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Their on-field rivalry might be fierce, but Michigan and Michigan State fans came together on November 16 at Wixom’s Wings Etc. to support Hospitality House. In addition to cheering on the Spartans and Wolverines in the Michigan/Michigan State football game, attendees enjoyed the robust food and drink menu at Wings Etc., participated in a 50/50 raffle and won prizes for dressing in support of their team. Special thanks to Nav and Raman Singh, owners, for being fantastic hosts and for their enthusiasm for making a positive difference in our community and feeding our hungry neighbors.

Thank you, Amerisure!

On behalf of Hospitality House’s staff, volunteers and clients: thank you to Amerisure for making a generous gift that allowed our organization to purchase a new freezer. The freezer is a wonderful addition to our food pantry and helps us provide a better selection and quantity of food to our clients.

Join the Pantry Supporters!
To provide dependable monthly support for HHFP, I’d like to become a Sustaining Donor. Please charge my credit card the following amount every month:

$25 □ $50 □ $100 □ Other $_____.

Note: you can change your plan or opt out at any time.

Name
Address
City, State, ZIP
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Your gift matters - more than half of Hospitality House’s donations come from individuals just like you!

Hospitality House Turns 18! A Word From An Organization Founder
Pam Jansen reflects on 18 years of serving our community

When Tracy Moore, Pastor Judy May and I had our very first casual conversation about community outreach, I’m sure I speak for all three of us when I say we never expected quite the incredible organization Hospitality House has become today. This organization began in a coffee shop. Lorrie McVey joined us almost immediately and we began brainstorming about how we could make a positive difference in our community. We next invited Pastor Pulkenen and Joann Sovel to our discussions. We wanted to identify what need(s) our three small congregations could possibly help resolve.

We reached out to local organizations, churches, government agencies and school leaders and found that food assistance was the most critical need at the time. It became clear that our mission would be food supplementation for our neighbors in need.

Realizing the project would take the work of many, we named it “United We Serve.” It was not until later we adopted the name Hospitality House and had a community contest to develop the logos you are familiar with today.

Continuing our due diligence, we formed a 501c3, created our first Board of Directors and opened our first panty in the back of the First Baptist Church on February 14, 2002. Between our first and current locations, we spent time in spaces graciously provided by St. Anne’s Episcopal Church, Church of Christ and our first leased space on Maple Road.

The most important part of our journey were the many volunteers and organizations who gave of their time, talent and money to create and grow Hospitality House into the community it is today.

Santa Shop 2019: Thank You!
Santa Shop Donors and Volunteers,

Thank you again and again for making our 2019 Hospitality House Santa Shop absolutely WONDERFUL! Without ALL of YOU, we could not have helped so many families this holiday season.

In whatever way you were able to support Santa Shop (or other facets of Hospitality House) this year, please know that you made a positive difference in people’s lives. Over 155 families were served at Santa Shop in 2019 and, due to the generosity of our community, even more toys were able to be donated to families in need following the event.
**Run for a reason.**

**Calling All Runners**

Do you like to run and want to help out Hospitality House? Sign up for one of the 2020 Detroit Free Press/TCF Bank Marathon events!

Not a marathoner? No problem! Marathon weekend, October 17-18, 2020, features events with distances ranging from one mile to the full marathon. Check out freemarathon.com/events for more information.

Register at freemarathon.com/register and select Hospitality House as your team. Participants who raise funds for Hospitality House will receive a special shirt to wear on race day. Questions? Email alyson@hhfp.org!

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**Strike Out Hunger**

Sunday, February 16

Hospitality House is excited to announce the organization’s second annual **Strike Out Hunger** event. This family-friendly afternoon of bowling is an important fundraiser for Hospitality House.

Participate in the fun on Sunday, February 16, 2020, 1:00-4:00 pm, at Wonderland Lanes in Commerce Township.

Tickets are $25/person and include bowling, shoes, pizza and pop and a chance to win big in our prize raffle—a raffle ticket is included with each admission.

Don’t miss out! Register online at hhfp.org/events or phone by calling the Pantry at 248-960-9975.

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**Meet Hospitality House’s Board of Directors**

Hospitality House is governed by a 17-member Board of Directors. In this issue, we’re introducing you to several new faces!

Jay serves as the Lead Pastor at Walled Lake Missionary Church. He has been involved in ministry and nonprofit organizations throughout the past 20 years. He is an entrepreneur in small business. His heart is to see ministry and marketplace come together to build a better community. He enjoys being involved in the community and using his talents. Currently he does this through coaching sports, mentoring & the local PTA. He currently resides in Commerce Township with his wife and two sons.

Sara is a graduate of the University of Detroit Mercy, and Michigan State University College of Law. She serves as the employment law counsel at For Our Future Action Fund, a nonprofit organization. She volunteers on the Southfield Commission on Senior Adults, FitKids 360, and on the board of the National Lawyers Guild Michigan Chapter. She makes time to coach a U9 Girls’ Soccer team in South Oakland County.

Raymond comes to Hospitality House with 35 years of Director level experience in Operations, Materials and Supply Chain Management experience with several multi-national companies including Kraft Heinz, Honeywell and PriceWaterhouse Coopers. Over his career, he has specialized in streamlining and improving operations. Mr. Sherlock holds an MBA from Columbia University and a Bachelor’s degree in Community Development from Central Michigan University. He is a Certified Lean Six Sigma Black Belt and a Certified Professional in Production and Inventory Management.

Jane Thornhill joined the Hospitality House Board in fall of 2019. Jane holds a Masters Degree in Leadership Administration and a Bachelors Degree in Community Development from Central Michigan University. Jane is a healthcare executive with 20+ years of leadership and strategic development experience with a focus on population health. Jane and her husband Steve have been residents of Commerce Township for over a decade, moving there from Livonia, where they raised their four children.

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**Upcoming Events**

**February 16, 2020**

Strike Out Hunger

Wonderland Lanes

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**February 29, 2020**

Volunteer Appreciation Brunch

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**May 2, 2020**

Hats and Horses fundraiser

Wixom Station

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**May 9, 2020**

Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive

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**May 25, 2020**

City of Walled Lake Memorial Day Parade

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**August 10, 2020**

Golf Outing

Edgewood Country Club

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Another Successful Year of Hospitality House’s Backpack Program

The back-to-school season saw the return of Hospitality House’s annual Backpack Program. Over 100 children, dependents of Hospitality House clients, received fully loaded backpacks before the start of the school year! Our donors were so generous, in fact, that we had supplies to spare! We distributed additional backpacks to children in need via Lighthouse of Oakland County and Walled Lake Consolidated School District. Thank you to all who donated!

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**Hats and Horses: A Kentucky Derby Party Benefitting Hospitality House**

*Saturday, May 2, 2020 | Wixom Station*

You are cordially invited to experience the thrill of horse racing at our celebration of the Run for the Roses.

- **Dress to Impress: Ladies, put on your hat!**
- **Dress to Impress: Gentlemen, don’t miss this opportunity to shine!**
- **Prizes for Best Dressed Lady, Best Derby Hat and Most Dapper Gentleman!**
- **Place Wagers On Your Favorite Horses!**
- **Purchase your tickets online at hhfp.org/events**

For more information or to inquire about event sponsorship, contact Hospitality House at 248.960.9975.