



# Warming Center News

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## Ray of Hope welcomes visitors

Ray of Hope Day Center, 16546 Nine Mile in Eastpointe, put its best foot forward on Thursday, July 7, for an open house.

The Macomb County Warming Center offices were moved to the larger facility late last year. Staff members showed guests the work areas, Peer Support meeting room and the large storage room, which allows the MCWC to accept more donations for the shelter year.

"It was great to see so many of you who we had not seen in awhile as well as the new friends that we were able to meet for the first time!" said Kathy Goodrich, director for the MCWC.



Above: Deana Henderson, MCWC secretary, talks with a guest. At left, the Rev. Terri Bracy shows the bulletin board where guests can find job postings and other info.

## They're back!

Folk singer and guitarist Larry Larson with famed Irish tenor Charlie Taylor will return again this year for an Irish Octoberfest to benefit the Macomb County Warming Center.

They will be joined by "Fiddlin' George" Chirota on Sunday, Oct. 16 at St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church. The fun begins in the school gym at 2 p.m. No admission fee, but a free will donation will be received.

Free finger foods and cider. Small charge for beer and wine.

Don't miss it. Those who attended last year, didn't want to leave!

The church is located on 13 Mile Road between I-94 and Harper. Lots of parking at the back near the gym entrance.

## Shelter helpers share insights

The Macomb County Warming Center relies on churches and other organizations to host the shelter each week during cold weather. It's an experience that many volunteers find very rewarding. Here are comments from a few people from St. Paul United Church of Christ, who helped during the last shelter season:

**"My week volunteering** at the warming center is always a great experience that cannot be put into words. It is a lot of work, but the fulfillment I receive from doing it definitely outweighs the work portion. On the last night one of our guests told us workers in the kitchen that they had all voted and

that we were going to be going on with them to the next church to cook for them.

"Throughout the week, we were told how much they enjoyed the food, but hearing them wanting to have us go with them onto the next church was great! Knowing that we were able to give them warm full stomachs for a week was very fulfilling for me and I can't wait to do it again next year."

*Beth DeVlaminck*

**"I experienced a new job** this year but I volunteered to help with the laundry on Sunday morning. After some minor confusion, I finally met up with them at

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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 ...'



# Show support for MCWC

We know you support the mission of the Macomb County Warming Center, now you can let others know it, too!

For the first time the MCWC is offering a "membership" for a minimum donation of \$35 per year.

Not only will you have the satisfaction of contributing to a worthwhile organization, but you will also get a free polo shirt printed with the Warming Center logo on the front and back.

Sweatshirts and t-shirts are also available. Shirts are navy with logos printed in white; see photo at

left. Members have the opportunity to work alongside administrative staff in various projects and to represent the Warming Center at city council meetings and other events, as requested.

For more information on the membership program, call the Warming Center at 586-321-0998.

Or, just clip and send the coupon below along with your donation to:

*MCWC  
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Roseville, MI 48066*

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## Make your prayer request to MCWC today

The Macomb County Warming Center is a faith-based, non-denominational organization dedicated to caring for those who need a safe, warm place to stay during the winter months.

We are like a family. We share our hopes and our prayers. If you have a special prayer request, we would like to know.

Just fill out the form below and mail it in the enclosed envelope, no

donation necessary.

"We will be glad to include your requests in our prayers at the Ray of Hope and board meetings, and in our quiet times of prayer," said Kathy Goodrich, executive director.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer request: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Would you like someone to contact you? If so, include your phone number: \_\_\_\_\_



... 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. '

# We expect a busy shelter season this year

I want to thank the many folks who attended our open house on July 7. You can read the story on the cover of this newsletter and see more photos on our website: [www.warmingcenter.org](http://www.warmingcenter.org).

We also are happy about the turnout for the Housing Maintenance Workshops sessions in July. These were very popular, Dorothy Pilla gave extremely interesting and informative presentations and we expect to host more in the future.

The federal budget cuts will have serious effects on our ability to provide services and, although I do not like to use this column to ask for help, we do need assistance at this time.

