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## ~ REDUCING THE NEED FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES ~

Our fourth Impact Area announcement has arrived. We are delighted to announce that about \$234,000 is being released to the programs below to help reduce the need in our community for emergency services!

**Program**

**Affiliated Organization**



Carolyn's Place	Blue Water Safe Horizons
The Harbor - Day and Educational Programming Wings of the Harbor Food / Emergency Needs Program	Comprehensive Youth Services, Inc.
Pathway Shelter	Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries
BWARM Rescue Mission Night Shift Supervisor	Helping Hands Ministries
Lodging for Medical Services	Hunter Hospitality House
Mid City Nutrition Program Soup Kitchen	Mid City Nutrition Program
Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home	Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home



2018 Campaign Chair, Dan Damman, shared that, "This Impact Area reaches our neighbors on a basic necessity level. Our current programs help ensure their guests have adequate food and shelter; warding off starvation and other health hazards. Many programs also branch out into supportive services to help guests achieve self-sufficiency."

Please take some time to discover these programs and the impact they are having on our community. They are making great strides to help our residents gain self-sufficiency!

[www.uwstclair.org/ReducingTheNeedForEmergencyServices](http://www.uwstclair.org/ReducingTheNeedForEmergencyServices)

While there are many assistance programs throughout St. Clair County, the majority of the unmet needs below are due to a service not being available when the resident made their request.

### St. Clair County

#### 2018 2-1-1 Basic Needs Assistance Requests

**Referrals Given:**

814 Utility Assistance

657 Housing

177 Food, Meals

162 Clothing, Personal, Household Needs

56 Transportation

48 Income Support, Assistance

5 Employment

**Unmet Needs:**

206 Utility Assistance

198 Housing

15 Food, Meals

72 Clothing, Personal, Household Needs

33 Transportation

51 Income Support, Assistance

3 Employment

Source: 2-1-1 Serving Northeast Michigan 2018 Report



# ~ BUILDING BLOCKS ~

## To a self-sufficient future...



An example of the wonders that your generosity supports:

Presented by: Helping Hands Ministries

Blue Water Area Rescue Mission . . .

When “John” came to the rescue mission his story was not uncommon: a failed marriage because of alcohol abuse, a live in girl friend who participated in his drinking, an alcohol related driving offence, loss of his Driver’s License, loss of employment, and now nowhere to live. John quickly adapted to mission life; he liked the program structure and organization and he looked forward to the chapel services and substance abuse and life skills classes. After several weeks, John had a whole new outlook on life. He said, “I know now, that it was God that was missing from my life.”



Soon after, John found employment at the local hospital as a Valet. After several weeks, John stepped off the curb and tore a ligament in his knee. John tried to power through the injury and keep on working but it was soon evident that this would not be possible. John’s employer sent him to rehab where he was making good progress. Unfortunately though, with no income, he fell behind on his Friend of Court payments.

One evening, John did not return to the mission and we feared the worst. After a few days we received word that John had been arrested for failure to keep up his Friend of Court payments and was sentenced to 30 days in jail. This was actually a blessing in disguise; John used this time to apply what he had learned in Rehab to strengthen his knee and help heal his injury. Upon release from jail, John returned to the mission and dove right back in where he left off in his recovery journey. John has now found employment as a Maintenance Man in a local senior housing facility and is working towards catching up his child support payments and planning for the future.

### Who Is ALICE?

ALICE is an acronym for **A**sset **L**imited, **I**ncome **C**onstrained, **E**mployed.

- \* Households that earn above the Federal Poverty Level.
- \* Still struggle to afford a basic necessities household budget.
- \* One unexpected expense or emergency away from financial crisis.

### S.C.C. HOUSEHOLDS BELOW THE ALICE THRESHOLD:

Algonac: 46%	Columbus Twp: 37%	Kenockee Twp: 36%	Riley Twp: 32%
Berlin Twp: 29%	Cottrellville Twp: 40%	Kimball Twp: 41%	St. Clair: 42%
Brockway Twp: 41%	East China Twp: 47%	Lynn Twp: 33%	St. Clair Twp: 24%
Burtchville Twp: 46%	Emmett Twp: 33%	Marine City: 52%	Wales Twp: 34%
Casco Twp: 35%	Fort Gratiot Twp: 41%	Marysville: 40%	Yale: 57%
China Twp: 19%	Grant Twp: 31%	Mussey Twp: 37%	
Clay Twp: 38%	Greenwood Twp: 35%	Port Huron: 60%	
Clyde Twp: 39%	Ira Twp: 35%	Port Huron Twp: 45%	



## HOW OUR SUPPORTED PROGRAMS ARE BRIDGING THE GAP TO HELP THOSE IN NEED

### Comprehensive Youth Services, Inc.

In 2018, 90-day follow-up results of the Wings of the Harbor program showed success rates as follows: Out of 14 youth, 100% enrolled in school, graduated, obtained a GED, or are enrolled in skills training; 95% remain in safe stable housing; 100% have at least 1 healthy, caring, positive relationship with an adult other than TLP staff.

The Harbor provided services to 92 youth throughout 2018 with 96% (88) of the youth served having exited to safe, secure housing. Of the 92 youths, 86 of them returned home while 2 of them went to the Wings program. 98% (90) youths improved in school, benefited from the educational program, and completed their schoolwork.

### Helping Hands Ministries

Blue Water Area Rescue Mission served a total of 266 different individuals in 2018. This equates to a total of 9,605 bed nights and an average of 17 people per night.

### Hunter Hospitality House

In 2018, HHH hosted 273 guests, giving them a total of 1,480 days of free lodging.

### Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home

17,520 hours of subsidized assisted living care was provided at Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home in 2018 to seniors who were low income and could not afford the full cost of care.