

## Our Father's House receives \$22,000 donation from church

FITCHBURG — In 2010, The Church of the Good Shepherd in West Fitchburg merged with The Parish of Christ Church in downtown Fitchburg. In its final action to distribute assets, the board (vestry) of The Church of the Good Shepherd voted unanimously to make a \$22,000 donation to the ongoing "Street Outreach Program" of Our Father's House.

The Vestry of The Parish of Christ Church along with the bishop of the Diocese of Western Massachusetts has approved the donation to Our Father's House.

In the early '80s, Christ Church, Good Shepherd and others from the community helped clean out the interior of what would become the Emergency Shelter for 20 men and eight women at 53-55 Lunenburg St. This work prepared the building for volunteer tradesmen — all who donated their services — to complete a total renovation in less than six months. Good Shepherd's rector, the Rev. Craig Bates, was the first president of the Board of Directors of Our Father's House.



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From left: the Rev. Karen Campbell, Gus Stewart, Dan Mylott, Patrick Fox, president of the Board of Our Father's House; Kevin MacLean, outreach case manager; and Judith Nest-Pasierb, executive director.