

The Shelter

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"Dedicated to helping homeless individuals and families work toward permanent stability"

MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS TO COME!

Shelter of Flint will undergo a major renovation thanks to the generosity of two anonymous donors. It is through this contribution that property adjacent to the 20-year-old Shelter facility was purchased so that a parking lot could be expanded. Employees, residents, volunteers and other support personnel will no longer have to park in the street or find other unsecured areas in which to park.

Other additional improvements will be new security doors and electronic locks. Improved lighting and security cameras will also be added. A garage will be converted to a donation room and storage area and new fencing will be erected on the parameter of the property.



"Our dream of creating a 'campus like setting' for our residents and staff has been realized because two individuals believed in our mission," said Pat Motter, Chief Executive Officer of Shelter of Flint. "Their act of kindness was an inspiration to us all."

Included in the new "Shelter Campus" will be 3 newly renovated Transitional Houses. These houses will become the homes of families who still need the guidance and support of Shelter's professional staff. The close proximity will be helpful in planning case services.

Not only will these changes make a positive difference on how we serve our homeless children and families, the east side of Flint will benefit as well.

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TRANSITIONAL HOUSING CONTINUEES TO GROW

One of the strongest components of the Shelter of Flint is the transitional housing program. This house on Delaware next to our Emergency Shelter facility has been renovated and now awaits new tenants who will be rebuilding their lives and working toward more permanent housing.

Our outreach staff will be guiding their progress along the way. Over 65% of those individuals who leave the transitional housing will relocate to permanent housing of their own.



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SHELTER OF FLINT 2002 LIFE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



Each year, Shelter of Flint recognizes one of the many women whose lives have been touched by the programs of Shelter of Flint. It is with great difficulty that a committee must select a woman who has achieved extraordinary personal accomplishments or made significant contribution to her family and community.

The recipient of the Shelter of Flint 2002 Life Achievement Award is 33-year-old Monica. She is a former resident of Shelter of Flint and was a part of the Transitional Housing Program as well. She now lives in Rosewood Park, the Shelter's Supportive Housing project in Mt Morris.

Monica is a single mother of three children: Anthony, age 14, Brittany, age 12, and Christian, age 3. The two older children

are good students and are active in after-school activities. The youngest is a student in the Head Start Program.

Monica utilized the case management resources at Shelter of Flint to help in reaching the ambitious goals she has set for herself. She believes that the greatest value extended to her while at the Shelter was the access to services and programs across the community. She has met many people along the way who have offered guidance and encouragement.

As part of her plan, she enrolled in Baker College where she earned the following certificates of accreditation:

Patient Care Tech • EKG Tech • Phlebotomy Tech • Certified Nurse's Aide

And now Monica is enrolled in the Registered Nursing Program at Mott College. She hopes to begin a career in nursing within the next 2 years.

SHELTER OF FLINT 2002 VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP AWARD



Shelter of Flint selects a volunteer, mentor, student intern, or board member who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and support through their work at Shelter of Flint. The role of the volunteer has become an increasingly important one and plays an essential role in the continued success of the organization.

Peter Banwell was chosen as recipient of the 2002 Volunteer Leadership Award. He has been a member of the Board of Directors of Shelter of Flint for the past two years. Peter has been an integral part of all aspects of the Board's activities.

He is the broker/owner of Banwell Homes Realty and most proud of his titles as "father" and "husband". Peter is past President of the Flint Housing Commission and Past President of the Flint Area Association of Realtors. Last year, Peter was chosen Realtor of the Year, the highest recognition paid to someone in the real estate profession.

SHELTER OF FLINT 2002 COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

There are several organizations that offer their services to support the mission of Shelter of Flint. These community-based groups find creative ways to help Shelter of Flint continue to offer programs that help Shelter residents achieve independence and self-sufficiency.

The 2002 Community Service Award has been awarded to the UAW GM Child Development Center for their back-to-school backpack program. This unique project involved the donation of back-to-school backpacks and supplies for the children at Shelter of Flint. The children at the UAW GM Child Development Center raised money through various fundraising projects to purchase the school supplies that filled the backpacks. The children at the Shelter went to school this year prepared and off to a great start.



2002 RESIDENT ARTWORKS!

ARTIST OF THE YEAR

Now in its second year, the Artworks! program has become a popular activity for our youngest residents. Artworks! is a program which offers art instruction to children in residence at Whaley Children's Center, REACH, Flint Odyssey House, YWCA Safehouse, Transition House, Carriage Town Family Center and Shelter of Flint. Several talented artists have been discovered as these young people find a way to express feelings and emotions through their work.

Our young artist, Cara, has earned this honor through her talents as an artist and her ability to take on the most difficult of life challenges. She is now a senior at the School of Choice and recently achieved honor roll status. Upon graduation, she has decided to join the Army.

