

MOTOR CITY MITTEN MISSION



The Motor City Mitten Mission is dedicated to helping the homeless, the needy, the sick and those striving for a better way of life while educating, partnering and collaborating with a number of other organizations, schools, churches, clubs and businesses. We do what we do because it's the right thing to do!



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By The Numbers 2023

Some Problems of Homelessness

- According to the January 2022 PIT Count, 582,462 people were experiencing homelessness across America. This amounts to roughly 18 out of every 10,000 people¹. The vast majority (72 percent) were individual adults, but a notable share (28 percent) were people living in families with children.
- There was an eight percent increase in the number of people experiencing homelessness across the state of Michigan from 2021 to 2022. The primary reason for this increase is the lack of access to safe and affordable housing.
- 22 percent are chronically homeless individuals (or people with disabilities who have experienced long-term or repeated incidents of homelessness).
- Shelters in our area are often full, lack cleanliness, in a congregate setting where violence, theft, and outbreaks of illness run rampant.
- There are many obstacles to access services, such as lack of ID's, no cell phone or internet access, and lack of transportation.

**Information from National Alliance to End Homelessness*

What Makes Motor City Mitten Mission Unique?

- We are the only outreach team that is out every day, 365 days per year, regardless of the weather. Our consistency with clients gains TRUST and credibility.
- We travel the Metro Detroit area, seeking those that are the most vulnerable and unsheltered. We find those sleeping under bridges, abandoned buildings, parks, alleys, bus stops, etc.
- Our MCMM Street Outreach Team provides vital and essential services to those experiencing homelessness directly in the street. Services include providing individual meals, basic essentials, assistance with vital document restoration, connecting clients with medical and mental health help, substance abuse treatment, job opportunities and housing navigation.
- We have peer support specialists, formally or currently homeless, actively assisting others with a kind, compassionate and understanding approach
- We identify gaps and obstacles in the system and work to engage and collaborate with the necessary entities to make improvements

67,712

Meals Served

- **7,300+** Hours of Street Outreach
- **300+** Children under the age of 17 provided services
- **368** Seniors 65+ provided services
- **78** Veterans provided services

3,340

Homeless Individuals Provided Services

- **472** Clients moved to either transitional or permanent housing as a direct results of MCMM services
- **12,600** Emergency hotel nights provided
- **156** homes furnished
- **179** Clients assisted to Substance Abuse Treatment

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Plastic Bags COLLECTED

- **1,456** "Plarn" mats & pillows distributed
- **973,600** Plastic bags upcycled
- **600+** Collaborations with businesses, schools, churches & other organizations

80,092

Hours Volunteered

- **66,430** Individual supplies distributed
- **1,825** Food donations picked up
- **20+** Free Garage Sales, Grab & Grubs and Safe Haven Events for those struggling with homelessness and housing & food insecurity