



# Warming Center News

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## Spring for the Homeless April 28

If you don't already have your ticket for the Macomb County Warming Center's Spring for the Homeless dinner, don't delay.

You don't want to miss the toe-tapping music, a great buffet, silent raffles, 50-50 raffles and more. The date is Thursday, April 28, at DiCarlo's Banquet and Conference Center on 10 Mile in Warren. Doors open at 6 p.m.

The event promises lots of fun with Larry Larson, Charlie Taylor and George Chirota entertaining.

"They have generously volunteered their time and talent to lead us in our celebration of spring," said Cindy Willman, event organizer. "Their recent appearances at our partner churches St. Blasé and St. Margaret of Scotland were hand-clapping, sing-along good times."

The three are known for the "best Irish music this side of the Emerald Isle." A local favorite, "The Detroit Song," was written by Taylor and is sung by Larson. It highlights many Detroit landmarks and will bring back memories.

Spring for the Homeless is the biggest fund-raiser of the year for the MCWC.

Tickets are a bargain at \$30 per person, or reserve a table for ten for \$270.

"Please join us! And bring your friends," said Willman. "The money



MCWC favorites Larry Larson, Charlie Taylor and George Chirota will provide the entertainment.

raised during this event helps us provide supplies to the churches that host the shelter throughout the winter and provide services at the Ray of Hope Day Center year-round."

This past winter, shelters saw a increase in those seeking help. Record cold weather and Michigan's unemployment rate combined to send more people to the shelters. Still, no one was turned away.

The Macomb County Warming Center, along with partner churches, provides a safe, warm place to spend the night, along with simple but nourishing evening and morning meals for adults who would otherwise have no shelter.

The Ray of Hope Day Center, an extended service of the MCWC, pro-

vides local homeless and needy individuals with referrals and resources to move into secure, productive lifestyles.

"We are called to help those who are less fortunate than ourselves," said Willman. "The Macomb County Warming Center does this in a very hands-on way."

Donations are still being accepted for the silent auction or the "tin can" auction. Call Willman at 248-709-4787.

To advertise in the dinner program or reserve a ticket, call MCWC Director Kathy Goodrich at 586-321-0998.

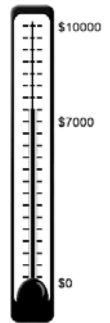
Sponsorships are also available. Sponsors will receive prominent recognition in the program book and at the event. Call Goodrich for details.

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## Will you help us reach our goal?

A \$10,000 challenge grant from the The McGregor Fund will match each dollar donated to the Macomb County Warming Center through April 2011. So far, we are more than two-thirds of the way to our goal. Will you help?



We are a 501C3 nonprofit, so your donation may be tax deductible. Use the enclosed envelope to send your check or mail to:

MCWC  
PO Box 53  
Roseville MI 48066

Thank you for all your help!



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 ...

# Macomb students volunteer

Students in the H.O.P.E. Macomb organization recently spent a week working with some of the homeless of Macomb County .

In partnership with the Macomb County Warming Center , the students helped provide shelter, dinner and breakfast to about 75 homeless men and women per night for a week in March at a church in Mount Clemens .

Earlier in the winter, student members of the Phi Theta Kappa organization worked with the Warming Center at a church in Mount Clemens .

“ Macomb students are the future leaders of our community. To have them working with our program and learning about an often forgotten part of our society is a blessing today and gives us added hope for tomorrow,” said Kathy Goodrich, executive director of the Warming Center organization.

This is the second year H.O.P.E. students have worked with the Warming Center and at least the fourth year that PTK has volunteered with the program.



*Above: Judi Armstrong, a volunteer at First Presbyterian Church in Mount Clemens, and Kristin Shawen, a first year student, social work major, take a break from preparing dinner. At left: Dany Poutros and Wisam Mansour are both second year students who volunteered to secure for the night belongings of the guests. Poutros is considering dental technician or social work. Mansour wants to be a physical therapist.*



## Mark your calendar ...

### Tuesday, April 12

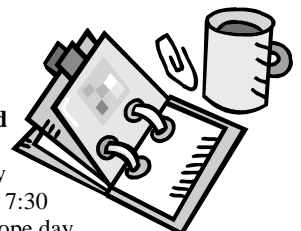
Shelter Wrap-Up for Shelter staff, Church coordinators and volunteers. To be held at 7 p.m. at Love, Life Family Christian Center, 15800 E. Ten Mile in Eastpointe. We invite everyone who worked at a shelter church this season.

