“Community Housing Network doesn’t make you feel little. They treat you as a human and with dignity.”

– Shawn Hunter
Veteran, formerly homeless
On a mission

Our mission, to end homelessness and provide affordable housing options for those who need it, never ends.

We are passionate advocates, devoted to providing homes for people in need and access to resources to create sustainable communities.

“...a half-hour conversation with the Housing Resource Center is probably worth about two weeks worth of shoe leather because that’s how long it would take, minimally, to find out about all these programs.”

– Chuck O’Brien
former director of the Macomb Homeless Coalition

HOUSING RESOURCE CENTER

The Housing Resource Center (HRC) serves as a hub to connect people to vital programs and services to help with their housing needs. The HRC now receives more than 17,000 calls per year and more than 54,000 web visitors, each representing someone looking for help. Each caller receives a complete screening to identify resources specific to their situation and to assist in developing a plan to address their needs, linking each person to the appropriate internal programs at CHN as well as services and programs in the community. The HRC at Community Housing Network has more than a decade of experience providing information and technical assistance to community members in a housing crisis.

“We are proud of the work we do to strengthen communities and improve people’s lives. For some, we help in finding a home. For others, we provide resources so they can save their home. Our goal is to equip everyone we serve with the ability to secure and maintain a safe and desirable place for their family to live.”

– Marc Craig
CHN President

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COMMUNITY PROGRAMS
Community Housing Network has an array of services and programs that work together to provide a comprehensive approach to working with those in a housing crisis or at risk of homelessness. Community programs include the Housing Resource Center, housing counseling, Getting My Own Address (GMOA), future housing planning, community outreach and street outreach (PATH). These programs work together to ensure that anyone with a housing need can link with resources and available programs, with staff meeting those in crisis where they are at both literally as well as based on their needs.

HOUSING PROGRAMS – HUD-sponsored LAP and Shelter Plus Care
CHN remains the largest permanent supportive housing provider in Oakland and Macomb counties. Our HUD-sponsored Leasing Assistance and Shelter Plus Care programs provide rental assistance and supportive services for people who were homeless and living with a disability. We work closely with mental health and other service providers to help stabilize families, moving them toward greater independence.

Annual accomplishments:
• Served 533 people with housing, including 167 children, through our Leasing Assistance Program.

• Provided housing and additional supports to 82 people, including 33 children, through our Shelter Plus Care program.

• Exited 78 people from our housing programs into successful self-sufficiency, including two who moved into home ownership.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SERVICES
Community Housing Network provides property and leasing management for 2,712 units of affordable housing serving as residences for people with disabilities, people who have been homeless and those with low and moderate income in

“Opening Doors and Transforming Lives is what Community Housing Network is all about. I am proud to support such a dynamic organization and its dedicated, caring and talented staff. CHN positively touches many lives on an ongoing basis.”

– Thomas Landry
Community Housing Network
Board Chair

Oakland, Macomb, Wayne and St. Clair counties. A significant feature of CHN’s services is the fact that our inspectors also have years of expertise assessing a home’s features mindful of useful adaptations for a person with a disability.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY
Every day, we’re in the field working hard to educate the community about housing options and how to utilize available resources. Assisting those in a housing crisis often involves advocacy to work on long-term system changes. Community Housing Network staff routinely identify barriers and challenges experienced by program participants and work to educate and advocate on their behalf.

In addition to our Housing Resource Center, our community education and advocacy extends to speaking and attending community events, our print newsletter and various e-newsletters, Home Buying Program and Independent Living Club meetings. We’re also active in making elected officials aware of important issues affecting the people we serve.
Over the last 11 years, CHN has developed 726 units of affordable housing for people in need, including people who were previously homeless and/or chronically homeless and people living with a disability. All of the units provide housing integrated into the broader community.

CHN has accomplished this by accessing a variety of public and private funding from various sources.

Since 2010, our completed developments include:
• Independent Supportive Housing III development: Five homes, 15 units, scattered through Oakland County with two in Southfield, two in Auburn Hills and one in Rochester Hills.

• Palmer Pointe Townhomes: A 24-unit development in Pontiac created with our first Housing Tax Credit allocation.

• Unity Park, Pontiac: With our partner Venture, Inc., constructed and sold 12 new homes to low- and moderate-income individuals and families.

• Liberty Hill III: Four homes, one each in VanBuren Township, Northville Township, Garden City and Livonia, in our first partnership in a housing development in Wayne County.

• Unity Park Rentals, Pontiac: Constructed 32 scattered site, lease-to-purchase homes available for residents of mixed income levels.

Every day, generous volunteers and supporters make valuable contributions of time and resources that open doors and transform lives. Join us today!

GIVE
Transportation
$20 will help an individual get to work and back for a week

Furniture
$405 will furnish a bedroom, and $105 will furnish a living and dining room

Utility assistance
$500 will assist an individual or family with utility arrearages

Adopt A Family
$100 will provide an individual with personal needs during the holidays and perhaps a wish or two

GET INVOLVED
Volunteer with the Unity Park community garden in Pontiac

Host an event such as a casual day at the office or other fundraiser

Organize a spring-into-action landscaping event

“Owning this home means a lot to me ... it’s a start of a new life for us.”

– Pauletta Carson
Unity Park first-time homeowner
“I have this mental illness and depression and it’s a struggle, but I would never be able to make it without having a place to live. ... Community Housing Network has given me a foundation and given me a chance to grow.”

– Steven Boyd
CHN program participant after being homeless for two years