Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach was founded in 1992 by Mary Costello and named for Matt Talbot, an Irish Catholic who overcame his alcoholism through faith. Mary and co-founder Ruth McKinstry organized volunteers to serve dinner every Saturday evening. From that all-volunteer beginning, Matt Talbot has grown into a faith-based and ecumenical outreach serving lunch and dinner 7 days a week and offering services to prevent homelessness and to help the homeless return to self-sufficiency.

Services
- Hunger Relief
- Showers & Laundry Services
- Mailing, Phone & Messaging Service
- Basic Needs & Personal Care Items
- Emergency Food Pantries
- Gas Vouchers
- Information & Referral
- Advocacy & Outreach
- Homeless Identification Project – helps replace lost or stolen identification needed for shelter, education and employment
- Medical Nutrition Therapy & Nutrition Counseling
- Cooking Classes for Adults and Children
- Life Skills and Tenant Education – Courses in Employment, Budgeting, and Housing
- CARE – Substance Use Counseling, Advocacy, Referral, Education and Evaluations
- Homeless Voucher Program Case Management
- Transitional Housing Program – helps people transition from treatment center to stable living
- Landlord Liaison Project – builds relationships with landlords, case managers, and prospective tenants who are homeless
- First HOPE – provides case management and rental assistance for the chronically homeless
- Homeless Diversion Program – prevents people from becoming homeless through mediation, conflict resolution, and housing assistance

Hours
Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. The building is closed Thursdays from 1 – 5 p.m. for street outreach and team meetings. The building is open for mealtimes only on Saturday and Sunday.

Meal Times
Lunch and Dinner are served 7 days a week 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. / 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Community Partners
Because we are a first stop for people entering or at risk of homelessness, many partnering agencies come to our facility on a regular basis to offer services. Matt Talbot is known for collaborating with others to serve clients in the most impactful way possible, being careful not to duplicate efforts.

Vision
Defeat hunger & homelessness. Restore hope!

Mission
Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach serves the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of Lincoln’s working poor and homeless through outreach, advocacy, education and the provision of food and shelter.

Core Values
Compassionate Love, Dignity, Empowerment, Community, Integrity

How You Can Help
Volunteers have been the heart and soul of Matt Talbot since our founding. To learn more about volunteer opportunities, visit mtko.org. In addition, your contributions will give BOLD HOPE to someone in need. Donate online at mtko.org or mail to:

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