

# Housing Services for Eaton County

## 2012 Annual Report



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## From the Director:



Dear Friends of HSEC,

2012 again brought many changes and experiences to the staff of HSEC.

The agency continued its connection with Olivet College as the Sociology/Anthropology Dept. reviewed the Continuum of Care's 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness and a 12 year old housing market study.

It was difficult to meet the needs as funding to solve homelessness and its prevention was precarious in 2012. Our allocation from the Emergency Food and Shelter funding was reduced again after the 2011-42% national reduction and the funds which normally come to us in April did not come until December. We received fewer private donations and funds from foundations as well. On the positive side, the Emergency Solutions Grant from MSHDA was increased slightly over last year.

The agency signed a new grant agreement for the bonus award to be used for a new permanent housing project. These bonus funds are the only new funds HUD awards and even though it is not a large source of funds, it will significantly impact one family in Eaton County.

Staff witnessed a slowing down of sheriff sales on foreclosed homes when new state and federal funding became available. These new funds helped people get modifications.

HSEC was invited to expand its Transitional housing program for prisoners re-entering society to include Jackson, Hillsdale and Lenawee Counties during the year. These funds, along with those that serve the Tri-County area, will assist nearly 200 individuals trying to get their life back on track.

Late in the year, HUD announced its funding cycle and gave a full 60 days to address all of the new grant components. The members of the team who write this grant spent over 80 hours each working to secure the funding for next year.

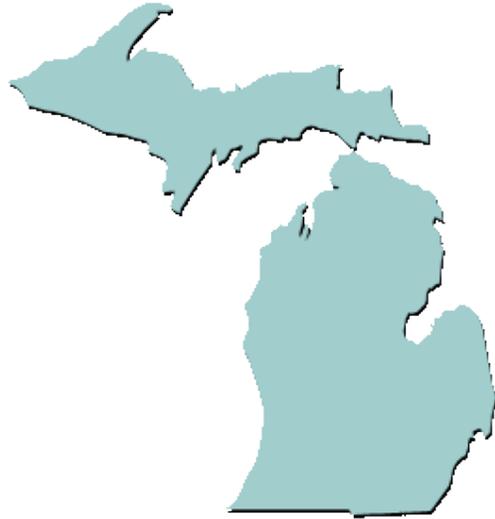
This year, the agency put out a request for assistance for its Christmas Adopt a Family. The community stepped up to our call for assistance by supporting 42 families in need, making 2012 our most successful year yet.

As you read through this report, I am certain you will be able to see for yourself the level of needs within Eaton County and how we attempt to address these needs. Your interest in our services is always welcome.

As always, Blessings to you and yours,  
Denise

# Michigan

*State-wide facts  
show a reduction  
in homelessness*



A total of **93,619** people were homeless in Michigan sometime in 2012, according to data compiled by the Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness, down from **94,033** in 2011. **This .4 percent reduction** between 2011 and 2012 is strong evidence that the Campaign's strategies of prevention and rapid re-housing are helping individuals and families find and sustain stable places to live.

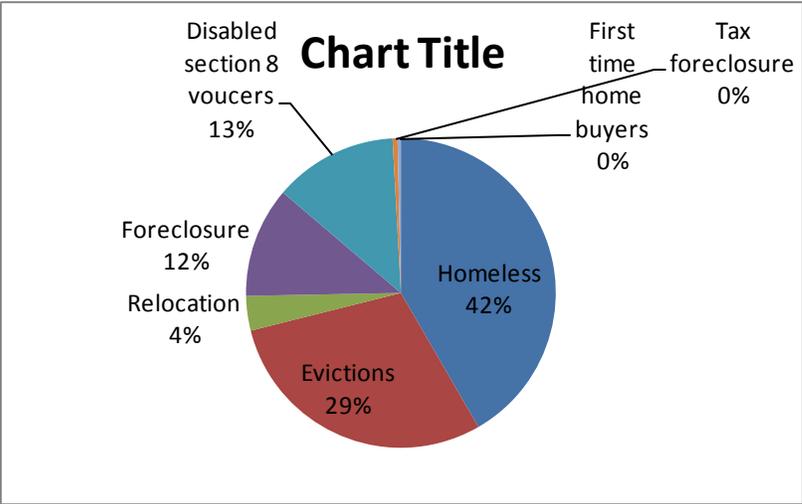
- While still predominately male (63%), the number of females among the single population including unaccompanied youth increased by 3,133 persons in 2012
- One in three homeless people are actually a child, disproving the myth that most people who are homeless are single males. The average age of a homeless child is 7 years old.
- 21% of the homeless population improved their employment status during the course of services.
- Eighty-eight percent (88%) retained housing after Rapid Rehousing subsidies ended.
- In the past three years, 70 percent of those who made use of a homeless shelter did not return to a shelter anywhere in the state once they exited the shelter. Strong evidence that the focus on finding long-term, stable, affordable housing and providing support services is making a difference.

