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Volunteers of America is a national, nonprofit, faith-based organization dedicated to helping those in need rebuild their lives and reach their full potential. Through hundreds of human service programs, including housing and healthcare, Volunteers of America helps over 2 million people in over 400 communities. Since 1896, our ministry of service has supported and empowered America's most vulnerable groups, including at-risk youth, the frail elderly, men and women returning from prison, homeless individuals and families, people with disabilities, and those recovering from addictions. Our work touches the mind, body, heart — and ultimately the spirit — of those we serve, integrating our deep compassion with highly effective programs and services.

Shelter Care – Emergency

New Hope Day Center - Lansing (517) 484-4414

This weekday shelter provides a warm, dry and safe environment where the homeless and hungry can spend the day. Many families and individuals take advantage of services offered including employment assistance, substance abuse education, counseling, health services, and other resources. New Hope Day Center provides an environment for organizations throughout the Lansing community to assist individuals with a variety of services.

Women’s and Children’s Overnight Emergency Shelter - Lansing (517) 484-4414

Open 365 days a year, this 14-bed shelter offers women and children a warm, safe place to sleep. With referrals from our case management team, they may also utilize programs and services of New Hope Day Center. Our case management team understands the unique obstacles that women and children face and offers expertise in securing the necessary resources.

Men’s Overnight Emergency Shelter - Lansing (517) 484-4414

Open 365 days a year, this 50-bed shelter offers men a warm, safe place to sleep. With referrals from our case management team, they may also utilize the services and programs of New Hope Day Center. This shelter is filled to capacity nearly every night.

Community Kitchen - Lansing (517) 484-4414

Free, nutritious meals are served to the hungry and homeless. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are served Monday through Friday. Breakfast and dinner are available on weekends.

Veterans Services

Veterans Dormitory Program (VDP) - Lansing (517) 484-4414, Extension 113

This is a 16-Bed program that is available to male and female veterans. Residents can stay for up to 6 months if they maintain weekly progress on their Treatment Plan. The program is free of charge for residents.

Veterans Housing Program (VHP) - Lansing (517) 484-4414

Serving up to 40 homeless male veterans at a time, this 22-month program offers housing and complete clinical services including case management; individual and group counseling; substance abuse treatment; medical care; budgeting assistance; job interviewing and placement; anger management, and recreational opportunities in a therapeutic community setting for homeless veterans.

The Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program (HVRP) – Lansing (517) 484-4414

is a comprehensive employment and training program with wrap-around supportive services designed to address employment barriers by establishing a coordinated case management system with a strong aftercare component. A continuum of supportive services will be provided and coordinated, giving homeless veterans the ability to participate in job skills training programs while meeting their basic needs.

Housing Program – Permanent

Coventry Place Apartments I & II – Redford (313) 531-5335

This residence is comprised of 97 units for low-income seniors and disabled individuals, and is situated in a quiet neighborhood. A Social Services Coordinator offers advocacy and referral services. Residents pay 30% of their adjusted income for rent.

Oak Village Square Apartments – Detroit (313) 934-0010

This 75-unit apartment facility for low-income seniors, age 62 and older is a gem. Residents enjoy many social activities as well as a wide variety of supportive services. Residents pay just 30% of their adjusted income for rent.

McDonald Senior Apartments – Pontiac (248) 292-2095

This three year, new 50-unit property for low-income seniors overlooks Harris Lake. Residents pay just 30% of their adjusted income for rent. Amenities include community and game rooms, a library, hair salon and much, much more.

Sumbly Senior Housing – River Rouge (313) 357-2891

Constructed in 2006, this inviting 55 unit community for low-income seniors age 62 and older, is situated in a residential neighborhood near senior centers, libraries, transportation and diverse places of worship. Sumbly is named after the historic Sumbly Hospital which was formerly located on this site and continues to be a beacon in the community. Residents pay just 30% of their adjusted income for rent, but enjoy market rate amenities.

Buena Vista Senior Community – Buena Vista Township (989) 754-3425

Opened in 2007, this charming 55 unit community for low-income seniors is located in a quiet, residential neighborhood near senior centers, libraries, transportation and diverse places of worship. Amenities include community room, lounge, and beauty/barber shop.

