PROGRAMS and SERVICES

Early Childhood Services: Early Head Start strengthens children and families.

Advocacy Services: Works with families and individuals to meet their basic needs and promote self-sufficiency.

Victim Services: The Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center provides shelter and counseling to survivors of sexual and domestic violence. Advocacy is provided to support survivors and work to strengthen the criminal justice system's response to violence against women.

Senior Services: Assists older adults in maintaining their independence through caregiver support and training, congregate and home delivered meals, senior volunteer opportunities like transportation and kinship training. Elder Advocacy is also provided for older adult victims of physical, emotional, sexual abuse, neglect, and/or financial exploitation.

Nutrition Services: USDA Supplemental Food Program and The Emergency Food Assistance Programs hold distributions throughout the year.

Housing: Provides housing stability services for individuals and families that are chronically homeless, homeless, or at serious risk of becoming homeless. Home Weatherization Services and energy education provide increased energy efficiency for homeowners and renters and the Lead Abatement Program helps to protect children from lead-based hazards in the home. In addition, there is the Home Rehabilitation Program which offers limited emergency repairs, and MI-HOPE that assists with home health and safety issues, and MI Investing in Community Housing(MICH) provides for accessibility renovations.

Housing Assessment & Resource Agency (HARA): Connects homeless, or individuals and families facing eviction, to housing.

Water & Plumbing Repair Program: The program goal is for every eligible home to have access to hot and cold water and at least one functioning toilet, shower/bath, kitchen faucet and laundry tub.

In FY 2023, HDC also administered the following community-based services:

- Caro Thumbody Express
- Non-Emergency Medical Transportation
- Spoonfuls of Plenty Community Meals
- Volunteer Site (Community Service Placement, etc.)



Dear Friends:

During 2023 we faced challenges, such as reaching the difficult decision to discontinue operation of the Foster Grandparent and Retired Senior Volunteer Programs based on lack of funding to maintain quality services, as well as receiving reductions in county millage funds for the operation of Senior Services.

However, we also had many triumphs! We implemented new services to assist eligible residents with health, safety and accessibility renovations for their homes, began operation of a Diaper/Diapering Supply Program and established a Sexual Assault Nurse Examination (SANE) Room. We also completed a Community Needs Assessment and five-year Strategic Plan.

We are proud to serve the residents of Huron, Lapeer, Sanilac and Tuscola Counties and look forward to working with our many partners in 2024 as we pursue our efforts to improve the quality of life in the Thumb area.

Sincerely,

Della M. Hammond

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During the 2023 Fiscal Year, HDC served 3,715 households. Of those households, 86.9% reported incomes at, or below, 150% of poverty.

We extend our appreciation and gratitude to the 551 individuals who volunteered 61,150 hours to the agency to help us in serving the needs of people and communities within Huron, Lapeer, Sanilac and Tuscola Counties.

HDC mobilized \$13,601,323 during the 2023 Fiscal Year.



