

Macomb Charitable Foundation

Serving underprivileged CHILDREN in and around our community.

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Mitch Albom and SAY Detroit honor MCF!

More than a dozen charities were grateful recipients of funds raised from Mitch Albom's third annual SAY Detroit Radiothon held this past December! Representatives from each of the recipient charities gathered on the 7th floor of the Fisher Building to receive a portion of funds raised! Board members Julie Wright and Tracy Kowalski represented the Macomb Charitable Foundation. On hand for the check presentations were SAY Detroit founder, Mitch Albom and Dr. Chad Audi who facilitates the charity.

Mitch Albom previously showed his support of MCF when he featured our charity on channel 4's Heart of Detroit segment and then again when he included letters from some of "our" kids in his December 14th Free Press column.

From one group of willing volunteers to another, we say "thank you", to Mitch and to SAY Detroit!



Send a Homeless Child to Summer Camp!

When the last school bell rings, and summer vacation starts, most of the children in Macomb County will welcome the break. For some children however, school is their respite, a welcome change from the harsh realities of their young lives. When you are 9 years old and homeless, school provides a safe haven, a meal (or two), and a place where you can be "just like the other kids".

Macomb Charitable would like your support in providing some summer fun for children



who are homeless or living in harsh conditions. Elsewhere in the newsletter you will find a form giving you opportunities to help children in need. Summer Camp is one of the choices. Think about it, please. This summer when your windows are open and you hear the laughter of children in your own neighborhood, you'll be reminded of how you brought laughter to a child in need!



Run The Plank 2015

**The Macomb Charitable Foundation
is chosen as one of 6 beneficiaries!**

The 2015 RUN THE PLANK leadership committee has selected six charities to share in the proceeds of this year's event! Macomb Charitable is honored to be one of the six!

RUN THE PLANK is an organization that is partnered through three local churches. They include: St. Peter Lutheran Macomb, St. Isidore Catholic and Immanuel Lutheran. This group is committed to ensuring each donated dollar gets back into charities outside of their respective faith communities. RUN THE PLANK is the only 5k run/walk locally that gives away 100% of their proceeds! Below is information on how to get involved!

June 27, 2015

**Sign up to
RUN/WALK
DONATE/SPONSOR!**

Visit the website at:

www.runtheplank.com



**Run The Plank is accepting
donations of baby diapers and formula,
(Enfamil only please)
for St. Isidore's new
BABY OUTREACH CENTER!
(Drop off at St. Isidore)**

Sandy Semlow Service Award...

In an effort to honor her memory and thank those people whose donation of time and talent further our cause, the Foundation would like to honor individuals or groups who exemplify the spirit of volunteerism that Sandy Semlow exhibited:

The Macomb Charitable Foundation would like to recognize the Mirage Banquet Hall at 18 and Garfield for their continued support of MCF! Under the direction of Jamie Stark, the Mirage has hosted an annual "Ladies Night Out" event in support of Macomb Charitable! Another great event is planned for this November!

The board would also like to recognize some of our most loyal "behind the scenes" workers who chip in and help at every event: Bud and Deb Milton, Russ Montney and Tracie Guracech. In addition to our families and college volunteers, these supporters help us do the heavy work of setting up, transporting and cleaning up at all of our events!

Macomb Charitable would also like to recognize Mike and Tanja Weiskirch of Peg-Master Printing in Shelby Township for their continued support of our efforts. They have proven to be a kind neighbor for children who are in need!

Who We Are and What We Do!

The Macomb Charitable Foundation is a group of volunteers who seek out and assist homeless and poverty stricken children in our community. We are all volunteer, no one gets paid. This means that 100% of the profit realized from any event will be used to make a difference in the life of a child.

We assist with things that other agencies cannot. We pay for tutoring, after-school activities, band instruments, field trips, athletic fees, etc. We believe that keeping a child active and involved in their school means less time they will be spending on the street. We are contacted by Social Service agencies, teachers, principals, and churches to assist children in need. We put in countless hours raising money, making home visits, mentoring families, advising and returning calls.

Homeless children in Macomb County?

You bet. Lots of them. We believe that what we do makes a difference.

With your prayers and financial support, we remind these children that they have not been forgotten.

With your help...

Christmas 2014 proved to be a busy time for Macomb Charitable. With assistance from our loyal supporters, we provided a Christmas to 525 needy and homeless children from 151 area families!

7 of those families were being raised in two parent homes.

3 of those families were being raised by single dads.

3 of those families were being raised by grandparents.

The remaining families were being raised by single moms.



A mom says "Thanks"!

