



# Warming Center News

## Join us for the 'big night' April 29

Join those who support the Macomb County Warming Center for an evening of good food and lively music at an unbeatable price.

The fourth annual "Spring for the Homeless" is set for Thursday, April 29, 6-10 p.m. at DeCarlo's Banquet Hall on Ten Mile in Warren.

"This benefit is such a fun way to spend an evening," said Cindy Willman, who is chairing the annual dinner committee this year.

Mr. B's Salute to the Superstars will again provide live entertainment. Salute to the Superstars is Michigan's largest Vegas-style tribute show.

"We support a couple of causes a year and this one is near and dear to our hearts," said Steve Baker of the Super Stars.

This year Buddy Holly, The Blues Brothers, Nat King Cole, Tim McGraw and Willie Nelson tribute artists will be featured.

"The entertainment provided by Salute to the Superstars is absolutely the best," Cindy said.

Plans call for a silent



Steve Baker and Ray Paschall give a fun performance that's true to the Blues Brothers style.

auction and a raffle, too. Items include sports memorabilia and lots of gift certificates for a night on the town.

Tickets to the Bonstelle Theatre, the Hillberry Theatre and the Gem will be offered. The Detroit Reparatory Theatre, Meadowbrook Festival and Macomb Center for the Performing Arts are included, too. Round out the night with a gift certificate from El Charros, Buddy's Pizza, Michele's Sweetheart Bakery and Restaurant, Ventimiglia's Italian, Olive Garden, Chili's or Buffalo Wild Wings.

There will be a Christ-

mas basket, a Beanie Baby basket and a "garden basket," in the raffle mix, too.

Donations are still coming in and are welcome, Cindy said.

The annual dinner is the major fund-raiser of the year for the Macomb County Warming Center, which provides a safe, warm place to sleep for hundreds of homeless persons during the cold, winter months.

In addition, the Warming Center operates the Ray of Hope Day Center in Eastpointe, which offers Peer Support programs and other services designed to help homeless people help themselves.

"Please come out, celebrate spring, and support a group that understands what it means to serve others," Cindy said.

Tickets are a bargain at \$30. Look for a great meal at the extended buffet, cash bar.

Call (586) 321-0998 for information or tickets. Buy tickets on-line at [www.warmigcenter.org](http://www.warmigcenter.org).

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### Headliners include Blues Brothers, Willie Nelson

Those who attend the Warming Center annual dinner April 29 are in for a real musical treat!

Steve Baker and Ray Paschall as the Blues Brothers have costuming with all the details, right down to the tattoos on the knuckles and the cheese whiz. More important, they've got the moves and the music to make them Michigan's top act performing a tribute to the legendary Blues Brothers.

They perform music from both Blues Brothers movies. "We work continuously to enhance, perfect and strengthen our act to

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Comments from our guests: 'It's nice to know there are kind people ... I need to make change ... I feel welcome ... My fear is a little gone ...'

## Church recruits 'disciples' for MCWC work

Utica United Methodist Church in Sterling Heights has been hosting the homeless for the Macomb Warming Center almost from the beginning. This is the seventh year for the group.

When the previous coordinator stepped down, Ron Borgacz told his pastor he would help, but he didn't want the whole responsibility. It didn't work out that way.

"I was given the job of coordinator because God wanted to help build up my confidence again. I had been off work for nearly a year and he was preparing me to re-enter the work force," Ron said.

A nudge from Pastor Bill Donahue and encouragement from friends sealed the deal.

"It was easy to step in – the program pretty well runs itself," Ron said. The church provides shelter for a week, simple meals and a few extras like socks and hats for those who



Andrew Lawson wearing one of his trademark hats.

need them. Ron's said his work was made easier by the previous coordinator.

"I stepped into a well-established program developed by Gerry and Kitt Bryce with the help of the Macomb Warming Center," he explained.

Bob and Deb MacKool stepped up to organize the food portion of the program with help from experienced church members. Mark Nesbitt shared his experience and was there to encourage the new coordinator.

"And, I had my wife and others who came to fill in wherever we needed help," he said.

Pastor Bill Donahue said the Warming Center shelter is only one of the projects undertaken by "disciples" from his church.

"I call them disciples, not volunteers, because a volunteer can always

step forward, or step back," he said. "A disciple always steps forward."

Bill said it's his role to ask how he can help church members with their ministry, rather than ask them to help with his ministry. It's a plan that works well, he said. Church members are involved with ministries from Appalachia to Venezuela and, of course, here at home.

"We are convinced that, as we serve others, this is what Christ would have us do," he said.

Among the most enthusiastic volunteers from Utica United Methodist is 34-year-old Andrew Lawson. He's an avid runner and he has worked at the Meijers store in Sterling Heights for the past 15 years. He's known for his goofy hats – antlers for Christmas, bunny ears for Easter and so on – that lighten the spirits of those around him.

For four years, he has helped with all aspects of hosting the shelter at his church. What does he like best about his work with the Warming Center project?

"Seeing that people have a warm place to stay and helping them out,"

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## Here's what you can do to help the homeless

There are lots of ways you can help the Macomb County Warming Center. Here are a few of them:

**Socks:** The Warming Center always needs new white cotton socks and new packaged underwear. These items can be dropped off at the Ray of Hope Day Center on Tuesday and Thursday.

**Advertise:** Help us and help yourself! Advertise your business in this newsletter. It is distributed to more than 600 homes, businesses and organizations in the tri-county area. See the Directory of Services on the back page for more information. You can also help by doing business with those who advertise ... and mention that you appreciate their support for

the Warming Center.

