

Let Safe Haven help you while we help ourselves!

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### What is Sweat Equity?

Sweat equity describes a partnership where individuals contribute labor in exchange for housing. Safe Haven is seeking sweat equity partnerships with property owners and/or property management companies where individuals are given housing while working on properties that need repair and maintenance.

### What can we offer?

A group of 10 Safe Haven members wish to enter into a sweat equity partnership with property owners and/or companies. Together, this group represents significant combined years of experience in rehabilitating residential and commercial properties.

Interested parties should contact us at:

217-530-6468 or [safehavencu@gmail.com](mailto:safehavencu@gmail.com)

or

217-979-1272 or [painterdonnie@live.com](mailto:painterdonnie@live.com)

(Donnie Rutherford, Council Member)

Safe Haven would like to thank our community partners:

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| •Faith Coalition Supporting Safe Haven (9 member churches) | •People's Potluck                       |
| •St. Jude's Catholic Worker House                          | •Independent Media Center               |
| •Restoration Urban Ministries                              | •empty tomb                             |
| •UIUC Planners' Network                                    | •Prairie Land Conflict Mediation Center |
|  | •FAA 391, UIUC Engagement Course        |



### Safe Haven board of advisors

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### Safe Haven Mission Statement

*Safe Haven is a progressive homeless community striving to find alternative solutions to homelessness.*



## Safe Haven is...

Safe Haven is a progressive homeless community striving to find alternative solutions to homelessness, including innovative ideas like sweat equity partnerships. We have worked extensively with other organizations and individuals in the C-U community to achieve desirable housing solutions for our members and guests. Safe Haven is governed by a Resident Council in concert with a Board of Advisors.



## What we've accomplished

Safe Haven has housed over 110 homeless individuals since its inception in June 2009. Many of these individuals have been able to get back on their feet and into their own housing. Safe Haven has been a voting member of the Champaign County Council of Service Providers to the Homeless since July 2009. Organizationally, Safe Haven has applied for non-profit status to enable its members to accomplish even more.

## How you can support Safe Haven

Safe Haven has enjoyed positive support from the C-U community, especially from the faith community. We would like to offer a few ways that you can get involved.

If you would like to support us financially, we greatly need and appreciate it!

We have a fiscal agent named "Bottoms Up! Homeless Action". Checks should be made out to our fiscal agent. Safe Haven receives 100% of these donations.

If you are a member of a church that is not part of our Faith Coalition, consider talking to your clergy about your church's involvement. The Faith Coalition meets twice a month on Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m. at First Mennonite Church. If you're interested in attending, please email [faithforsafehaven@gmail.com](mailto:faithforsafehaven@gmail.com).

Thank you for your new or continued support of Safe Haven! We are truly grateful for the outpouring of community support we have received over the last year.



## People of Safe Haven

Here are a few of the many success stories.

*Wayne is a member of Safe Haven who currently resides in his own Urbana apartment. He came to Safe Haven seeking housing and employment last June. During the past year, he has volunteered at New Covenant Church. In December he landed a job working as a home healthcare worker and was able to get his own place soon after.*

*Kevin came to Safe Haven looking for housing and employment. While at Safe Haven, he became involved with Safe Haven's media outreach, including our online outreach. He also worked with students from UIUC to further Safe Haven projects. He is now living and working in Tennessee, and engaged to be married soon.*

*Jason and Felicia left California and found Safe Haven upon their arrival in C-U. They got married during their stay at Safe Haven and have since both gotten jobs and are living in their own place in Champaign.*

These successes reflect the tenacity of the individuals who make up Safe Haven's membership and the possibilities for each individual who enters the organization.