Country View Apartments & Townhouses – Benton Harbor (269) 926-8068

Located in Berrien County, this updated community extends program services and 198 units of housing to the disabled, low-income families and seniors. Close to lakes and many recreational activities.

Liberty Commons Townhomes & Apartments – Battle Creek (269) 962-6209

Nestled on a wooded hill within 1 mile of downtown Battle Creek, this newly remodeled residence boasts 158 one to four bedroom apartments and townhomes. Amenities include a Community Room, Playground and Recreation areas for residents' use.

Community Outreach

Adopt A Family – Southeast and Lansing (248) 353-4VOA (4862) or (248) 945-0101

This annual program matches needy families with “sponsors” who adopt them for the Christmas holiday, providing new clothes, toys and a holiday dinner to those who would not be able to celebrate due to their hardships. Last year over 21,000 people were served.

Holiday Meal Program – Lansing (517) 484-4414

Providing meals for the elderly and disabled in the Lansing area for over 30 years, many of the people served are homebound and spend the holiday season alone.

Scholastic Book Grant Program – Southeast and Lansing (248) 945-0101

Brand new Scholastic books are available to children of low-income families. Book giveaways are held throughout the community and often include a special guest-Clifford the Big Red Dog!

Capital Area Stand Down for Homeless Veterans – Lansing (517) 484-4414

Stand Downs are an opportunity to assist and advocate for homeless veterans. 40 agencies participated last year to provide a wide variety of services including health care, legal assistance, housing resources and veterans services. The event takes place at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Lansing at the end of May.

Volunteer Opportunities – Southeast (248) 945-0101 and Lansing (517) 484-4414

Our volunteers are men, women and teens with diverse backgrounds and interests. They have a strong sense of commitment, and a passion for providing service in their communities. Opportunities can be tailored to the specific needs and talents of a volunteer.

Some common volunteer positions in Lansing include:

- Preparing and serving meals
- Sorting donations at our thrift stores
- Assisting with Client Care
- Building Maintenance
- Delivering holiday dinners on Christmas Day

Volunteer positions in Southeast Michigan include:

- Preparing meals for seniors
- Distributing Scholastic books to children
- Wrapping gifts for the Adopt-A-Family program
- Assisting with clerical tasks
- Assisting with painting, grounds upkeep and light maintenance

To learn more about volunteering with Volunteers of America Michigan please visit www.voami.org

Action Teams - (248) 945-0101

Volunteers of America Michigan has partnered with the Major League Baseball Players Trust. Together we have formed Action Teams. These teams are comprised of Major League baseball players and area high school students who are selected to be Team Captains, work together to inspire youth to get involved in helping at Volunteers of America programs and deliver the message that volunteering is cool, fun and personally rewarding! The high school Team Captains work through their local schools to recruit other teens to volunteer in projects developed by Volunteers of America.

Donation Opportunities

Auto Donation – (800) 552-1515 or visit www.voautosales.com

You can donate your car, truck, boat, RV or motorcycle to Volunteers of America Michigan. The process is simple and easy. Donated vehicles are auctioned, with proceeds benefiting those who utilize our overnight emergency shelters and other social service programs. Donating your vehicle allows you to help us help others. Donations qualify for a tax-deduction when you itemize.

Cars Helping People – (800) 552-1515 or visit www.carshelpingpeople.org

Cars Helping People repairs vehicles and sells them to those in need of transportation at a cost significantly below market value. The people donating vehicles to this program are permitted to take a fair market tax-deduction at private sale value for these donations. Call (800) 552-1515 to discuss a donation or to purchase a car. Cars may be seen at www.voautosales.com.

Property Donation – (800) 552-1515

Property Donations are gratefully accepted. Funds raised through property donations are used to benefit our various services programs.

Thrift Store Program

Lansing Thrift Store – (517) 272-3126 at S. Cedar St., (517) 703-9088 at Saginaw St., Thrift Pickup (866) 435-7862

Over 2,000 items are priced and put out to sell daily at each store. Profits from the store are used to fund social services. Clothing and household goods are also given to shelter residents and others in need through a voucher system. Both stores located in Lansing at 5411 South Cedar Street and 3800 W. Saginaw St. (in the Westland Shopping Center).