

United Way of St. Clair County has four Impact Areas. Each month, beginning in May, UWSCC will unveil the funded programs within one of these impact areas. These programs are driving forces in our quest to raise the quality of life of our community.

Impact Areas:

- * Teaching Youth Life Skills » [May](#)
- * Improving Quality of Life through Health & Advocacy » [June](#)
 - * Helping Adults through Education or Training » [July](#)
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REDUCING THE NEED FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES

Program

Affiliated Organization

Carolyn's Place	Blue Water Safe Horizons
The Harbor - Day and Educational Programming	Comprehensive Youth Services, Inc.
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

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

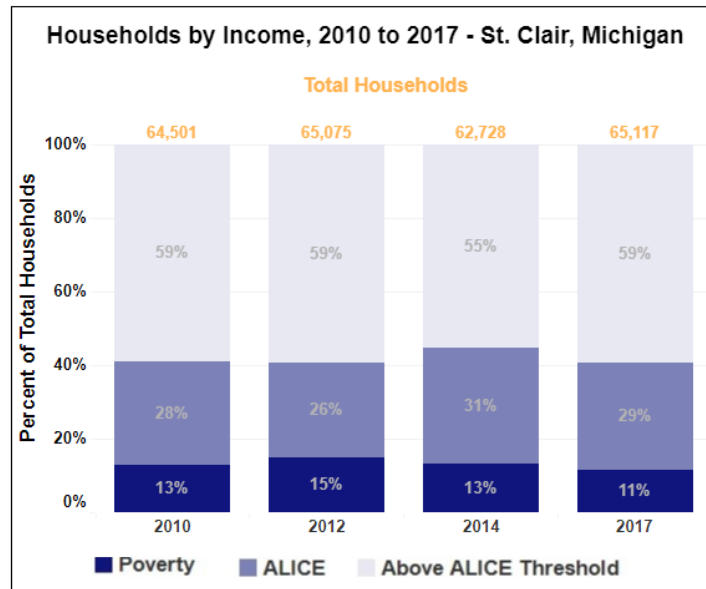
Unmet Needs:

206 Utility Assistance
 198 Housing
 15 Food, Meals
 72 Clothing, Personal, Household Needs
 33 Transportation
 51 Income Support, Assistance
 3 Employment

Who Is ALICE?

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

It is a way of defining and understanding households that earn above the Federal Poverty Level and still struggle to afford a basic necessities household budget. These households are one unexpected expense or emergency away from financial crisis.



Source: American Community Survey, 2017, and the ALICE Threshold, 2017.

How has the number of struggling households changed over time?

“The number of households below the ALICE Threshold fluctuates throughout the year. Households move in and out of poverty and ALICE as their circumstances worsen or improve. The general trend has been a flat recovery since 2010, the end of the Great Recession. In many locations, the cost of basics has increased more than wages, leading to an increase in the number of ALICE households.”

ST. CLAIR COUNTY HOUSEHOLDS BELOW THE ALICE THRESHOLD:

Algonac: 46%	Clay Twp: 38%	Fort Gratiot Twp: 41%	Lynn Twp: 33%	Riley Twp: 32%
Berlin Twp: 29%	Clyde Twp: 39%	Grant Twp: 31%	Marine City: 52%	St. Clair: 42%
Brockway Twp: 41%	Columbus Twp: 37%	Greenwood Twp: 35%	Marysville: 40%	St. Clair Twp: 24%
Burtchville Twp: 46%	Cottrellville Twp: 40%	Ira Twp: 35%	Mussey Twp: 37%	Wales Twp: 34%
Casco Twp: 35%	East China Twp: 47%	Kenockee Twp: 36%	Port Huron: 60%	Yale: 57%
China Twp: 19%	Emmett Twp: 33%	Kimball Twp: 41%	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 exited to safe, secure housing. Of the 92 youths served, 86 of them returned home while 2 of them went to the Wings program. 98% (90) youths improved in the 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. Twenty-nine of those guests were from St. Clair County, and 27% of the guests stayed at HHH because of patients from St. Clair County.

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.