



A HOME OF THEIR OWN  
BREAKFAST

# Welcome



Welcome to Shelter of Flint's 2023 A Home of Their Own breakfast. We are truly honored by the overwhelming support from our community and thank you for joining us this morning.

Since 1983, Shelter of Flint has been providing housing services to individuals and families in Genesee County. Guided by the belief that housing is a human right, Shelter of Flint's primary goal is to transition our clients from homelessness to a home of their own. We execute this mission through three program areas – a 70-bed emergency family shelter, street outreach, and permanent supportive housing.

Through valuable partnerships with organizations and individuals like yourselves, Shelter of Flint is creating a community where everyone has the opportunity to live in safe, sustainable housing.

## Mission

Safe housing,  
independence,  
and stability.

## NOTEWORTHY STATISTICS

246

individuals, including 97 children who were homeless or at-risk of homelessness were housed through our permanent supportive housing program

Over  
\$630k

was spent on behalf of clients for rent, security deposits, and utilities

36,823

meals were served to shelter residents in 2022

64

unhoused individuals received critical support from our street outreach team to help them access benefits and secure housing

779

clients were served by Shelter of Flint programs in 2022



# Agenda

## **MASTER OF CEREMONIES**

Angie Hendershot

*ABC 12 News Anchor and  
Shelter of Flint Board Member*

## **WELCOME**

David Zavatsky

*President, Board of Directors*

## **THANK YOU**

Darcy Skaggs

*Development Associate*

## **REISING AWARD PRESENTATION**

Linda Bielskis

*President & CEO*

Emily Wheat

*PATH Outreach Manager*

## **ABOUT SHELTER OF FLINT**

Angie Hendershot

## **OUR CLIENTS**

Video Presentation

## **CALL TO ACTION**

Tia Coles

*Board of Directors*

## **CLOSING**

Shelly Hoffman

*Development Director*





# STATE OF HOMELESSNESS

In Genesee County, nearly 4,000 people endured homelessness last year, with more than 1 out of 10 of those living outside or in other places that are not habitable.

Housing instability and a lack of affordable housing suitable for occupation make a challenging climate for low-income individuals and families. It is estimated there is a need for 3,500 additional affordable housing units in Genesee County.

Even then affordable housing does not always equate to habitable housing. Often when clients are able to obtain housing choice vouchers or other critical housing supports, they can't find a suitable place to live that will pass the necessary inspections. This leaves them lingering in shelters or, worse, living outside.



# H. WILLIAM REISING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The H. William Reising Achievement Award recognizes individuals and community partners who have demonstrated their commitment to the work and the clients of Shelter of Flint. This year's recipient, Snuggle Sacks, embodies that commitment. Founded in 2015 by Addisyn, Jaxson, and Sheridan Goss after the three siblings met their estranged grandfather who recently endured homelessness, Snuggle Sacks makes survival kits, or sacks, containing personal hygiene products, snacks, blankets, weather-related clothing items, and more for individuals living outside.

Through their tenacity, generosity, and community spirit, Snuggle Sacks has worked with many other community organizations to provide these essential items at no cost to the unhoused in their community and beyond. They have been featured in many local and national news outlets garnering them well-deserved attention for their steadfast commitment to helping those in need.

We would like to send a heartfelt thank you to Addisyn, Jaxson, Sheridan, and all of the volunteers and supporters of Snuggle Sacks for all that you do for the clients of Shelter of Flint and all the unhoused citizens of our community.

## PAST RECIPIENTS

Bill Reising  
Angie Hendershot  
Cheryl Sclater  
Jody Pringle

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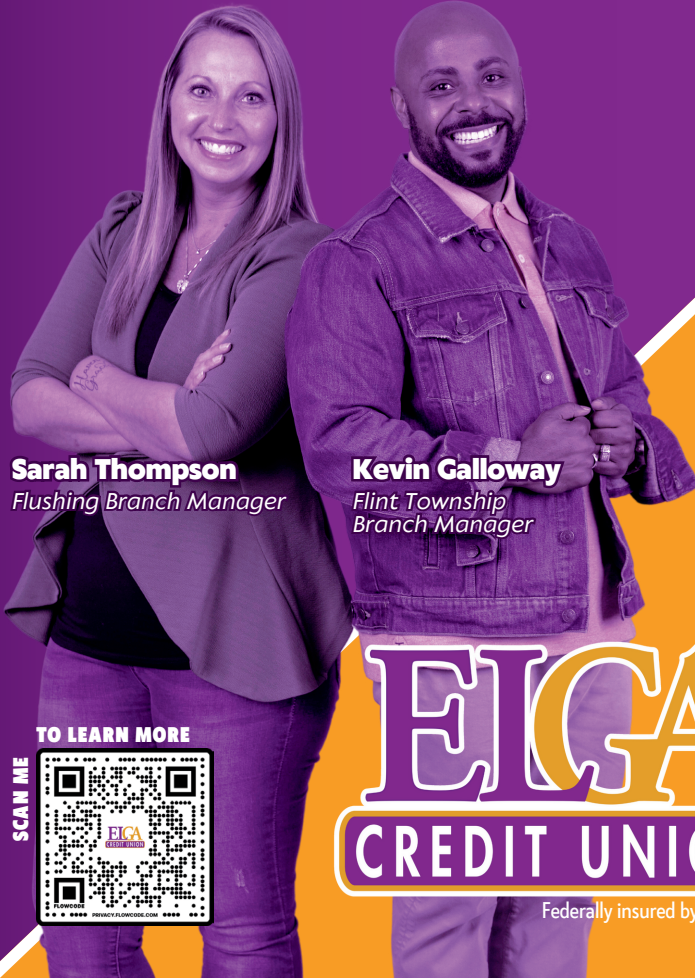
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## Save the Date!

