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MEDICAL CLINIC OPENS AT SHELTER OF FLINT

Flint, MI – Shelter of Flint is pleased to announce the opening of an on-site medical clinic at its emergency shelter location at 924 Cedar Street. The clinic, which opened on October 14, is a partnership between Shelter of Flint and the Genesee Community Health Center, part of Genesee Health System. The Genesee Community Health Center (GCHC), specializes in meeting the needs of the homeless and provides care to anyone in need, regardless of insurance status or ability to pay.

Shelter of Flint clients face a variety of challenges, including lack of transportation and affordable child care. These challenges create barriers to accessing needed health care services. By offering comprehensive services at the shelter, GCHC is reducing barriers for Shelter of Flint clients in need of care.

“We are excited to partner with GCHC to provide access to care for our clients,” says Anne Grantner, President and CEO of Shelter of Flint. “By bringing healthcare services on site, we hope to reduce the number of emergency room visits by clients who do not have a primary care physician.”

The clinic is currently open two afternoons a week and hours will be expanded in the coming months. This is the third location of GCHC. “Our ultimate goal is to provide accessible services and programs, improving equity in care in an underserved population,” says Linda Bielskis, Executive Director of GCHC.

About Shelter of Flint: Shelter of Flint integrates programs and services with safe, affordable housing to help low income and homeless individuals and families achieve independence and stability. A full range of programs support families in our emergency, transitional, and permanent supportive housing. Our philosophy involves supporting families well beyond the emergency shelter. We work to identify underlying problems causing their homelessness and provide programs and services proven to address family challenges. Learn more by visiting www.shelterofflint.org.

Genesee Community Health Center: The Genesee Community Health Center is part of the Genesee Health System. The Health Center provides primary healthcare and helps with a myriad of healthcare services including mental health and substance use counseling and referrals. GCHC is a Federally Qualified Health Center, and their first location opened at 422 W. 4th Avenue in Flint in October of 2012. Their second location at Atherton East Apartments opened in August of 2014.

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