HOMELESSNESS DOESN'T DEFINE ME

I AM...

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CUTE
LOVING
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SMART

COVENANT HOUSE MICHIGAN

Opening Doors for Homeless Youth
Covenant House Michigan is a sanctuary for young people who have nowhere to go. Youth who come to our doors have been abused and neglected, have slept on friends’ couches or in abandoned buildings. These young people have been forgotten by those who are supposed to care about them the most.

When they come through our gates, they become part of a family. Our staff, volunteers and donors carry out our mission based on faith and the belief that all of God’s children deserve unconditional love, respect and hope. We make a covenant with them to safeguard and protect them, allowing them to focus on their futures. In turn, they make a covenant with us to try their best to overcome the obstacles that have led to their homelessness.

We are a faith-based nonprofit organization that provides hope to homeless, runaway and at-risk youth ages 18-24. We provide shelter, educational and vocational programs, as well as other support services, to help youth overcome hurdles such as homelessness, unemployment, inadequate education, violence, drugs and gangs. Our goal is to redirect them onto a path toward meaningful and successful adulthood.
Homelessness Happens:
- unemployment
- education incompletion
- victims of physical and/or sexual abuse
- family drug history
- foster care
- mental health diagnosis
- family criminal history
- substance abuse
- trauma

No Kid Chooses to be Homeless

Total Served in 2017: 2,365 Unduplicated youth across programs
includes sheltering, outreach, and providing supportive services.

Gender
- Female: 35%
- Male: 65%

Ethnicity
- African American: 88%
- Caucasian: 7%
- All Others: 5%
CHM’s Outreach Team patrols the streets of Metro Detroit daily. They find kids living in abandoned houses, cars and on street corners, among other unfit places. The Team provides these youth with prevention services, information about CHM’s residential, education and job programs, counseling, food and clean clothes. **2,065 served in 2017**

**Crisis Care**

Our 45-bed shelter is a warm and welcoming space for youth, aged 18 to 24. Most of our youth are fleeing from homes with abuse and neglect. Some have spent some time on the streets. When young people come to stay at our shelter, they are taking the first step towards making positive life changes. **420 served in 2017**

Here, they are given food, a clean bed and a safe place to stay, medical and mental health services, but also the guidance and support they need to determine their own bright future. The Center is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Youth can stay from 1 day to 3 months.

**Rights of Passage**

Our two-year independent living program offers youth the chance to further their education, save up money, learn how to manage their time and finances, as well as gain additional life skills. Every resident develops a life plan that outlines their goals and leads them towards successful independent living. They are assigned a counselor and mentor and receive individual and group counseling and medical care.

Our staff members address the physical, emotional, social, mental and spiritual needs of all of the kids – and step in as role models, and many times play the role of family. **72 served in 2017**

**Education**

Over 90% of youth in CHM’s residential programs are high school dropouts. Covenant House Michigan collaborated to open three charter schools in order to better serve the needs of homeless and other at-risk youth who lack a high school diploma. Located in Detroit and Grand Rapids, Covenant House Academy offers a specialized curriculum for addressing the needs of dropouts and other at-risk youth. **115 Graduated in 2017**

**Job Readiness**

Our employment program prepares our kids for the world of work and independence. The staff teach job expectations, workplace ethics, communication skills and teamwork. With staff support, our kids prepare resumes and portfolios, and participate in mock interviews. They learn about job retention and promotion. **93 placed in jobs in 2017**

**Total Me**

Our Total Me program offers youth a daily opportunity to develop themselves internally and externally in ways they might have missed growing up. Through this program, they learn various life-skills including communication, proper etiquette, anger management, financial literacy, healthy eating and exercising, budget shopping, conducting a job search, how to interview, and many other skills. We also feel that it is very important to teach our youth to give back through volunteering.
Advocate and Spread the Word
Help us support laws that protect our youth. Covenant House and the community must take a stand to enhance the quality of life for our youth. Communities must join together in advocacy efforts to benefit all kids.

*Pass It On* - share a link about CHM with friends and family

*Schedule a Covenant House speaker* to address your civic, business or church group by informing and educating your group about the plight of runaway and homeless kids and opportunities for participating in our mission.

*Hand out literature* - call (313) 463-2000 or e-mail us to obtain brochures, envelopes, annual reports, or other material to share with the community.

Volunteer
Covenant House relies on a multitude of volunteers from all kinds of backgrounds every year. These volunteers have life enriching experiences knowing that they are making a tangible difference in the lives of homeless youth. Our opportunities include tutoring, office work, sorting and organizing in our clothing closet, arts, exercise, job readiness and more. For a current list of needs, visit our website at www.CovenantHouseMI.org.

Donate
Your gift makes a difference. Donate online at www.CovenantHouseMI.org or by mailing in a donation using the address at the end of this packet.

In-Kind Donations
We know that not everyone who wants to help homeless kids can afford a monetary gift. But in-kind giving allows you to provide vital resources through the donation of goods such as clothing and personal items. Check our website for the current list of needed items.
DIY Fundraising
Help Covenant House raise funds and awareness in your community! Covenant House DIY Fundraising invites supporters and champions for the cause to be part of our work. Build a personalized fundraising campaign and make your own covenant with these wonderful kids. It’s easy and fun to do with our online fundraising tools. www.covenanthouseDIY.org

Give Stocks, Bonds, and Mutual Funds
Gifts of stocks, bonds, and mutual funds allow you to avoid capital gains tax liability, take an income tax deduction for the full amount of the donation, and know that your contribution is helping homeless kids rebuild their lives.

Planned Giving
For a homeless youth without a family, there is no such thing as an inheritance ... no nest egg passed from generation to generation. But through your legacy, our young people will know that someone remembered them ... and did plan for their future by funding programs that will keep them off the streets for good.

Making a gift through your will is an excellent choice if you want to have a lasting impact on the lives of homeless kids long after you are gone but wish to maintain liquidity and use of your assets during your lifetime. And the full amount of your gift is deductible from your taxable estate. A bequest can be unrestricted, enabling Covenant House to direct your funds where future need is greatest, or restricted to a particular program or Covenant House location.

Corporate Partnership - Support from corporate sponsors has the potential to impact the lives of countless homeless youth. But lately, companies are realizing that their philanthropic efforts also play an important role in how their customers view them. It's a win-win situation. We encourage support of the following signature events: A Night of Broadway Stars, Sleep Out, Candlelight Vigil, Underground Dinner and Fowling for the Cov.

Employer Matched Giving
Many companies offer to match their staff’s donations on a one-to-one or two-to-one basis. In fact, approximately 65% of the Fortune 500 companies have matching gift programs. See if your employer will match your giving.

Sleep Out
Executive: Each November, business leaders across North America will sleep out so kids don’t have to as they raise money and awareness for homeless youth. Participants must be C-suite execs, business owners, leaders in their organization or Covenant House Board Members. http://detroit.executivesleepout.org

YP: Young professionals unite for one night to make a difference in the lives of homeless youth by sleeping outside on Covenant House Michigan’s campus in March. Individuals must be between 22-40 to participate.

Young Professional Group
Are you a young professional that wants to make an impact for homeless youth? Join the YP group and participate in service opportunities with our youth and fun events for young professionals.

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