Residents are referred to Cephas Halfway House by the Bureau of Community Corrections. The prospective resident is screened by the Liaison Agent and Cephas House manager to determine the client’s attitude, willingness to participate, and the acceptance of the house rules.

For more information on our facility or program, contact:

Program Manager
Cephas Halfway House
(262) 549-9449

To initiate a referral, contact:

Waukesha Probation and Parole
(262) 521-5132

Cephas House is a program offered by Addictions & Corrections, a service line of Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan, Inc. Addictions & Corrections services are specifically designed to help people with addictions in their recovery journey and to move individuals out of the correctional system.
Cephas Halfway House is a transitional living facility for adult males who are on probation or parole. Established in 1978 to work with the Bureau of Community Corrections, Cephas House provides structure and support for clients who are moving back into the community.

Cephas House is located in Waukesha, Wis., less than 30 minutes from Milwaukee. Located in a large house in a rural setting, Cephas House provides a pleasant environment away from the distractions of an urban setting. The 90-day program includes 24-hour, supervised, structured living arrangements, as meals, therapy, and other services for up to 12 male, adult residents. Residents are expected to bring their own clothes, prescription medications, and personal hygiene products, but Cephas House will provide necessities until a resident begins working. Our goal is to teach clients how to live responsibly and improve the quality of their lives. We provide individualized treatment and support to build a bridge back into the community.

The Cephas House program accepts referrals of adult males through the Department of Corrections. Our staff of experienced professionals works closely with referral sources to keep them fully informed of their clients’ behaviors and attitudes, as well as their compliance with house rules and expectations. We focus on reality-oriented treatment, and residents are required to work full-time and build a savings account to help them get established when they leave the halfway house. Residents work on economic, social, and family issues and are encouraged to be responsible and accountable in their lives and relationships with others. We ask residents to look at themselves honestly so they can grow as individuals.

A unique aspect of our program is that each resident participates with staff to develop a treatment plan. This plan evaluates needs, sets realistic goals, and measures progress at regular intervals. All residents are expected to attend assigned group therapy and educational sessions including:

- Alcohol and other drug issues
- Relapse prevention
- Understanding and managing feelings
- Domestic violence issues and anger management
- Money management
- Cognitive intervention group
- Parenting group
- Skills for independent daily living

Residents who need specialized services are referred to appropriate agencies for:

- Medical, dental and psychiatric treatment
- Psychological evaluation
- Alcohol and drug assessments
- Academic upgrading
- Vocational training