That's why I'm including a "wish list" for readers to review. Many of these items can be purchased at a dollar store. Any help you can give would be greatly appreciated.

We need:

- Black Sharpies or markers
- Boots – winter or work boots
- Bus tickets
- Clorox Wipes
- Copy paper
- File folders
- Folders of any colors
- Foot powder
- Fast food gift cards



Kathy Goodrich

- Vouchers from local gas station stores
- Snacks – non-perishable and pocket size, such as crackers and peanut butter or cheese, cookies, etc.

- Underwear – new in package
- Hand sanitizer
- Hi-Liters – any colors
- Letters of Support
- Paper towels
- Pens - blue or black
- Pillow cases
- Post-it notes
- Postage stamps
- Used bicycles
- White socks - new

Other ideas include holding a casual day at work for the benefit of The Warming Center. This would not only bring in needed funds but also raise awareness of the important work we do.

We have two big fundraisers on the calendar this year: Spring for the Homeless annual dinner and our fall Irishfest. We need gift cards from local businesses and prizes for the raffles we hold at both events. If

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... Kathy Goodrich

you can contribute, or know someone who can, we would be grateful.

Do you have a used car that you no longer need? Donate it to Charity Motors in the name of the Macomb County Warming Center. You get a tax deduction and we get most of the proceeds from the sale of the car or car parts. Call 888 908-CARS or go to [www.charitymotors.org](http://www.charitymotors.org)

Finally, please call us if your church or organization can provide space to host our shelter for one week this fall and winter. We are thankful for all those who already host and we welcome newcomers.

Thank you for all you do.

In His Love ...

*Kathy*

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

## Insights ...

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the Tiny Bubbles Laundromat.

“They sure have a system and they have it down pat.

“First all blankets must be unfolded and shaken - then into one of the double load washers - three or five to a washer depending on the size and thickness - shut the door and here comes someone with soap then someone with quarters.

“Now we have a little break. Then, when that load is done, here we go again with the same routine. Now we take the clean blankets and put them into the dryer this time only three to a dryer. It only takes 10 minutes and they are dry. Fold and put into large bags ready to go to the next church.

“All this was done by one woman and her daughter and she had three or four young boys helping and, believe it or not, we were all done by 10:15. This works like clockwork and yet they have time to laugh and joke.

“I will gladly do it again and, if anyone would like to donate something instead of their time, I know it would be greatly appreciated. They used liquid All with no scent, Bounce dryer sheets and, of course, QUARTERS.”

*Sue Regier*

Look for more comments from shelter volunteers in the next newsletter. Can your church or organization help this year? Call Kathy Goodrich at 586-321-0998 for more information.

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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  
Joseph V. Belfiori, Rev. Terri Bracy  
Patrick Byrne, Dan Heaton, David Hire  
Kathy Lancaster, Michelina Plesco

## Mark your calendar ...

**Monday, Aug. 29 at 7 p.m.**

Macomb County Warming Center board of directors meeting at the Ray of Hope center on Nine Mile in Eastpointe.

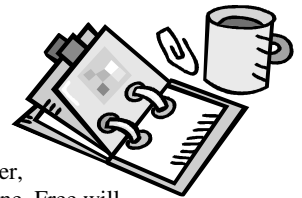
**Monday, Sept. 26 at 7 p.m.**

Macomb County Warming Center board of directors

meeting at the Ray of Hope center on Nine Mile in Eastpointe.

**Sunday, Oct. 16 at 2 p.m.**

An "Irish Octoberfest" will be held at St. Margaret of Scotland school gym, St. Clair Shores. No admission. Free finger foods. Small charge for



beer, wine. Free will offering taken for MCWC. Entertainment by Larry Larson, Charlie Taylor and George Chirota. Irish favorites and folk music.



## 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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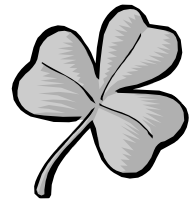
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