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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 homeless male veterans, this program provides longer-term transitional housing for veterans including those with substance related disorders and/or mental illness. The program employs a Modified Therapeutic Community (MTC) model that calls for active resident self governance, peer support and peer accountability.

### **Housing Program – Permanent**

#### **Coventry Place Apartments – Redford (313) 531-5335**

This residence is comprised of 58 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.

#### **Sumby 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. Sumby is named after the historic Sumby 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.

### **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.

## **Special Events**

### **Adopt-A-Family – Southeast (248) 353-4VOA (4862)**

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 16,000 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) 209-1033**

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

## **Volunteer Services**

### **Volunteer Opportunities – Southeast (248) 209-1033 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

Our volunteer orientation process includes the completion of an application, consent to a background check, discussion of confidentiality issues and a close look at services provided and opportunities available. To learn more about the volunteering with Volunteers of America Michigan please visit [www.voami.org](http://www.voami.org).

### **Action Teams - (248) 209-1033**

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 an important message to their peers from the players – 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's local offices.

## **Donation Opportunities**

### **Auto Donation – (800) 552-1515 or visit [www.voautosales.com](http://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](http://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](http://www.voautosales.com).

### **Home Donation – (800) 552-1515**

Donating your home allows us to help someone buy their first home or re-enter the housing market. Donated homes are renovated and made available to individuals who may have poor credit or low incomes. Donors and our banking partners make this dream a reality.

## **Thrift Store Program**

### **Lansing Thrift Store – (517) 272-3126**

Over 3,000 items are priced and put out to sell daily. 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. The store is located at: 5411 South Cedar Street – Lansing, Michigan 48911