Cara talks fondly of her involvement in the Artworks! program during her stay at Shelter of Flint. "Art can take your mind off things so you don't have to worry as much".

Cara also is proud of her poetry and shared part of her work with us. She wrote about one of her favorite people -her mother.

Artworks! has become a strong component of the Shelter's children's program and an important part of the re-building process for our families

Rosewood Park

The "hopes and dreams" of Rosewood Park have come alive. This housing development, a subsidiary of Shelter of Flint, is helping strengthen the local availability of quality, affordable permanent housing for our community. Rosewood Park is an 18-acre, 120-unit multi-family development of two and three bedroom apartments in Mt Morris. The site will offer a number of on-site services and activities to address tenant needs and interest areas.

**Grand Opening Ceremonies are
scheduled for November 5th!**



KAAREN SHAW MEMORIAL FUND

On behalf of Shelter of Flint, we wish to express our sincere appreciation for the donation made on behalf of the Kaaren Shaw Memorial Fund. At the request of the family, this fund was established as a tribute and honor to her life. The fund will be set up as an endowment at the Community Foundation of Greater Flint. It is hoped that the fund will continue to grow and proceeds from interest earned will be used to support the programs of Shelter of Flint.

Michael & Karen Amman
Carole Baker
Melinda & Bruce Ball
Beverly Ballance
Joe & Carol Batdorf
Duncan & Dana Beagle
Tom & Mary Alice Berent
Donna Berryman
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HOME SWEET HOMES PUT ON HOLD!

Shelter of Flint, Inc. will soon be entering its 20th year of providing services to the homeless of this community. A celebration is being planned for Friday, February 28, 2003. Much time, energy and financial resources will be needed to ensure the success of this event.

The Board, staff and volunteers have arrived at the decision to put on hold our Home Sweet Homes Gingerbread event this year so that we can concentrate our energies on holding the 20th Anniversary Celebration. We continue to explore various avenues to improve upon the Home Sweet Homes Gingerbread event such as combining it with the Festival of Trees for next year.

If you would like to help in the planning of this event or would like to purchase tickets, please call Melissa Zink at (810) 238-4711.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT COUNTS!

Thank you to the following for their recent support:

- To the children at the UAW Childcare Center in Flint for their donation of Back to School backpacks and school supplies for the children staying at SOF.
- To University of Michigan Bookstore for donating bags of M-n-M's for the children at SOF to enjoy!
- To the kids in summer youth program at Big Brother and Big Sisters for taking the time to come to SOF and clean the toys in our children's playroom.
- To Italia Gardens Restaurant for coordinating the delicious pasta and salads for the Crim Pasta Party, to the volunteers for their time and energy at this event and to all who attended the Pasta Party.
- To Ben Motter and Bob Marr for helping create and design our new website! Check us out at www.shelterofflint.com. If anyone has comments or if you would like to see something on our site, please email us at sof@shelterofflint.com.
- To the Old Newspaper Boys for their donation of new fall jackets for our women and children staying at the shelter.
- To the Earth Day Celebration & Contribution to Honorary Chet Wilson Environmental Scholarship Fundraiser for raising funds to buy a toddler bike for SOF.
- To Trade Secret of Genesee Valley for their donation of new hair care and skin care products.
- To Kmart #9385 for their donation of new hair care products and personal need items.
- And to all our other friends who donated in recent months, whether it was your time, talent, or your treasure, it was very much appreciated.

Thank you! • Thank you! • Thank you! • Thank you! • Thank you! • Thank you!

GIVE THE GIFT OF HOPE!

Why not give the gift that keeps on giving this Holiday Season. Your Holiday contribution to Shelter of Flint will not only help provide hope for homeless individuals and families but help them begin putting their lives back together. The average cost to help a homeless individual is \$25 per day which includes a place to stay, food to eat, clothes to wear, medical and health screening and counseling to help better themselves. When you donate \$100, you are actually helping an entire family of four with not only their basic needs but a chance to never be homeless again!

Each year at this time, we ask people to consider donating to Shelter of Flint. This Annual Appeal helps raise the monies necessary to run the programs and services offered to the homeless individuals and families that come to us for help.

Watch your mailboxes for our letter of appeal right after Thanksgiving. Help us continue our important mission of helping homeless individuals and families work toward permanent stability. Have an enjoyable holiday season.



HOMELESS AWARENESS WEEK

Helping the homeless is more than volunteering at the shelter or making a contribution. Those things are important, but more important is the ability to create hope among the homeless that there are permanent solutions to their homelessness.

No doubt, the homeless need short term care and shelter, but they also need more access to health care, education, employment opportunities and other critical support services. Together our community needs to do more to end homelessness by making more safe, decent and affordable housing available, because we all deserve a home!

During Homeless Awareness Week, November 17 to 23, Shelter of Flint's activities to help raise awareness for homelessness include an art exhibit at Courtland Center that features art from the [Children's Artworks! Program](#).



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