



### *Mission Statement*

Finding solutions for housing challenges caused by poverty and homelessness.

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### **Shelter of Flint Raises Homelessness Awareness with Mother's Day Appeal**

(April 13, 2009) FLINT, Mich. – This Mother's Day season, Shelter of Flint solicits for support from the community in addressing the housing challenges caused by poverty and homelessness.

By contributing to Shelter of Flint's Mother's Day appeal donors can help provide shelter and affordable housing for local homeless, and address the issues that cause homelessness. To thank donors who contribute by May 1, Shelter of Flint will mail a card designed by a child Shelter resident to a recipient of the donor's choice.

"This is a unique way for 'the average Joe' to make a difference in his local community," says Gary Haggart, Executive Director. "It lets people give special recognition to someone important in their lives, and does so in a way that says so much more than a regular Mother's Day card. It says: 'You've made such a difference in my life, and in your honor, I'm making a difference in the life of someone else'."

Bill Reising, President of the Shelter of Flint Board of Directors, agrees that the Mother's Day appeal is a great fundraiser for the community. "The five dollar, twenty dollar and hundred dollar gifts - those make an incredible difference for the Shelter and its clients. When combined, they make a large impact on the Shelter's ability to help homeless women and children, and the community as a whole."

Impacting the lives of the homeless is what the Shelter of Flint has been doing for over 25 years. Shelter services include transitional and permanent housing, counseling, skill development workshops and advocacy.

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Those interested in sending a donation as part of the Shelter of Flint's Mother's Day Appeal may send their check and the name and address of their loved one to: Shelter of Flint, Inc., 902 E. 6th Street., Flint, MI 48503. For more information, call Megan Bensette at (810) 238-4711, ext. 305.

Since 1983, Shelter of Flint has been finding solutions for housing challenges caused by poverty and homelessness in Genesee and Lapeer Counties. Shelter of Flint offers emergency shelter, transitional and permanent housing, and outreach programs for over 1,500 women, children and families each year. More information can be found at [www.shelterofflint.com](http://www.shelterofflint.com).

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