



# Warming Center News

The Macomb County Warming Center  
& Ray of Hope Day Center  
Presents our 10<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL



## "SPRING FOR THE HOMELESS"

A DINNER AND ENTERTAINMENT BENEFIT

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PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE MCWC HOMELESS SHELTER

AND OUR DAY SERVICES PROGRAM: THE RAY OF HOPE

FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2016, 6:00 – 10:00 P.M.

The Mirage Elegant Banquets & Catering

16980 18 Mile Rd. (East of Garfield), Clinton Township, MI 48038

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT BY:

Ray Paschall and Friends featuring tributes to the stars (Blues Brothers; Buddy Holly...)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL Deana at 586 329-4046  
or email Kathy at [kathy@macombcountywarmingcenter.org](mailto:kathy@macombcountywarmingcenter.org)



**Detach Here to order tickets: (or go to Paypal, or call 586 321-0998 and leave a message.) Thank you so much for supporting our shelter and basic needs, jobs and housing services.**

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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 ...

### Thank You

In our last issue, we listed the churches which served the Warming Center homeless this season through January 16. Following are the rest of this year's churches serving from January 17 through April 23. Many thanks to all our wonderful shelter churches and volunteers!

- First Presbyterian Church in Mt. Clemens
- St. Blase Catholic Community
- Utica United Methodist
- St. Faustina Catholic
- St. Martin de Porres Catholic
- St. Paul United Church of Christ
- New Life Assembly of God
- First Presbyterian Church in Warren
- Shores Assembly of God
- Church of the Master RCA
- Covenant Christian Center
- Celtic Cross Presbyterian



### Help the Warming Center if you shop at Kroger's

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 (BEST TO CALL AFTER MONDAY AS LINE IS VERY BUSY EARLY IN THE WEEK.)  
 Choose Option 3  
 Ask to enroll in the Community Rewards Program  
 Provide your Kroger card # or phone #  
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### What Your Donations Cover

\$10 pays for a State ID card, often the first step needed for a homeless person to find employment or even be recognized as a citizen by police and other officials.

\$16 covers bus transportation for a job search for one Ray of Hope job seeker for 4 days.

\$112 provides one night of shelter and meals for 6 shelter guests (this cost would be considerably higher if not for the generous donation of food and time of many volunteers).

### Make Your Prayer Request

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.

Although the usual form does not appear in this issue, we are still asking for requests, 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.

We partner with churches of many denominations and would be happy to refer readers for counseling and other ministries. If you are interested, please contact us with your email, street address or phone number. No reason for your request is needed, just let us know you would like a church contact and your preferred denomination.



... 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. '

## From the Director . . .

Dear Friends,

We are in our 19th shelter week as I write this on March 15. We have served over 550 guests and expect a much higher count by the end of the week. Again, the churches keep providing healthy and tasty meals and the welcoming volunteers have made the guests feel at home.



*Kathy Goodrich  
Executive Director*

We continue to work hard at the Ray of Hope. We have hired a new part-time caseworker, Terry Downey. Terry comes to us as a current staff member of Family Youth Interventions where he works with young people and shares his weeks with us where he is enjoying working at the Ray of Hope and helping our guests with basic needs, job search and housing programs.

Our good news is that since Sept. 1, 2015, we have, along with our community partner agencies, housed 7 individuals and 2 families. Currently, we are in the process of housing 17 additional shelter guests and 1 family.

We would like to strongly encourage you to attend the Spring for the Homeless dinner because it is our major fundraiser each year and goes a long way in helping us to keep up with our costs. Please see our flyer on the front page and call for any further information that you would like.

### “Friend” Description”

If you read the newsletters, send a donation, volunteer at one of our shelters or Ray of Hope, or if you pray for us and our guests, you are our friend! We include all friends in our prayers, as well as at each board meeting.

We have been blessed with more success stories this year! Please read about just one of them in this newsletter.

Also, if you have any questions or want to know more about us, please e-mail me at [kathy@macombcountywarmingcenter.org](mailto:kathy@macombcountywarmingcenter.org) or call 586 329-4046.

*...Kathy*

We moved in March 2015. Our new Ray of Hope Day Center address is:

2 Crocker Blvd., Ste. 201  
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Please visit our website at [www.warmingcenter.org](http://www.warmingcenter.org). It is updated periodically and hopefully you like it. We would be very happy to hear of any suggestions you have as to what you would like to see on the website, how it could be improved, etc.

Please send your comments (good or bad) and ideas for the site or the newsletter. We want to make our website and newsletter full of the information and features that you most need and enjoy. Thanks for your input.

If you do not get our emails and you would like to do so, please send an email to: [kathy@macombcountywarmingcenter.org](mailto:kathy@macombcountywarmingcenter.org) letting us know you would like to be on our mailing list.

## Guest Story

The Ray of Hope has many hopeful guests who are working toward improving their lives; and it is hard to choose just a few to tell you about. But this month, we would like to feature Mr. J:

Mr. J is past retirement age and having some difficulties with keeping track of things. He is always clean and nicely dressed (with donated clothing from St. Vincent de Paul or the Salvation Army thrift store), sober and a very kind man; but because of special circumstances which caused him to be homeless for 15 years, he needed to stay in a shelter. He had no identification or any papers to allow him to even get a birth certificate or social security card. He was sent to the Ray of Hope for assistance. So far, Mark has been able to assist him in getting a birth certificate and ID card; and this has made it possible for him to begin collecting social security, and soon an apartment or other living accommodation.

When a person has lost all his former belongings and strong memories of his former life, and has no family, he needs someone to cut through the obstacles, do some legwork, and more important, to show him that he is valued. These are some of our goals at the Ray of Hope.



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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 for 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.

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