

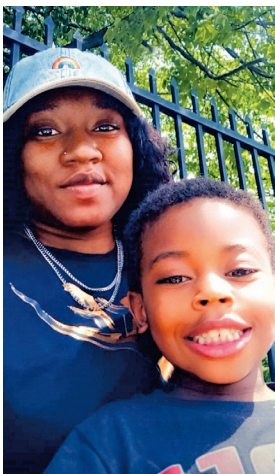


The Helping Hand

Father Gene's Help Center Newsletter

Fall 2022

Quaysha White Finds Clothing and a Path Forward at FGHC



Quaysha White came to Father Gene's Help Center for the first time last year after driving past the center. At the time, Quaysha was desperately in need of clothing for her and her four-year-old son, Aiden. In a previous relationship, her ex-boyfriend had destroyed most of her belongings, including all of her and her son's clothes.

"When I came to Fr. Gene's, I had no clothes," said Quaysha. "I was starting over. I had just enrolled in school and I wasn't working so I didn't have a lot of money."

Quaysha said she felt welcome immediately upon entering the center. "I love the environment. Everyone is so warm and helpful," she said.

FGHC staff helped Quaysha select clothing for herself and Aiden. Quaysha attends cosmetology school and must wear black clothing at school. "I really appreciated the staff's assistance in helping me find black tops and pants that I could wear for work," she said.

In addition, Quaysha said she was happy that she was able to choose a winter coat for herself and Aiden. As we all know, living in Wisconsin it's essential to have a warm coat to withstand the elements.

As a struggling single mother, Quaysha is grateful for the assistance FGHC provides. "I'm so appreciative that Fr. Gene's was there to help me get back on my feet," she said. Quaysha expects to graduate from cosmetology school in December.

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Ways to Give



You can help us continue to serve people in need in the Milwaukee area by giving in the following ways:

- Gifts of cash
- One-time or recurring (monthly) donations through our website
- In-kind gifts, such as clothing, shoes, and accessories
- Employer matching programs
- Gifts of stock, mutual funds, and other securities
- Deferred income gifts, including charitable gift annuities and charitable remainder trusts
- Bequests to Father Gene's Help Center as part of a will

To learn more, contact Jessica Luebbering by email at director@fathergeneshelp.org or by phone at (414) 258-4357, ext. 101.

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Julie Jakubek Remembers Uncle Gene

In October, we celebrate the life of FGHC founder, Fr. Gene Jakubek, born on October 11, 1922. Many of us remember him for his work providing clothing for people in need. Or some might remember him as host of the local TV show “The Answer is Love.” But for Julie Jakubek, Fr. Gene’s niece, he was simply “Uncle” Gene.

“Fr. Gene was my uncle who happened to be a priest,” said Julie.

Fr. Gene had a younger brother, Jim, and an older brother, Ervin. Jim (now deceased) was Julie’s father.



Back to front, Fr. Gene, Julie’s sister, Jean, Julie’s sister Jennifer, Julie.

Growing up in Arizona, Julie didn’t see her Uncle Gene very often. But she recalls fond memories of him.

“When I was four years old, my family went to Disneyland with Uncle Gene,” said Julie. “I had a hard time keeping up with him! He wanted to get as much as possible into the day.”

Julie also shared a story related to Fr. Gene’s time as chaplain for the Milwaukee Bucks. While traveling with the Bucks in 1973, he stopped in Arizona. Julie and her family welcomed Fr. Gene when he came off the airplane, holding a big sign that read, “Welcome Father Gene Jakubek.”

“These famous basketball players didn’t have a sign, but Fr. Gene did,” Julie said with a laugh.

Julie said when her family visited Milwaukee they would often go to Fr. Gene’s favorite pizza place,



Left to right, Ervin Jakubek, Vera Jakubek, Fr. Gene Jakubek, Jim Jakubek.

Balistreri’s Bluemound Inn. “We would always order fried eggplant,” said Julie. “It was tradition.” She adds that whenever he went out to eat, he would ask for an extra dessert for his mother.

Fr. Gene passed away on January 19, 2010. Though he is no longer with us, we strive every day to carry on the mission he started more than 50 years ago of providing dignity through free clothing to people in need.

Critical Needs List

- New underwear
- Winter coats
- Men’s jeans, size 28-36” waist
- Athletic/tennis/casual shoes
- Winter boots
- Men’s activewear bottoms, especially sweatpants and basketball shorts
- Sweatshirts/hoodies
- New underwear



How to Donate

Donations can be dropped off at: **Father Gene’s Help Center | 5919 W. National Ave., West Allis, WI 53214**

New Hours

Monday-Thursday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. | First Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Please call the center at (414) 258-4357 with any questions regarding donations.