

Macomb Charitable Foundation

Serving underprivileged CHILDREN in and around our community.

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Celebrating 40 years!

I don't feel like I'm old enough to have done anything for 40 years, but here I am pondering this milestone in my life. In 1982, I was a young employee in a Macomb County school district that had a large population of low income housing. There were children attending school without necessities, oftentimes they were hungry. Teachers, bus drivers, cafeteria workers and other school employees would rally around these children and supply them with clothing, food, shoes and other needed items. One child in particular tugged at my heart.

It was early fall when I noticed he was not wearing clothing suitable for the weather. No socks, shoes with holes, no coat or warm weather gear. I knew from working at the school that he lived in less than desirable conditions. My mom and I provided him with a bountiful Christmas. Completely anonymous. He didn't know it was from us and we didn't see him open the packages. My mom always imagined him opening his gifts and exclaiming with joy that it was his best Christmas ever! I was a young newlywed, we didn't have much, but we had more than he did. It felt so good to bless this young boy. The next year we found another child to "adopt." My aunt and sisters jumped on board. The year after that friends became involved. Year after year the program grew. Around 2002 one of our generous supporters offered us a 501c3 nonprofit license. We have remained an [all-volunteer group](#) helping homeless and poverty-level children in Macomb County ever since. If you are reading this newsletter, chances are YOU have helped a child in need via MCF.

I have been humbled, but never surprised, at the generosity of this community. Strangers coming together to help children they will never meet. Prayers and financial gifts offered to those who are struggling. Given freely, with no expectation of reward or acknowledgment. **This** should be the headline of every local newspaper.

Hundreds and hundreds of Macomb County children will be spending Christmas somewhere other than "home" this year. Many will be sleeping in area shelters. Some will be in motel rooms or on the couch or floor of a friend or relative. All of *these children have the same wants and needs as our own children do*. Having a secure home and their own bed are high on their lists of wants.

We can't buy them all a home. We can't change some of the horrific stories they've lived. But we can provide them with some basic necessities and love this Christmas! Thank you for partnering with Macomb Charitable to make a difference in their young lives. ~ Shelly Penzien



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Foundation

Sponsor-A-Child

Please consider helping
a Homeless Child have
a Merry Christmas!

There are hundreds of Homeless Children in Macomb County.
They each have a NAME and a STORY.
Your financial donation will help us
provide them with a Blessed Christmas.

DONOR NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

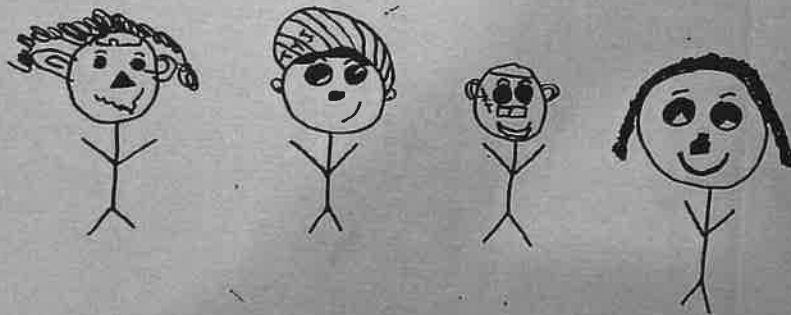
EMAIL: _____

DONATION: _____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: MCF
A tax deductible receipt will be sent.

The Macomb Charitable Foundation
P.O. Box 217, Washington, MI. 48094
586-232-3473 ~ macombcharitablefoundation.org

Words NOR Tears can express how
thankful and grateful we are for EVERY BLESSING
you had blessed our family with. Thank you!



YOU make me
FEEL LOVED AND
APPRECIATED!

I WILL HONOR
Christmas
IN MY HEART,
& TRY TO KEEP IT
all the year



COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The Macomb Charitable Foundation would like to acknowledge the consistent support shown to "our kids" by some of our supporters.

Peg-Master Business Forms Inc. in Shelby Township has been a generous supporter of Macomb Charitable for several years. Mike and his wife Tanya have sponsored families for Christmas, attend and support our events and they provide excellent printing services at a fair price. We appreciate you!

Hessell's Greenhouse in Macomb Township has been a valuable supporter for years! Ed and Karen established the original Girl's Night Out many years ago. While that tradition has been taken over by Jamie Bartlett and Mirage Banquet Center, the Hessell family continues to support us with an annual Giving Tree.