# HSEC Data

In 2012, HSEC provided case management for 854 adults with 664 children, spending \$151,481 in direct financial assistance to these households.

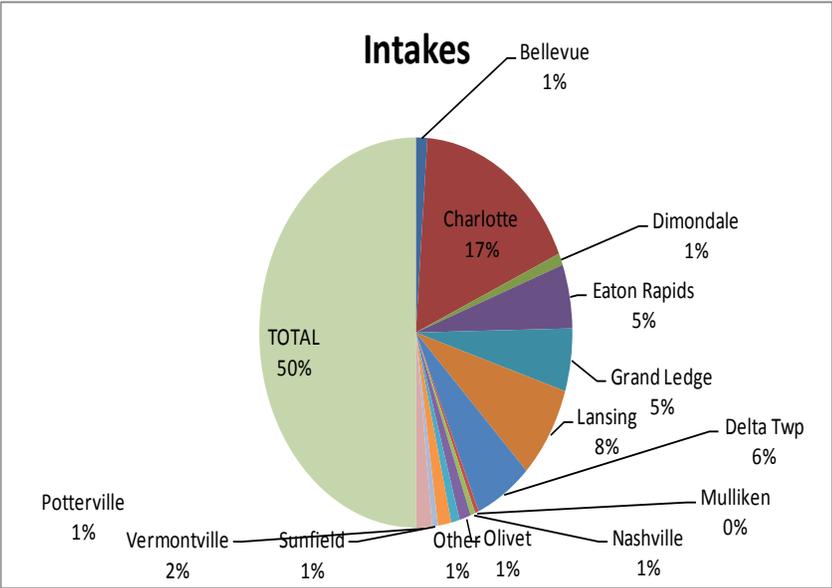
589 households included:

- 240 homeless
- 175 evictions
- 23 relocations
- 71 foreclosures
- 75 mainstream section-8 voucher holders
- 3 tax foreclosure, and
- 2 first-time home buyers



## Clients come from every part of Eaton County

Total intakes of homeless, eviction, foreclosure, and relocation cases for HSEC



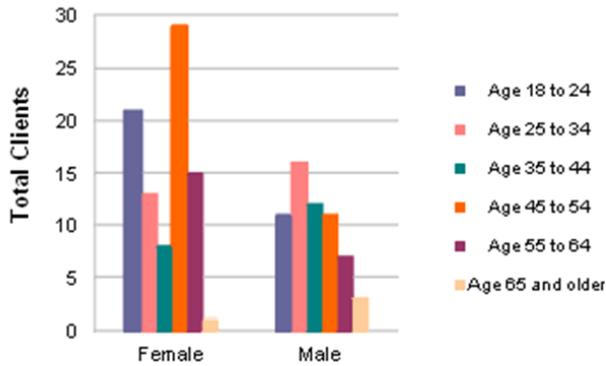
City	Intakes	H	E	F	R
Bellevue	12	5	2	5	0
Charlotte	175	108	32	24	7
Dimondale	10	3	4	3	2
Eaton Rapids	54	37	11	4	0
Grand Ledge	53	22	22	6	3
Lansing	78	21	54	1	2
Delta Twp	60	11	40	7	3
Mulliken	4	3	0	0	0
Nashville	5	3	1	2	0
Olivet	12	6	3	6	1
Other	9	1	0	8	0
Potterville	14	4	4	1	4
Sunfield	6	5	0	0	1
Vermontville	17	11	2	4	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>23</b>

\* Does not include section 8, first time homebuyers.

# HSEC Data

## 2012 Eaton County Homeless Persons

Age by Gender—Single Adults



Total counts of homeless persons: 813

Single Adults: 166

Adults in Families: 297

Unaccompanied youth: 2

Children in Families: 371

Total family households: 210

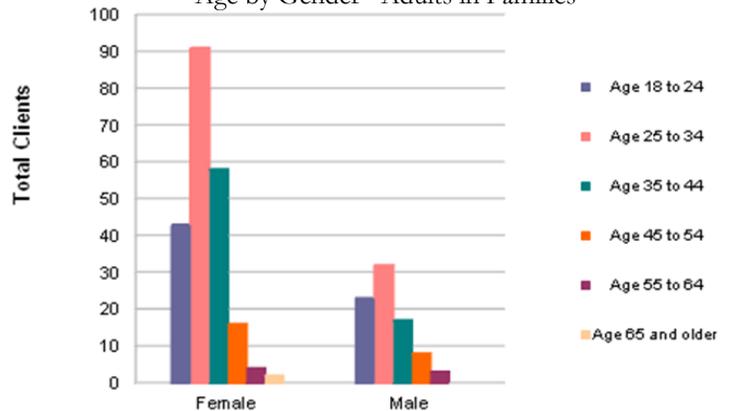
Chronically homeless: 9

(see definition)

### The Definition of a Chronically Homeless Person

A single, unaccompanied individual who has had 4 episodes of homelessness in a 3 year period or a year long episode and who has a disability, verified by a 3rd party

Age by Gender— Adults in Families



## Some Changes

**Permanent Supportive Housing:** Starting in February 2012, HSEC began expanded this program for homeless households with a disabled adult. Adding 1 space available, 6 of which were for single adults and 3 are for families, with one adult having a disability. HSEC offers these clients full case management and the client pays 30% of their income towards their housing.