### Thursday, April 28

Macomb County Warming Center annual dinner at DiCarlo's Banquet Hall in Warren. Tickets are \$30. Table for ten is \$270. Call 586-321-0998 to reserve. Good food, raffles, music. Doors open at 6 p.m.

### MCWC Board meetings:

Fourth Monday of each month, 7:30 p.m., Ray of Hope day center.





... 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. '

# Busy shelter season draws to a close

April marks the end of another shelter season. The shelter weeks were full this year with some churches serving over 100 guests per night! We are blessed with our partner churches and our shelter staff, as they do such a wonderful job of welcoming, feeding and making room for our many homeless guests!

We would like to offer a hearty thank you to our churches; each for giving a week. We are aware that week involves a great deal of changes in the usual routine of each church as well as the work and contributions of their congregations! There is no way to adequately give thanks, but we know that each shelter church is blessed by the Holy Spirit because of their work and sacrifice, and we are honored to be able to work with them.

We also look forward this month to our "Shelter Wrap-Up and Recap" meeting. This is the time when we review the past shelter season, discuss lessons learned and share ideas for any needed improvements next season.

Also in April, of course, we are hurriedly completing plans for the Annual Dinner, our major fundraiser of the year, on Thursday,

April 28 this year. We will again be at DeCarlo's Banquet and Convention Center in Warren.

A bargain of food, fun and entertainment for \$30 – less than so many other community events, as we are benefited by donated professional entertainment and the volunteered assistance of our board members, churches and others! A flyer is inserted in this newsletter.

Speaking of Warren, we were honored to be named one of three organizations to be assisted by the Church, Police, City organization (Warren CPC). We have received donations of goods and funds, and were honored at the State of the City Speech by Mayor Fouts. We, and those we serve, are so very grateful for the wonderful and vast community support we receive from so many cities, townships and Macomb County citizens!

I also want to thank The City of Eastpointe Community Chest for a



Kathy Goodrich

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... Kathy Goodrich**

generous donation and for inviting us to sit on their Networking Committee, an active group which does so much for the city, its businesses, schools and citizens.

We are grateful to the many Oakland County organizations and to the Divine Mercy Center in Roseville which answered our recent call for blankets when we began to run short with the increasing numbers of shelter guests.

I hope to see you at DeCarlo's on April 28.

*...Kathy*

*Kathy Goodrich is executive director for the Macomb County Warming Center. Reach her by e-mail: kmac0212@wowway.com or call (586) 321-0998. Send mail to our post office box: PO Box 53, Roseville, MI 48066.*

## Don't be confused re: Ray of Hope

The website of The Hope Center of Macomb shows a newspaper article naming them the *Ray of Hope*.

While we appreciate the fine work being done by the Hope Center, we feel the need to clarify the wording and use of our name, especially since there may be confusion caused by the distribution of flyers showing the

*Hope Center as the Ray of Hope* at a recent Community Connection Day for the Homeless in Mt. Clemens.

The Ray of Hope day center is a year-round extended service of the Macomb County Warming Center. We opened our doors in April 2006 in an effort to meet the needs of

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*The Ray of Hope day center is on 9 Mile in Eastpointe. It is operated by the Macomb County Warming Center.*

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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 ...

Kevin Goodrich, President  
Kathy McKinley-Goodrich, Treasurer  
Joannie Matiyow, Secretary  
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## Ray of Hope ...

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our homeless citizens that we were unable to fully address in the framework of our emergency warming shelter.

The primary purpose of the Ray of Hope is to provide resources to homeless people that enable them to gain a foothold, and

return to society as productive, contributing individuals.

We appreciate your support as we continue this valuable program for those in need.

We're on the Web!  
[www.warmingcenter.org](http://www.warmingcenter.org)

## Directory of Services

*Support those who support the MCWC*

This newsletter is distributed to more than 700 homes, businesses, churches and social service agencies in the tri-county area. For \$300 you can list your advertisement here. Call (586) 321-0998.



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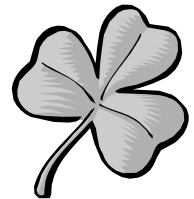
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