**Saturday, February 24th, 2024**

The Coldest Night of the Year is a super-fun family-friendly fundraising walk that takes place in locations across North America and will be returning right here to Genesee County for a second year. The local walk supports Shelter of Flint's work providing essential care and services for people experiencing homelessness, hurt, and hunger.

CNOY is a moment each year when we step outside the warmth and comfort of home to shine a light of welcome and compassion in our community.

For more information, please email [sof@shelterofflint.org](mailto:sof@shelterofflint.org)



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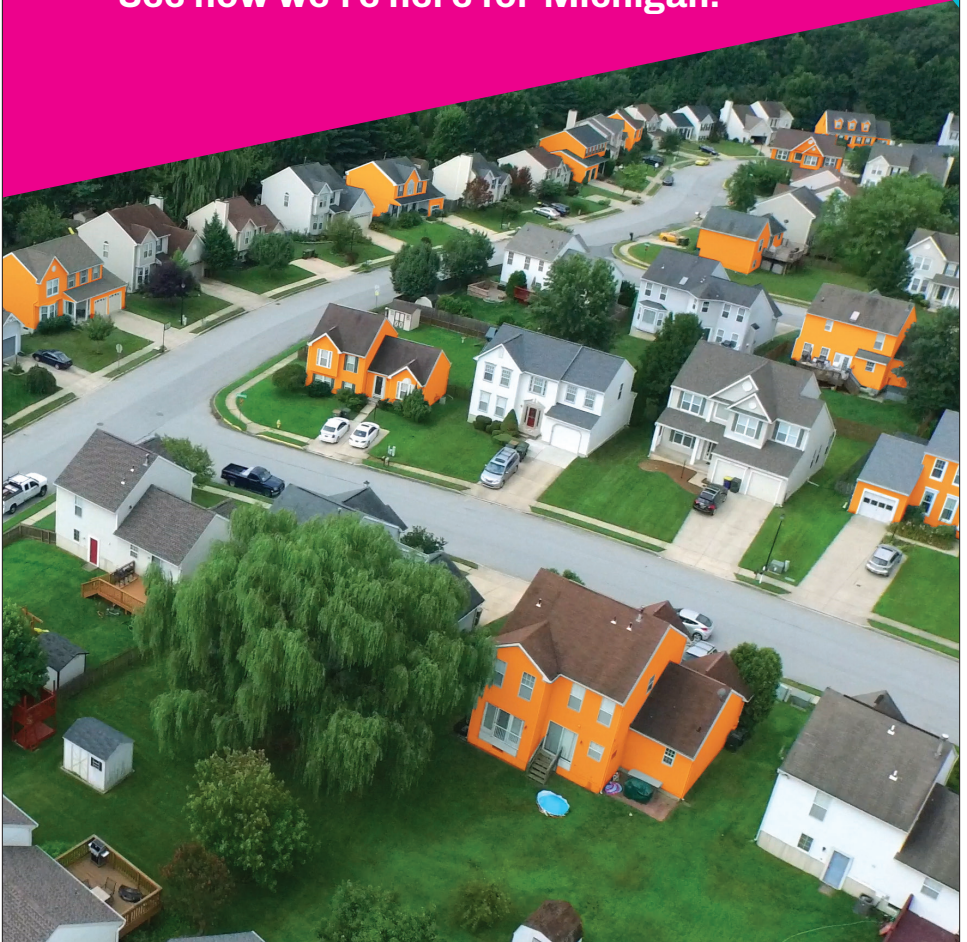




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## 2023 ADOPT-A-FAMILY HOLIDAY GIFT GIVING PROGRAM

The Shelter of Flint is offering two ways to make the 2023 holiday season bright for children and families in need:

### Gift Card Program

- Purchase gift cards for families
- Gift cards are distributed evenly to families
- Allows families to shop for their own holiday gifts



### Amazon Wish List Program

- Purchase items for Shelter programs through Amazon
- Items go toward basic needs for shelter residents
- Not specific gifts, benefits all families at the shelter



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If you are interested in participating in the Adopt-a-Family program, please reach out to the Shelter of Flint via email at [adoptafamily@shelterofflint.org](mailto:adoptafamily@shelterofflint.org) or call (810) 715-9201 ext. 305 for instructions on how to purchase gift cards or Amazon Wish List links

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## CATERPILLAR CLUBHOUSE

One feature of our shelter is the Caterpillar Clubhouse, an afterschool program designed to provide much-needed emotional and educational support to shelter residents between the ages of 5-17. This is a place where kids have an opportunity to just be kids. Our staff work to create unique experiences for them including trips to local arts and cultural organizations, orchards, and festivals, as well as providing tutoring, craft time, and physical activities.

# YOUR Help

**Your support helps Shelter of Flint move families from homelessness to hopefulness.**



Moving unsheltered families into emergency shelter and to homes of their own is what Shelter of Flint does best. When families find a home, our staff works to make sure they have the support they need so they can successfully stay in their new home. That support comes in many forms. Whether it's helping with rent, stocking a pantry or buying some groceries when things are tight, making sure holidays are bright, or simply lending a listening ear, Shelter of Flint is there to keep individuals and families safe and housed.



# THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

## Imagine moving from homelessness to hopefulness...

Living unsheltered negatively impacts a person's mental and physical health. Many individuals may feel unworthy. But when they are supported, their **esteem** begins to build. When they learn they have the means necessary to move into a new home, **smiles** abound. And on the day that they receive a **key** to their new home, the joy is contagious.

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