community life.



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RANDY SAM'S OUTREACH SHELTER

“By the grace of God...

A Shelter for His people.”



About Us

The effort to establish this Shelter began in 1993 with the death of Randy Sams. As a teenager, Randy was active in the Soup Kitchen at St. James Episcopal Church, the precursor to the Shelter. Randy's parents donated land and seed money to start a shelter in his memory.

To date, the Shelter has transitioned over 500 clients to permanent housing. Throughout the years, over 4,000 community clients have received utility assistance, rental assistance, assorted essential baby items and food baskets.



The primary mission of the RSOS is to provide a safe haven for homeless individuals. Providing a retreat, however, is only the first step in combating homelessness. Vital services are available at and through the Shelter. Our 90-Day Resident Program allows all residents to meet with our on-site Case Manager in obtaining permanent housing, employment, and other resources in order to maintain self-sufficiency.

Because homelessness is a community concern, the Board of Directors and RSOS staff consider collaborative partnerships an integral link in their ability to serve. Accordingly, the RSOS collaborates with over 24 other community organizations.

What We Do

The primary mission of Randy Sams' Outreach Shelter is to provide meals and a place to sleep for homeless people.

However, our services to our residents also include:

- * Medical referrals and escort
- * Prescription drug assistance
- * Social services advocacy
- * Life skills training
- * Employment referrals
- * Case management

As part of our commitment to supporting a successful return to the community, Randy Sams' employs residents through our Client to Work Program in different areas with the goals of training, work ethic and skill development in mind.

Community Services

Apart from our residential services, Randy Sams' is also active in Texarkana to prevent hunger and homelessness. Among the services provided are:

- * Bus tickets
- * Work related needs
- * Utility Assistance
- * Rent Assistance

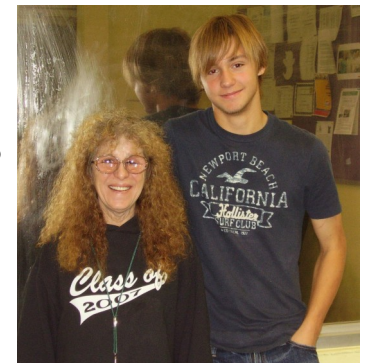


Randy Sams' Outreach Shelter is a United Way participating non-profit organization. All donations are tax-deductible as allowed by the provisions of the IRS code.

The RSOS services the Greater Texarkana Metropolitan Statistical Area. RSOS is the only 24-hour, 365-day, 110-bed shelter free of charge for homeless individuals within an 85-mile radius. The RSOS strives to serve homeless persons, families and individuals who are at-risk of homelessness, the hungry and financially challenged, those with diminished capacity, those formerly incarcerated, and the unemployed and underemployed.

Volunteering

Meeting the needs of the homeless involves many staff and community volunteers who work together to reaffirm self-worth and healing as well as to be examples of stable relationships. The RSOS positively impacts thousands of lives every year. Whether it's through counseling, teaching life skills and prevention programs, conducting drives, providing shelter, volunteers contribute to our vision of strengthening our community by helping become self-sufficient.



If you know someone who needs assistance, please call us at 903.792.7024.