Happy New Year!

We are looking forward to growing this New Year, by continuing to serve our mission.

YMCA Partnership

Our residents had a great time celebrating the holiday season with Community Housing Network (CHN) staff and the YMCA staff this year. Because of the donations through Adopt a Family this year, CHN was able to provide 248 gifts to the children within our developments. Below are a few pictures of smiles our donors created!

In addition to bringing our residents together at the developments, our partnership with the YMCA continues to grow and provide more opportunities for our residents.

For example, Janet*, a resident at one of our developments, lost her daughter two months before the holiday season. Leaving behind six children who now had to rely on each other and Janet. Due to this tragedy and the monetary strain it caused, the children were not able to get holiday gifts, basic home necessities and food for the holiday season. Our staff and the YMCA worked in tandem a week before Christmas to bring Janet's grandchildren the basic necessities, food, clothing, and gifts for her family to have on Christmas Day! We would like to thank the YMCA for their ongoing support and partnership as we enter the 2020 year.

Meet Frank

Frank* first contacted CHN in early August. Fortunately he had all of his vital documents, questions and the drive to locate housing quickly. He had been unsheltered and living in his car for several months. At the beginning, Frank received three denials, but with his drive, he was determined not to give up.

CHN and Frank worked together to connect with a mental health services and secure affordable housing. Frank also applied for a part-time job to supplement his income. On the first snowstorm in Michigan, Frank signed his year lease and was able to sleep inside his new, warm home, out of the storm.

We are able to help people like Frank thanks to the generous support of our donors and community partners. Please join us in continuing to help our neighbors in need by donating here!

If you, or someone you know is in need of housing assistance, call our Housing Resource
Ways to get Involved!

Welcome Home Baskets

Volunteer Opportunities

CHN is looking for groups of volunteers to help with projects in 2020!

To learn more about Welcome Home Baskets or volunteer opportunities, contact Alex Urbanczyk at 248-824-7315 or aurbanczyk@chninc.net.

Point-in-Time Count

Every year, dozens of our CHN staff join community partners and participate in the annual Point-in-Time homeless street count in Oakland and Macomb counties. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development requires the count which is critical in determining funding allocations for homeless prevention and services.

We are wishing our staff and the rest of our partners the best of luck as they take the streets on January 29th. Often while conducting the count, our staff and volunteers save lives by coordinating transportation to shelters, meals and resources.

PIT Team 2019

Save The Date!

Join us for our annual fundraising event, Bring it Home, Thursday, April 30, 2020. Event sponsorship and ticket information will be available soon!

If you have questions before materials are released, please contact Lisa Fuhr at lfuhr@chninc.net or 248-824-7313.

Venture Homes

Through CHN’s ongoing partnership with Venture Homes, CHN has been able to successful house individuals and families who are living paycheck to paycheck. The most recent success story was right before Christmas, when we were able to house Kim* and her son who has a disability. Kim is the first individual in her entire family to own her house, as her son stated, “this is like living in a famous person’s house.”

Kim and her son are so thankful for a refrigerator they can depend on to keep their food fresh, windows that are not drafty and reliable heat. She is so happy to start their new life in a safe, stable environment.
in a safe home. Kim unfortunately was living paycheck to paycheck with no opportunity to save for a new home. Through the Oakland County HOME program she was able to obtain down payment assistance, which enabled her to purchase her first home and start saving for herself and her son's future.

Questions on our Venture Homes? Reach out to Kristina Seth at kseth@chninc.net or 248-824-7317.

*All names changed for confidentiality.

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**Make a Difference!**

You can support our ongoing effort to help people who are experiencing homelessness with an online donation to our [Critical Needs Fund](#).

100% of the donations to this fund are used to provide the unmet needs of the people we serve.

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**Support From:**

- [Oakland Community Health Network](#)
- [CARF Accredited](#)
- [United Way for Southeastern Michigan](#)
- [Equal Housing Opportunity](#)

**Accreditation From:**

**CHN Mission and Vision:**

**Mission:** At Community Housing Network (CHN), we strengthen communities by connecting people to housing resources.

**Vision:** Community Housing Network will be a nationally-recognized housing leader in innovative housing solutions that provide positive social impact. We develop partnerships that are the foundation for positive change for individuals and communities to thrive.

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**Happy New Year from our CHN family to yours!**