The Mirage Banquet and Wedding Center in Clinton Township has been the home of our largest events! John and Virg have embraced our cause, welcoming us into their beautiful facility. They are easy to work with and always willing to accommodate our needs.

Cracklewood Golf Club. This is our "home" for most of our fundraisers. Golf outings, trivia, fun nights etc. For 25 years we have taken over the clubhouse for our Christmas distribution. The staff is the best. Seriously, the best. They consistently volunteer their time for our cause. Huge respect and thanks to them.

Angott Search Group/Mark and Donna Angott who host a holiday party every year asking attendee's to bring a gift card in support of the children we serve. Many children have been clothed and fed as a result!

Many more individuals and businesses have embraced our cause. We will spotlight different groups each newsletter.



Giving back to the community...

ARE YOU A THRIVENT MEMBER?

Thrivent has a rich history of giving back to the community!
We have been blessed by the generosity of Thrivent and their members.
If you are a Thrivent member, it's EASY to help!

You can go to thrivent.com and sign into your account. There are two ways to help:

1. Direct your **THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS** (costs you nothing) to MCF.
2. Thrivent has a program called **THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS**.

You can request a gift card valued up to \$250.00 to use for one of our events. This can be used to purchase food for families, prizes or décor for an event, shoes for our shoe program, clothes for back to school, backpacks etc.

You will need to turn in a receipt after blessing our kids with this gift.

Visit THRIVENT.com today to start helping!

Making the magic happen at Christmas!

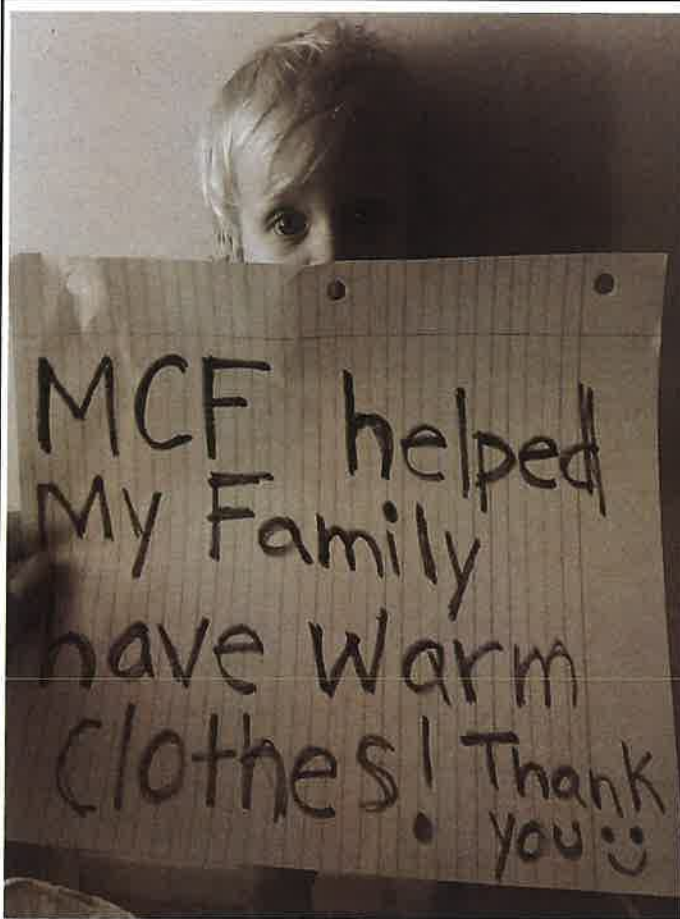
Nancy Lalonde, Kathy Kropf, Alice Mueller, Emily Poley, Lyndsay Queentry, Maria Guracech, Natalee Kowalski, Julie Wright, Sue Schwark, Julie Standlick, Tracie Gillespie and Iris Harvila spend countless hours each Fall speaking with 150 of the families that MCF assists at Christmas. These families consist of 500 homeless or poverty level children who each submit to us a "Dear Santa" wish list. These gals call each family to double check sizes and wishes. Then they type up a list for each child that is given to a sponsor who blesses the family at Christmas. Once the typists have completed their work, **Tracy Kowalski** types, prints and sends labels to our sponsors. It's a huge job made easier because of their willingness to help. Thank you ladies, you are appreciated!