"Dear Macomb Charitable Foundation,

Thank you, thank you, thank you! Thank you so much for helping my family have a Christmas. It was the best Christmas we ever had! I have always tried to do everything I could for my family. Sometimes it's hard for me to ask for help. 2014 was one of our hardest years; a lot of tragedies, a lot of changes. It was a very difficult year for my family and Christmas was going to be hard. I am so grateful for all of the donations from your volunteers. I hope to return the help to someone else one day. My boys have boots, coats, and warm clothes all thanks to you!

Thank you for your time, your prayers and your wonderful gifts!

Very Sincerely,

Alana"

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Saturday, November 7, 2015

Cracklewood Golf Club

MCF Fall Fundraiser!



The date is set...

The place is set...

Plans are still being made...

BUT YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS IT!

More information will be sent via email and in our next newsletter!

Support MCF with every Amazon purchase!



1. Go to <http://smile.amazon.com>.

Bookmark this page as Amazon so you will always have it handy.

2. Sign into your Amazon account. If you don't have one, create one!
3. Click on the down arrow next to the words "YOUR ACCOUNT".
(It should appear right below your name in the upper right hand corner of your screen)
4. Select "Change your Charity".
5. Type Macomb Charitable Foundation ", in the box under "Pick your own Charitable Organization".
6. Click search.
7. Click Select next to "Macomb Charitable Foundation, Washington, MI".

You're all set. MCF will receive .5% of all purchases made when you shop Amazon, but you MUST shop on <http://smile.amazon.com> in order for us to receive a portion of your purchase.

10th Annual Ladies Golf Outing! Monday, August 10, 2015 Cracklewood Golf Club



Registration forms will be available
for download from our website on June 1st.
Sponsorship/donor opportunities
now available.

Visit:

www.macombcharitablefoundation.org

Join us for our 10th year of
GIVING BACK to the community!

Another note of thanks!

"Dear Macomb Charitable,

There are no words to describe the appreciation that our family feels. 2014 brought many ups and downs for our family. In these hard times, we have had to rely on family, which ended up in hurt, disappointment and even abandonment. When you are hurt by family, you begin to have doubt of any good in the world. However, your charity and all the people involved have shown us differently. The outpouring of support we have received has given our family a new start! After contacting hundreds of people, including support groups, churches, homeless shelters and state aide, we were very fearful of what would happen to us. With no permanent home and many financial struggles, we didn't think Christmas would be a possibility. We are so grateful you made Christmas for our kids!

We would like to thank all of those involved with MCF in helping our family. Thank you for showing us that there are still generous, loving people in society."

SEEKING DONATIONS

The PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY of Immanuel Lutheran Church will be working with the children attending day school at Immanuel to make and donate over 350 Fleece Blankets! These blankets will be given via MCF to homeless and needy children in our community! Special thanks to Immanuel member Shirley Leidecker for selecting MCF as the recipient!

DROP DONATIONS OFF TO
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN

21 **MILE AND ROMEO** **PLANK**

~ 48" Fleece Kits (available at Jo-Anns)

~ 1 1/2 yards of Fleece Material

~ 4 ply washable yarn

~ Cash Donations

Don't forget to
use your Jo-Ann
discount COUPON!

FURNITURE DONATIONS...

Our friends at LAKESIDE ASSEMBLY OF GOD Church in Sterling Heights have partnered with Macomb Charitable through their IMPACT group. This group stores and delivers gently used furniture to families who are in need. In addition, they visit families referred by MCF to offer the message of God's love!

If you have GENTLY USED furniture to donate, please call:

KEVIN CALAHAN: 586-850-1205



DID YOUR KROGER REWARDS EXPIRE? IMPORTANT RENEWAL NOTICE

SUPPORTERS MUST RENEW EACH APRIL!

Are YOU signed up? It's so easy to do!

**PLEASE, THIS IS AN EASY FUNDRAISER FOR US THAT GENERATES
BIG PAYBACKS**



Do you shop at Kroger & use their Kroger Card? Macomb Charitable can benefit every time you shop! Simply follow the link below to register your Kroger number as an MCF supporter.

www.krogercommunityrewards.com

Our charity number is: 90582

**YOUR SUPPORT EXPIRES EACH YEAR AT THE END OF MARCH! YOU MUST SIGN UP
AGAIN EACH APRIL 1ST IN ORDER FOR MCF TO BENEFIT.**

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR NEED HELP REGISTERING, CONTACT KRIS AUBRY:

krisaubry@comcast.net



Heartfelt Thanks...



An excerpt from a thank-you letter received by MCF:

"Macomb Charitable Foundation,

The chance to proceed with my life and my children's life...that is the way to describe how I feel. We've been blessed to have been "found" by MCF. Every time I think things can't get any worse, sometimes it will. You have been there to help me and my children get back on track, to remind us that we have support and people in our corner, that we are never alone in our struggle. You are always seeking prayers for us and trying to find a way to ease my financial burdens. I work. I work as often and as long as I can, but sometimes it is not enough to make everything fit. MCF makes it fit. You make it a point to ensure that the children remain cared for with the simplest of things, from basic toiletries to food. You have shown that there is no shame in needing help, that it's ok to work as hard as you can and still have to receive some community support. I'm thankful for all of the generosity we've been given. My mind and spirit is at peace. All I can say is thank you for making me and my children feel valued and loved.

