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## Organizations that help others need your help

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In an effort to help those who help others, the Free Press is listing the needs of local charitable organizations and how you can help.

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• **Starfish Family Services:** Provides programs designed to strengthen and keep together families and children in western Wayne County and surrounding communities. [Wish list](#) includes food, diapers (including Pull-Ups), baby formula, volunteers and monetary donations. Contact Kristen Chateau at [kchateau@sfish.org](mailto:kchateau@sfish.org) or 734-727-3114.

• **Crossroads of Michigan:** Provides emergency assistance, advocacy and counseling to any family or person in need. Wish list includes men's gloves, new toys, nonperishable food items, volunteers and monetary donations. Contact Julie Van Hove at 313-831-2787 or go online to

[www.crossroadsofmichigan.org](http://www.crossroadsofmichigan.org).

• **Society of St. Vincent DePaul:** Provides assistance with rent, utilities, food, clothing and household items. Wish list includes gently used coats, canned goods and monetary donations. Contact Roseann Royle at 313-393-2909.

• **Crossroads for Youth:** Provides education, counseling and specialized programs for at-risk youth. Wish list includes books, games, diaries, journals, fleece bed throws, robes, slippers, pajamas, sweatshirts, sweatpants, sports clothing (women and men sizes S-XL), sports equipment, stuffed animals, small stockings filled with candy, twin-size comforters, watches,

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winter hat/glove/scarf sets and monetary donations. Contact Tracey Zambeck at 248-628-2561 ext. 250.

• **Catholic Social Services of Wayne County:** Provides a full range of basic human services for citizens of Wayne County. Wish list includes new toys for children up to age 17, new clothing and coats for children of all ages, [gift](#) cards for teens in foster care, blankets, 10 new office chairs, 9,600 square feet of carpet, 10 Pentium IV computers, outdoor signage for Hamilton Avenue building, pickup truck, snow blower, lawn mower, 60-inch HDTV and DVD player for teen mom housing program, three entry mats, senior volunteers, foster parents and homes and monetary donations. Contact Violet Ponders at 313-883-2341.

• **Open Door Rescue Mission:** Provides emergency shelter, transitional housing, daily meals, spiritual development and clothing distribution. Wish list includes hats, gloves, boots, toiletries, nonperishable food and monetary donations. Contact Ron Twymon at 313-579-1825.

• **Capuchin Soup Kitchen:** Caps, Coats and Kids' program needs new caps, coats and gloves for at-risk children, as well as new coats, mittens and hats for newborns to 10-year-olds. It also needs men's underwear, socks and gloves. Drop off at Capuchin Services, 6333 Medbury, Detroit, or call 313-925-1370 ext. 100. The children's program is in need of library books for all ages, hardcover and paperback books, as well as dictionaries and jigsaw puzzles (200 pieces or fewer). Drop off at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 4390 Conner, Detroit. Donations of bus tickets for use on DDOT buses to help people get to medical appointments, job interviews and work also are needed. Call 313-579-2100 ext. 215.

• **Shelters of Love:** Provides transitional housing for homeless individuals in metro Detroit. The program operates as a coalition with area churches committed to housing and feeding homeless people for one week per calendar year. Wish list includes donations of air mattresses, bus passes, new blankets, towels, linens and perishable food. Contact Ryan Morris at 313-414-7067 or [sheltersoflove@aol.com](mailto:sheltersoflove@aol.com).

• **Alzheimer's Association:** Provides wide range of services to Alzheimer's patients, their families and the general community. Wish list includes digital camera, large golf umbrellas, PowerPoint projection unit, art supplies, conference call telephone, newspaper subscription and monetary donations. Contact Dian Wilkins at 248-351-0280 or [dian.wilkins@alz.org](mailto:dian.wilkins@alz.org).

• **Livingston County United Way:** Seeks donations for basic needs. Wish list includes [gas](#) cards, grocery gift cards, personal care items and monetary donations. Donations can be made

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- **Personalized Nursing LIGHT House:** Provides outpatient, day treatment and enhanced outpatient substance abuse treatment. Wish list includes large decorative pictures, televisions, couches, love seats, chairs, potted plants, end tables and lamps for housing units. Also gas cards, stackable office chairs, cereal, canned goods and other non-perishable foods, volunteers and monetary donations. Contact Theresa Smith at 734-451-7800.
- **Modest Foundation:** Provides information and limited services, from medical to housing, for more than 400 families a year. Wish list includes gently used or new baby items, gift cards to children's stores, shoes, toys, car seats, booster seats, diapers, clothes, strollers, books, breast pumps and monetary donations. Contact Corey McPherson at 313-493-4900.
- **Michigan Anti-Cruelty Society:** Provides humane education, performs animal adoptions and animal rescues, reunites lost pets with their families and conducts cruelty investigations. Wish list includes Spam, tuna in oil, baby food (meat only), Pro Plan dry or canned dog food, Fancy Feast dry or canned cat food, Igloo style dog houses. Also gift cards to pet supplies stores, office supplies stores, Costco and Sam's Club, and monetary donations. Contact Linda Tuttle at 313-891-7188.

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