



MCREST Homeless Shelter Receives \$25,000 Consumers Energy Foundation Grant

Macomb organization to use funds for its Returning Home campaign

Roseville, Mich. December XX, 2020 — The Macomb County Rotating Emergency Shelter Team (MCREST) has received a \$25,000 grant from the Consumers Energy Foundation.

The Consumers Energy grant will be part of the Returning Home campaign that is enabling renovations to a Mt. Clemens building to provide temporary shelter, food, educational resources, job training and job placement for up to 45 women and children at a time.

More than 1,500 children experience homelessness in Macomb County each year.

The new facility will allow a stable location for women and children to receive support services on their path to self-reliance. Men will continue to be welcomed within the church network.

For more than 30 years, MCREST has worked with a network of 70+ churches to offer a rotating solution for guests experiencing homelessness. In 2020, they have helped nearly 600 individuals.

April Fidler, MCREST CEO, said, “We’re so grateful to the Consumers Energy Foundation and their COVID-19 relief efforts. They’re a huge help to us in our work to provide stability and reduce trauma for children experiencing homelessness.”

“Consumers Energy is dedicated to ensuring all Michigan residents thrive economically, especially our most vulnerable neighbors,” said Carolyn Bloodworth, secretary/treasurer of the Consumers Energy Foundation. “Now, more than ever, the emergency shelter services MCREST provides are critical to helping families and individuals in crisis overcome these challenging times and find a pathway to self-sufficiency and a brighter future.”

As Macomb County's leading provider of shelter and support services to homeless individuals, MCREST currently shelters 180 guests per day. Those in need of services can call MCREST at 586-415-5101.

About MCREST

Macomb County Rotating Emergency Shelter Team (MCREST) provides meals, lodging, life-skills training, housing assistance, job readiness training, and emergency shelter 365 days each year to Macomb County's homeless population.

MCREST partners with more than 70 churches in Macomb County to temporarily shelter people experiencing homelessness on a rotating basis, with the shelter location moving from church to church each week. MCREST also operates a Learning and Resource Center.

Founded in 1988, MCREST has grown from a homeless day camp to a registered 501(c)(3) that assists approximately 600 people experiencing homelessness each year. Learn more at mcrest.org.

About the Consumers Energy Foundation

The Consumers Energy Foundation is the charitable arm of Consumers Energy, Michigan's largest energy provider. The Consumers Energy Foundation enables communities to thrive and grow by investing in what's most important to Michigan – its people, our planet and Michigan's prosperity. In 2019, the Consumers Energy Foundation, Consumers Energy and its employees and retirees contributed more than \$11.5 million to Michigan nonprofits. For more information about the Consumers Energy Foundation, visit www.ConsumersEnergy.com/foundation.

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