Love, Kim"

Our Cookbook is for Sale!

Macomb
Charitable Foundation
"One child at a time".

A collection of cherished recipes

Feed His Sheep

John 21:17

\$20.00—Purchase at the following locations
during normal business hours:

Dr. Ray McKinley
45665 Village Blvd.
Shelby Twp., MI. 48315
586-330-0979

Hessell's Greenhouse
14497 23 Mile Rd.
Shelby Twp, MI 48315
Phone:(586) 247-4675

Dr. Kent Semlow
Semlow Chiropractic Clinic
15373 Hall Road
Macomb, MI 48044
Phone: (586) 247-7020

Dr. Jonathon Penzien
Shelby Family Dental
55191 Shelby Rd.
Shelby Township, MI 48316
Phone:(248) 650-5500

Joni's Beauty Salon
45532 Van Dyke, Utica, MI.
586-739-3579

Call for more information: 586-749-9801

What others are doing to help...

A small sampling of community help...

~ *Chesterfield Township Library*, under the direction of Teen Librarian Killian Weston, the teens have made and donated several dozen fleece blankets for homeless children.

~"KOHL'S CARES", employees from several of the local Kohl's stores have donated time and resources to our cause! In return for employee participation, Kohl's donates to Macomb Charitable!

~*Gina Standlick, Julie Standlick, Kris Aubry, Sue Schwark, Julie Wright, Tracy & Natalee Kowalski, Emily Poley, Lyndsey Kling and Deb Milton* faithfully work on our Christmas program each year to make sure it runs smoothly for shoppers & recipients!

~*Dorothy Rosso, Kathy Bourlier & Joanne Johnsen* make and donate handmade gloves, booties, hats & baby blankets!

~*Davis Bunco Group* collect cash donations at each event and donate to Macomb Charitable!

~*Trevor Milton & Jerrod Rothey* served as Celebrity Bartenders at Tina's Tavern and donated tips to Macomb Charitable!

~*Women's Lawyer's Association of Mich.* recently hosted a Networking Event at Buca di Beppo's and donated to MCF!

~*Trinity Lutheran Church* hosted a "Family Feud" event and invited MCF to join in!

~*Clinton Twp. Kiwanis* are hosting a Fall Wine Tasting event and will be donating a portion of proceeds to Macomb Charitable.

~*Auburn Pharmaceuticals and The Tweedle Group* collected new toys for use during our 2014 Christmas distribution!

~*Jill Seitzinger and friends* collected new athletic equipment for needy kids.

~*The Ladies of "Stitched in Time"*, a group from Sts. John & Paul Church, knit/crochet gloves and matching hats for needy children.

Todd Smith Memorial Golf Outing Benefitting Macomb Charitable!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2015

CRACKLEWOOD GOLF CLUB

1:30 SHOTGUN

\$75.00 PER PERSON

GOLF~CART~DINNER~GOODIE BAGS

FOR MORE INFO CALL NIKKI: 586-531-7632

ALL PROCEEDS DONATED TO MCF!



Opportunities to help...



SUMMER CAMP

For homeless/poverty level children

Approximate cost for one week:
\$150.00

(Donations of any size are welcome)

_____ YES, I can help with that.

\$ _____ Amount enclosed.

SHOP WITH THE SHERIFF

Approximate cost to send one child
shopping for clothing: \$100.00

(Donations of any size are welcome)

_____ YES, I can help with that.

\$ _____ Amount enclosed.

SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD/GAS

We will gift a family with a gift card
from MCF supporters.

Approximate cost per family: \$30.00

_____ YES, I can help with that.

\$ _____ Amount enclosed.

GENERAL DONATION

Donations of any size are appreciated!

Donations are used to provide shelter,
food, clothing etc. for homeless and
needy children.

_____ YES, I can help with that.

\$ _____ Amount enclosed.

The Macomb Charitable Foundation is an all-volunteer non-profit organization that relies on the support of donors like YOU. Financial contributions are tax deductible. Most of our monies are raised via fundraisers like those outlined in this newsletter. If you would like to make a financial contribution that will be used to benefit the life of a child living at or below poverty level, please use this form.

There are many ways other than a financial contribution to support our efforts....

your prayers and donation of time are every bit as valuable!

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: (MCF) MACOMB CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

SEND TO: MCF— P.O. Box 217 ~ Washington, MI. 48094

A TAX DEDUCTIBLE RECEIPT WILL BE MAILED or EMAILED TO YOU