**AmeriCorps:** The member provides assistance to HSEC and the Eaton County Continuum of Care as a volunteer for a one-year tour. HSEC sustained a half time member for the year of 2012, working with our Section 8 HARP waiting list, as well as planning our annual Project Homeless Connect



# Events and Fundraisers

## **PROJECT HOMELESS** **CONNECT**



This year the Continuum of Care held its 3rd Project Homeless Connect (PHC) event in January at the First Lutheran Church in Charlotte. PHC is a grant-funded “one-stop shop” for those in our community who are homeless or who are low-income to assist them with access to resources for housing, health, and employment.

The event hosted, over 20 agencies, including Siren/Eaton Shelter, the Health Department, Michigan Works, Peckham, and others. They offered immunizations, employment search assistance, interview tips, as well as a free lunch. Free hair cuts were given out by Bella’s Salon, Quality Dairy laundry vouchers, and Goodwill gift cards were give away, and each guest received a gift bag with personal care items such as soap, toothbrushes, and razors. Our AmeriCorps member was the lead person for setting up the project.

For the 12th year, Eaton Federal Savings Bank sponsored a golf outing on our behalf. The outing was held at Centennial Golf Course in Sunfield and raised \$7,925.29 to help keep our services available to Eaton County residents.

However, we would like to start pursuing other avenues of raising money. If you have any suggestions, please contact us. We would love any input from the community!

## Golf Outing

**Thank you to our  
event sponsor,  
Eaton Federal  
Savings Bank!**

Check our future fundraising efforts on our facebook [pagefacebook.com/housingservicesforeatoncounty](https://www.facebook.com/housingservicesforeatoncounty)

Housing Services for Eaton County utilizes a qualified staff to coordinate our services and ensure clients have access to other agencies and programs. All services are subject to fund availability.

HSEC is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit corporation.  
Donations may be made directly to HSEC and may be tax deductible.

## 2012 Board Members

Robert Brown, President  
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James Dexter, Treasurer  
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Dar Benjamin  
Colleen Austin  
Sean Cotter  
Karen Hathon  
Thomas Fuller  
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## Total Support and Revenue

Program Expenses:  
\$1,471,265

Management & General Expenses:  
\$21,459

Fundraising Expenses:  
\$3,460

End of Year Net Asset Balance:  
\$202,510

Total Revenue and other support:  
\$1,514,029



It shall be the policy of Housing Services for Eaton County to provide equal membership, employment, and service opportunities to all eligible persons without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, citizenship, membership in any labor organization, age, sex, marital status, parental status, political affiliation, and for employment only, height, weight, and arrest record.

## Mission Statement

It is the mission of HSEC to assist the people of Eaton County with low or moderate incomes, including those with disabilities, to obtain safe and affordable housing. We shall also provide an environment that encourages and supports the attainment of economic self-sufficiency.

In addition, HSEC believes in the continuum-of-care approach to serving clients. That is why we support and utilize other agencies and programs in our area to better serve the diverse needs of Eaton County residents.

## 2012's Invaluable Donors

ACE Hardware  
Arby's  
Biggby Coffee  
Candy Ford-Mercury, Inc.  
Champps Restaurant and Bar  
Common Ground  
Cuginos Italian Restaurant  
Fast Eddie's Car Wash and Oil Change  
Letavis Enterprises  
Main Street Pizza  
Maxi Auto Center  
Mikes Village Restaurant  
Reddeman Farms Golf Club  
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Bella's Hair Salon  
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Cottage Inn Pizza  
Eaton Federal Savings Bank  
Goodwill Headquarters  
Gordon Food Service  
Jeanie's Barbershop  
Quality Dairy Laundromat  
Meijer-Charlotte  
Panera Bread  
PNC Bank  
Team one Chevrolet Inc.  
The English Inn  
The Gate House Suites  
Tony M's Restaurant and Lounge



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\* \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \* \$1000 \_\_\_\_\_ \* \$500 \_\_\_\_\_ \* \$250 \_\_\_\_\_  
\* \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ \* \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ \* \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ \* \$10 \_\_\_\_\_

Make your donation to HSEC , and mail to PO Box 746, Charlotte, MI 48813

Please send by December 31, 2013

### Eaton County Community Foundation

Make your donation to the Endowment: mail to PO Box 294 Charlotte MI, 48813



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED COMMUNITY SUPPORT!**  
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## **Save the Date for 2014 Events**

**Project Resource Connect  
at First Lutheran Church  
January 28, 2014**

**14th Annual Charity Golf Outing  
Centennial Acres Golf Club  
May 30, 2014**

**Thanks for your continued Support!!**