**Services:** Professionals who are able to donate services to the homeless should contact Executive Director Kathy Goodrich at (586) 321-0998. We would also like to hear from those who can offer work, even part time or temporary jobs, to those in need.

**Tell your friends about us:** Let your friends know about the good work the Warming Center is doing. Send us their address, and we'll send them our newsletter. Or, send them a link to our web site.

**Monetary donations:** Your donations help us keep the Warming Center open. Because we have a 501C3 designation, all donations to the

Macomb County Warming Center are tax deductible. You might also qualify for a state tax credit because we are an organization dedicated to helping the homeless. Consult your tax professional for details.

A gift of just \$22 will keep a homeless person warm and nourished for one week this winter. Your contribution will help prevent extreme weather deaths while bringing hope to the hopeless. Send tax-deductible contributions to:

**Macomb County Warming Center  
PO Box 53  
Roseville, MI 48066**

Make checks payable to MCWC. Thank you and may God bless your generosity to those less fortunate.



... I'm tired of being sick and tired ... People here are very kind and polite ... I hope someday to be able to give back ... God bless and thank you. '

# Ninth season closes for the Warming Center

**Sunday morning**, March 28, marked the end of our ninth shelter season! Hard to believe it has been that long since our first shelter week.

During this 2009-10 year, we have seen calm and relaxing evenings; better for guests and volunteers alike. I guess it just took awhile to learn which policies work best for everyone. Our mission of "providing a warm, safe place to spend the night" remains unchanged, and experience has taught us how best to provide this. We sheltered 425 guests this year, down somewhat from last year, but expected as there has been a great effort to assist the homeless into housing in this area.

Many organizations have been working very hard to accomplish what is actually our main goal – that as many as possible homeless folks be housed! Even this effort, however, leaves many still on the street; so we fully expect to continue our shelter program as long as we are needed.

**This year** we welcomed three new churches, and welcomed back 13 from last year.

We were blessed to begin our

partnerships with St. Paul United Church of Christ in Warren, Discover / Riverside Church in Utica and Kensington Church which provided their shelter at the new Cairns Community Center in Mt. Clemens.



*Kathy Goodrich  
Executive director*

**Back from prior years** were St. Louis in Clinton Township, ninth year; Holy Innocents in Roseville, ninth year; Grace Episcopal in Mt. Clemens, fifth year; Utica United Methodist Church in Sterling Heights, seventh year; Zion United Church of Christ in Mt. Clemens, ninth year; St. Blase in Sterling Heights, sixth year; First Methodist in Mt. Clemens, second year; Greater Morningstar in Mt. Clemens, second year; St. Mark in Warren, seventh year; St. Edmund in Warren, fifth year; Love Life Family Christian Center, third year; Christian Trinity Church in Eastpointe, second year and First Presbyterian Church in Mt. Clemens, second year.

Many thanks to all these churches

and to all our volunteers. We could not be a shelter provider without all of you!

**Love and prayers** to all; and special blessings to those who sacrifice to support us financially. We could never do all we need to do without your help!

**A note about** our annual dinner – Spring for the Homeless – coming up on April 29. We have a hard-working committee preparing for this event (to whom I offer many thanks) and a wonderful line-up of acts by the Salute to the Superstars!

This promises to stand out as our best event to date and we look forward to many of you attending. We know our usual attendees will be back, because they always do come back! Once you come to one of our dinners, you will return year after year because, if for no other reason, they are great fun!!

See you there ...

*...Kathy*

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## Headliners set for MCWC dinner

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pay the proper tribute to John Belushi and Dan Akroyd," Steve said.

The music of Buddy Holly will never die as long as Tom Carroll can perform his breath-taking tribute to the legendary artist. Rolling Stone ranked Holly #13 among "The Fifty Greatest Artists of All Time."

Tom grew up in a house full of Buddy Holly records so the music was impressed on him at a very young age. You will enjoy his high-energy performance of songs



*A tribute to Willie Nelson is planned.*

like "Peggy Sue" and "That'll be the Day."

Since the age of 14, Jeff Carr has been performing the music of the legendary Willie Nelson. He won plenty of talent competitions but a highlight of his career was performing as an opening act for Johnny Cash and Jerry Lee Lewis in 1980. In June 2009, he had the pleasure of meeting his hero.

"I believe my tribute show is an adequate representation of the man,

his music, and his legend," Carr said. Other tribute artists will represent Tim McGraw and Nat King Cole. For more information on the artists, check the Super Stars website at [www.salutetothsuperstars.com](http://www.salutetothsuperstars.com).

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## Macomb County Warming Center and Ray of Hope Day Center



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### OUR MISSION ...

Macomb County Warming Center seeks, along with our partner churches, to provide a safe, warm place to spend the night and simple, nourishing meals to those who would otherwise have no shelter.

The Ray of Hope Day Center, an extended service of the MCWC, will, in collaboration with like-minded organizations, provide our local homeless and needy individuals and families with referrals and resources in order to supply opportunities to move into secure, productive lifestyles.

### OUR BOARD ...

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## 'Disciples'

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Andrew said.

Ron said Andrew and others at his church make it easy to coordinate the homeless shelter. He manages a group of more than 100 people.

"A lot of us have come to realize that it's about service," he said. "I love to

help and I love to serve. This is easy. It really is."

He said he was a little uneasy at first but he soon settled into the role.

"If I can't give a week for people who really need it – shame on me," he said. "Go home and look at your house, with all the food you have. How can you not do it? It's only a week."

- By Donna Remer



## Directory of Services

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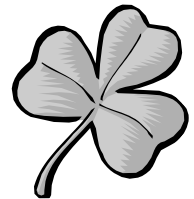
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