



Since 1994, SIREN/  
Eaton Shelter has been  
a beacon of hope to  
those experiencing  
domestic violence and  
homelessness in our  
community.

- On any given day, we have **up to 30 houses occupied** throughout Eaton County and beyond.
- We operate an **Emergency Domestic Violence Shelter**, known as Opportunity House, and provide motel accommodations when our shelters are full.
- Year-to-date, we have served **923 individuals**, including **496 children**:

**Provided 27,820 shelter nights**

**Served 20,190 meals**

**Distributed clothing and household items**

**Offered Christmas gifts and Easter baskets**

**Provided school supplies**

**Answered 805 crisis calls**

*Unfortunately, we had to turn away **389 households**  
due to lack of available housing and funding.*

#### OUR CURRENT NEEDS

- Funding for housing, including motel and emergency shelter
- Renovations for scattered-site houses
- Roof replacement for our building that houses case management, the food pantry, clothing room, and warehouse for donated items
- Funding for an outside children's play area
- Funding for improved security at the domestic violence emergency shelter
- Computer upgrades



**SIREN**  
Eaton Shelter

*Renewing Hope. Rebuilding Lives.*

## Dear Friends,

As the year comes to a close, we reflect on the profound impact your support has had on the lives of countless individuals and families in our community. At SIREN/Eaton Shelter, we are dedicated to supporting survivors of domestic violence, their children, and unhoused individuals and families throughout Eaton County and beyond. Your generous contributions have been instrumental in making our work possible.



Since our founding in the 1990s, we have uniquely combined domestic violence and housing services, offering not only emergency shelter but also safe housing opportunities that lead to permanent solutions. In addition to these critical services, we provide a 24/7 crisis line, free food pantry, clothing closet, and personal care items to anyone in need.

Here are just a few life-changing success stories made possible by your generosity:

- **A Family's Journey to Stability:** This family entered our services as winter approached, initially being placed in a hotel. Through placement in our emergency shelter and case management services, they established a healthy budget, secured long-term employment, and embarked on their housing search. Soon after, they transitioned to our Rapid Rehousing program and signed a lease on a rental of their choosing.
- **Overcoming Homelessness:** Another family came to us during the coldest winter months after experiencing street homelessness. With the support of our case management team, they navigated barriers to employment and daycare, ultimately moving from emergency shelter into our Transitional Housing Program. There, they received in-depth assistance allowing them to secure a rental of their own.

- **From Car Homelessness to a Permanent Home:** A household that was car homeless found refuge in our emergency shelter. With our support, they obtained remote employment, pursued online education, and successfully applied for benefits. They transitioned to our Transitional Housing Program and ultimately secured a permanent rental.
- **Fleeing Danger and Finding Safety:** Another family sought our services after fleeing a dangerous situation where they were quickly placed in our Emergency Shelter. They faced challenges finding safe housing that accommodated their service animals. Our case management team worked closely with them to develop a safety plan, navigate the Social Security system, and ultimately find a safe rental that met their needs.
- **Achieving Financial Independence:** One family came to us after experiencing literal homelessness. With our support, the head of the household gained employment and developed a budget, enabling them to move into a rental without additional subsidy.

These stories are just a glimpse into the transformative impact of your support. As we look ahead to the coming year, we invite you to continue this journey with us. Your donations, alongside federal and state grants, allow us to provide vital services that change lives.

Please consider making a donation today. Every contribution, no matter the size, helps us provide emergency shelter, housing support, and essential resources to those in need. Together, we can ensure that every survivor and unhoused individual and family has the opportunity to find safety, stability, and hope for a brighter future.

Thank you for your unwavering support. We are deeply grateful for your commitment to our mission.

With heartfelt appreciation,

**Martha Richard**

Executive Director  
SIREN/Eaton Shelter

## OUR MISSION

*To promote the elimination of domestic violence and homelessness by providing temporary housing, support, advocacy, education and information to the community.*

**24/7 Crisis Line 1-800-899-9997**

## 2024 HOLIDAY APPEAL

Your generous gift helps support our mission, and together, we can make a difference. On behalf of SIREN's Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers, we sincerely thank you, and wish you and yours a joyful—and safe—holiday season.

**100% of donations go toward those we assist experiencing homelessness and domestic violence here in Eaton County.**

If you wish to mail a check, please detach this portion and mail back with your donation. You may also drop off checks at SIREN's office at 520 Robinson Street in Charlotte.

Checks payable to:  
**SIREN/Eaton Shelter**

mail to: **P.O. Box 369 | Charlotte, MI 48813**

If you wish to donate online, please visit our website, [sireneatonshelter.org](https://sireneatonshelter.org) by scanning code below.



**Giving is not just about making a donation.  
It is about making a difference.**

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