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Local building trade unions donate funds to cover January heat bill for Meta House, a local nonprofit organization

Donation check will be presented to Meta House at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 21, 2021.

[12/20/2021] MILWAUKEE - On Tuesday, December 21, at 8:30 a.m., representatives of The Milwaukee Building and Construction Trades Council will present a check in the amount of \$9,510 to Meta House, a local nonprofit, to cover heating costs for the month of January 2022.

- **Media is invited to cover this event.**
- **Date: Tuesday, December 21, 2021**
- **Time: 8:30 a.m.**
- **Event Location: Outside Meta House's main entrance, 2625 N. Weil Street, Milwaukee.**

The donation was made possible through The Milwaukee Building Trades "Heat for the Holidays" campaign, which mobilized the following local unions with a donation:

- Bricklayers Union, Local #8
- Bricklayers and Allied Crafts State Convention
- Carpenters Union, Local #2283
- Cement Masons and Plasterers Union, Local #599
- Electrical Workers Local Union #494
- Elevator Constructors Union, Local #15
- Heat & Frost Insulators Union, Local #19
- Iron Workers Union, Local #8
- Laborers Union, Local #113
- Painters District Council #7
- Plumbers Union, Local #75
- Roofers Union, Local #65
- Sheet Metal Workers Union, Local #18
- Steamfitters Local Union, #601
- Teamsters Union, Local #200
- Tile Layers Protective Union #5
- Plumbing Mechanical Sheet Metal Contractors Alliance, Inc.

"We believe in the mission of Meta House and in the good work they do to end the generational cycle of addiction by healing women and strengthening families," said Dan Bukiewicz, president of The Milwaukee Building and Construction Trades Council. "We were happy to support them in 2020, and happy to have raised even more funding this year to support their programming."



Across three locations, Meta House offers residential treatment, outpatient treatment, and a recovery housing community. Currently, Meta House has approximately 50 adults and children in residence.

“A lot of us in the trades don’t think twice about paying our essential bills,” said Tom Coyne, president of the Waukesha County Labor Council. “However, when going over a speedbump in life or running a house on a tight budget, this basic need can be a huge issue. In solidarity with my fellow union brothers and sisters, we are honored to be able to assist Meta House by paying their heat bill for the month of January. I would like to again thank all who donated.”

“Meta House is extremely grateful for a second year of generous support of several local trade unions,” said Valerie P. Vidal, president and CEO of Meta House. “In partnership with United Way, their gift will cover utility costs for the families living at Meta House throughout the month of January 2022, ensuring they have a warm and nurturing place to heal. Thank you for supporting local women and children as they fight to rebuild their families from the devastating effects of addiction, trauma, and poverty.”

United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County helped to coordinate the donation between the local construction trade unions and Meta House. Both organizations are long-standing United Way community partners.

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About The Milwaukee Building-Construction Trades Council: *Originally chartered in 1910, the Milwaukee Building & Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO (MBCTC) is dedicated to advancing skilled construction trades careers for all. Learn more at Milwbuildingtrades.org*

About Meta House: *Meta House ends the generational cycle of addiction by healing women and strengthening families. Learn more at Metahouse.org*

About United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County: *United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County fights for the health, education, and financial stability of every person in our local community. Learn more at UnitedwayGMWC.org*