



HospitalityHouse food pantry



Happy Birthday!
Birthday Edition
February, 2019

Celebrating 17 Years of Community Service

The Hospitality House Food Pantry launched its mission on February 14, 2002. Initially started in a space provided by the Walled Lake First Baptist Church, Hospitality House assisted approximately 200 families in its first year of operation. Founders Lori McVey and Pam Jansen, along with long-time board member, Denise Montgomery, guided the pantry's growth from church basements to two facilities over the past 17 years. In November of 2015, Hospitality House expanded and moved to our current location at 2075 E. West Maple Rd Suite B204, in Commerce Township. The new facility is approximately 8000 sq. feet and allows the pantry to service more than 503 clients every month. Hospitality House expanded its borders in 2017 by lifting all residency restrictions entirely. Additionally, we are now operating an Emergency Transitional Shelter program called Breathing Room to help those who need immediate shelter. A second program that currently needs funding is "Pit Stop," to help with car repairs for our clients. Hospitality House is a true blessing and we look forward to serving those in need for many more years to come! We welcome all volunteers to come in and explore the many ways that you too can contribute to this worthy cause.

Perhaps you might like to make a donation to Hospitality House this month in honor of our 17th birthday.

Santa Shop Review

Santa Shop 2018 is in the books!

There were over 231 children who received Christmas gifts and over 100+ families served. We want to give particular thanks to St. Matthews Lutheran Church and The Wixom Police Department, the Lakes Area Community and all the businesses and volunteers that helped make this year a great one for so many families! We couldn't do it without you!



Stuff the squad car spills over to a truckload of toys!



Girl Scout Troop 71353 helped out too!

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Our Volunteers

The Board of Directors of Hospitality House recently celebrated the many volunteers who help run our programs. From warehouse workers, to “shoppers,” to our front office friendly faces, we appreciate you all. Our “Thank You” party was held at the Drafting Table Brewing Company of Wixom. With grateful hearts, we thank you for your service to the community.



A big thank you to Dean Transportation for their generous support during the holiday season.

Walled Lk. H.S. Students Feed the Need

Shout out and thank you to the awesome students at Walled Lake Western and Walled Lake Central High Schools for their collection and donation of over \$19,000 in cash donations and over 17 tons of food! We are so proud of you and grateful for your generosity to help our community.

At the Finish Line



The Outrun Hunger Event

254 racers + **65** volunteers + **59** donors + **26** sponsors = **\$16,043.50** donated to Hospitality House and Open Door Outreach Ctr.

Thank you Grace Community Church! **802** families in the Lakes Region were able to enjoy a hot meal at Thanksgiving and Christmas.



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Fundraising Events

March 16th ***Strike Out Hunger Bowling***
1 pm at Wonderland Lanes
Commerce Twp.



May 4th ***Hats and Horses Kentucky Derby Party***
5 pm at Uptown Grille
Commerce Twp.



July 29th ***4th Annual Golf Outing***
Registration Starting @ 9am
Shotgun Tee-Off@10am

Beacon Hill GC
6011 Majestic Oaks Drive
Commerce Township, MI



For further information register online at
www.hhfp.org or call 248 960-9975

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Resolution of Respect in Loving Memory of Peggy Black

Though your days among us were too brief and our grief heart wrenching, we draw comfort from the knowledge that you have found safe refuge in a better place and in our hearts, where no darkness or pain can touch you now. We bless you with love, light and our gratitude.

Whereas, Peggy Black beloved volunteer at Hospitality House passed from this life on Jan 4th 2019

Whereas, the death of Peggy Black does not diminish the profound benediction of a life lived in such human service, nor our admiration of and affection for example, and

Whereas, Peggy Black faithfully exemplified God's most urgent admonition to follow in the footsteps of the righteous, seek justice in all circumstances, and care for the least among us as if they were the dearest, and

Whereas, Peggy Black was an active Director and Volunteer of the Hospitality House community for

years and freely gave of time, energy and finances as a leader and a faithful steward of the organization, and

Whereas, Peggy Black volunteered her service and in doing so shared a bright, steady, spirit and a cheerful heart, and

Whereas, the family and acquaintances of Peggy are deeply saddened at her departure, as are all who were touched by her generous spirit and kindnesses, and

Whereas, Peggy Black's legacy of service will continue to inspire loved ones and every member of the Hospitality House organization.

Now therefore, be it resolved that that name of Peggy Black will be recognized for the remarkable achievements in her contributions in eliminating food insecurity in the Lakes Area community and will be commemorated within the halls of Hospitality House Food Pantry for all to see.

We wish all who mourn to take comfort from the immortal words of the great poet Christina Rossetti:
"Remember me when I am gone away, Gone far away into the silent land; When you can no more hold me by the hand, Nor I half turn to go, yet turning stay. Remember me when no more day by day you tell me of our future that you plann'd: Only remember me; you understand It will be late to counsel then or pray. Yet if you should forget me for a while And afterwards remember, do not grieve: For if the darkness and corruption leave A vestige of the thoughts that once I had, Better by far you should forget and smile Than that you should remember and be sad."

Respectfully submitted in faith and appreciation for the gift of our time with Peggy Black, on behalf of the Hospitality House family, by Donovan M. Neal,
Executive Director of Hospitality House