Under the direction of Board Member **Julie Standlick**, we have a group of volunteers who pick up Christmas donations from various sites. We can always count on: **Tracie Guracech, Julie Wright and Family, Bill Turner, Gary Zepke, Bud Milton, Jon Guracech and James Guracech** to lend a hand! For several years now they have been our Santa's helpers, collecting donations for our kids! Thanks to all!

Not every family has a vehicle to pick up gifts. Those living in motels and shelters sometimes must depend on the kindness of strangers to deliver their gifts. Special thanks to MCF supporters **Kent Semlow and Ed Egnatoski** who have provided this service in memory of Sandy Semlow for several years now!

Cracklewood Golf Club consistently lets us host our Christmas event in their facility. **Kevin Nicholl, Paul Penzien, Dale Lamore, Bud Milton and Mike Price** do the heavy lifting and field requests regarding donations. You make our community better!

Those volunteers, too numerous to name, make our annual (40 years) Christmas Program work seamlessly! We have volunteers that adopt a child, who make calls, mail applications, stuff letters, pray and visit. There are those who help unload vehicles, those who knit, sew, shop, organize, sort and wrap. We have teams of volunteers who help on drop-off day and pick-up day. Then there are those who organize toy drives, collect hygiene products, make blankets etc. You are all a valuable part of **TEAM MCF!**



Hosting a Holiday Party?

If you are hosting a Christmas get-together and are looking to support a charity while you do so, Macomb Charitable would appreciate your help.

Asking guests to support a local charity by bringing a gift card for food, clothing or hygiene products would be a blessing to the children we serve.

We use these cards all year long to help a child in need.



The situation me and my children are in that we are homeless
We had an house but the house is not liveable. The house has
bad roaches and mice. I believe I killed over 100 mice. I have
been contacting the landlord for help but none still. We been
going from house ~~with~~ to house with family members. My oldest
child has real bad asthma and he have problems when we
at different people houses because its so many people and animals.
Sometimes we have to sleep in the car. Me and my
children really need some help before the cold. I have
called a few shelters no help I'm on what to do next



BENEFITTING THE MACOMB CHARITABLE FOUNDATION
CHRISTMAS MEMORIES



ANDIAMO CELEBRITY SHOWROOM
7096 14 MILE ROAD, WARREN, MI 48092

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH
6PM - 11PM

DINNER, OPEN BAR, ENTERTAINMENT, RAFFLES,
CASH AND CARRY ITEMS AND DOOR PRIZES

Artistic Director Laura Standlick
Featuring performances by nationally
acclaimed Choreographers
Music provided by the Chila Dogs
Band and Memory Productions
DJ Service

Ticket Prices :
VIP Seating \$125 Per Person
Tables of 10 available
Standard Seating \$100 Per Person
Tables of 10 Available

Checks made payable to:
Julie Standlick/MCF
53993 Carnation
Macomb, MI 48042
Venmo: @julie-standlick
Or on the website:
macombcharitablefoundation.org

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON TICKET SALES AND SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:
Julie Standlick 586-419-2966 or Tracie Guracech 586-383-6199

Christmas Donation Drop off locations!

The Macomb Charitable Foundation welcomes donations of NEW, unused toys at Christmas! Gift cards and monetary donations are also welcome and will be used for clothing, shelter, food and other necessities. Listed below are drop off points. Each location has their own business hours.

Special thanks to these business owners for opening their doors to us!



Heritage Oaks
58860 Romeo Plank, Ray. 48096
248-737-3700



14497 23 Mile, Shelby Twp.
586-247-4675
*****GIVING TREE WITH TAGS
AT THIS LOCATION*****



Peg-Master Printing Group
15018 Technology Dr.
Shelby. 48315
586-566-8684



Conley & Co. KW Lakeside
45669 Hayes Suite 3
Shelby Twp. 48315
586-489-2127

Macomb Twp. Rec Center
20699 Macomb St.—Macomb
586-992-2900

MACOMB FIRE STATION #1
19925 23 Mile—Macomb

MACOMB FIRE STATION # 2
17800 21 Mile—Macomb

MACOMB FIRE STATION # 3
47711 North Ave.—Macomb

MACOMB FIRE STATION # 4
16820 25 Mile—Macomb



Chez Chic Salon
48886 Hayes, Macomb. 48044
586-566-1400

