

ACCESS

Ashland Church Community Emergency Shelter Services 1605 CR 1095 Ashland Ohio 44805 419-210-1158

ACCESS is a coalition of Christian congregations providing safe, temporary shelter, meals and compassionate assistance to Ashland County women and families needing support to build a more stable future. We have 4 one-bedroom apartments that serve as a homeless shelter for single women or families in Ashland County.

ACCESS is a faith-based para-ministry and we always provide opportunities for our guests to know Christ. We offer each guest a bible, we pray for and with our guests and many of our volunteer churches offer to bring our guests to church. ACCESS has literally existed on prayers to answer our needs. Funding is always an issue because there is such limited funding available for a faith-based shelter that we must rely on donations and fund-raising activities. Please pray for successful fund raisers that they may meet or exceed our fund-raising goal. Pray for a shower of donations. We are the largest provider of homeless services in Ashland County and we receive no county government funding. Our local United Way does help us with a small financial award

We need many volunteers to provide this service. We need more host churches who will take a turn a few times a year and meet with our guests, help them with specific material needs such as food, transportation and other needs, as well as love our guests as sisters and brothers of Christ. We need donations of specific items like cleaning supplies, laundry supplies, paper products, blow up mattresses, pillows, towels (can be gently used towels) and laundry baskets.

We need Christian friends to walk beside our guests and reduce their isolation. We will train volunteers to befriend our guests, meet regularly with them, keep in touch with them and share any identified needs with the ACCESS staff

We need volunteers to help with fund-raising and marketing of the ACCESS program

ACCESS is an East Ohio Special Advanced recipient our number is **9953** or donations can be made to ACCESS 1605 C.R. 1095 Ashland, Ohio 44805

ACCESS phone number is 419-210-1153 or contact Executive Director Cathy Thiemens directly at 419-685-1232

ACCESS Website can be found at www.ashlandaccess.com

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"I was a stranger and you welcomed me."



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