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# Throat Ha

#### Merry Christmas!!

It is unbelievable how fast the 2019 has flown by! It doesn't seem like it was that long ago that we were preparing 2018 holiday meals and here we are again, in the middle of another Christmas season!

I would like to thank all those who donate to the Outreach East program. I know you don't see the faces or hear the stories of those who come in for assistance, but if it weren't for you, there wouldn't be much help in our community for those who need a hand up.

Please look at our statistic's on page 4.

These are a few examples of the people you have helped:

Spouses getting out of abusive situations with just the clothes they and their children have on.

Grandparents raising grandchildren, which often have special needs.

Many are just getting by themselves and taking in family members is financially stressful. There are virtually no resources available for people taking in family members.

Aunts and uncles raising nieces and nephews, again, often with special needs.

People missing work because of injuries from car, work, or home accidents, cancer treatments, heart attacks, strokes, to name a few.

Families get back on their feet after the principal wage earner attempts to take their life, throwing the household into emotional and financial turmoil.

Sadly, this happens more often than one would like to think. Depression is a very real

Homeless Davison school students

Veterans





You can also sponsor a child through our web site at www.outreacheast.org

# The Meijer Holiday *Simply Give* campaign now through January 4, 2020

During each *Simply Give* campaign, customers are encouraged to purchase a \$10 *Simply Give* donation card upon checkout. At the end of the Simply Give campaign the donation is converted into a Meijer Food-Only Gift Card and donated directly to the local food pantry selected by the store. Each Meijer store partners with a local food pantry so the donations generated remain within their local communities. The Davison Meijer has chosen Outreach East for this wonderful opportunity.

Instead of determining what food to donate to Meijer's food pantry partners, the *Simply Give* program allows them the flexibility to choose the grocery items best suited for the families they serve in their communities. This also includes baby food, formula, diapers and wipes.

# DOUBLE MATCH DAY

# Friday December 13th

During DOUBLE MATCH DAY every \$10 Simply Give card purchased from the Davison store, Meijer will give \$20 (for a total of \$30) to the Outreach East food pantry!



## Letters from our clients

15 Apr 2019

Dear Outreach East,

I would like to write to everyone there and thank you sincerely for all the help you have given me. I am on a fixed monthly income from Social Security at and at times through the year I have struggled with groceries, personal items and at times clothing.

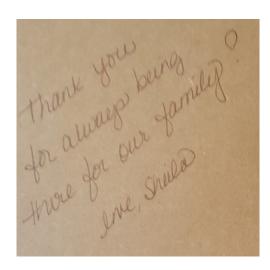
I live alone and there are times when things are extremely difficult for me. And each time I have needed help you have always been there for me.

It seems like every 3 or 4 months I need help with food and other things and each time Outreach East and staff have always helped me and always are so nice to me.

I can't thank all of you enough. Sometimes it is very hard to ask for help however everybody there always listens and treats me with the utmost respect and kindness.

I try my best to let everyone I know about all of you. I sincerely appreciate all that you do for me.

Thank all of you so much, Sincerely ...



Dear Jan & All Outreach Staff A HUGE THANK YOU!!

Love,

The

family



My disabled husband & I are raising our 3 grand children because their mother can't.

The last few years have been hard trying to make ends meet & OE has helped me in so many ways. Food, clothing, help with the utility bill, when our car broke down & it took everything we had, (plus) to pay for repairs.

With no family to help us out, we don't know what we would have done with out Outreach's help.

Dear Jan,

I don't know what we would have done with out your help. We almost got evicted and with your help and referrals we were able to save our home and get back on our feet.

Your caring and guidance enabled us to pull through one of the most difficult times in our life. We have never been in this position before and with 3 children we were so afraid of being homeless and did not know what we were going to do. You helped with food, rent and most of all piece of mind.

I thank God for sending us to you and for all your help and kindness.

Thank you so much,

Mrs.	

Jan, Dave, Scott, Bob, Carol & the entire gang at Outreach East:

I would like to thank you for the time you dedicate, the smiles on your faces as you help each person with their needs and the heartfelt warm generosity you give to each individual.

I would like to say "Thank You" to everyone here that makes it possible for those in need!

God Bless You All!

Mrs. ----

March 2019

#### Outreach East's 2018 Assistance Statistics

In 2018, Outreach East:

- Serviced 6485 clients, (2191 families consisting of 3785 adults and 2700 children).
- Provided 155,748 pounds of food to clients.\*
  - \*Excludes free shelf items, fresh produce & bakery items.
- In 2018 Assisted 186 families (\$34,527) with utility shut-off notices and evictions.
- Jan July 2019 \$32,679 in rent and utilities

#### **Clients' Residence:**

Davison 92.5% Otisville 3.1% Goodrich 1.9% Other 2.5%

- 1730 people received clothing.
- Christmas 386 Children (161 families) got Christmas gifts.
- Over 688 holiday dinners.
- More than 100 children received new coats, boots and snow pants.

We could not have helped so many with out you!

Thank you!!



Making it easier than ever for you to make a difference in your community.

## Sign up for Kroger Community Rewards

Sign up today to help Outreach East when you shop at Kroger. To sign up or update your account, visit: www.krogercommunityrewards.com

- \* Click on "Michigan."
- \* Click on "Enroll" Complete your information; Click "Save Changes"
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- \* "Select your organization" Click OUTREACH EAST, Davison, MI Org.#84837
- \* "Save your selection", click "Save changes"
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It's that easy! Each time you shop at Kroger—they donate a percentage to Outreach East. You save using your card and we get \$ at no cost to you!! Even using the click list counts!



PLEASE TELL YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO SIGN UP! Such an easy way to donate!

**Help Make a Difference** 

Donate

Visit our website at <u>OutreachEast.org</u> to see more ways you can help!



Thank you for making a difference in others lives!

Page 4 CHRISTMAS 2019

AJ will be accepting (unwrapped) toys, gloves, children's coats, boots, canned food, toiletries, gift cards and monetary donations for Outreach East.

Corner of Oak Rd. & Davison Rd., in Davison

# AJ & J's Christmas Light Extravaganza & Donation Drive Nov 24—Dec 27



Special Thanks to

Davison Lions Club for their donation of \$500.00 to help us purchase turkeys for our Thanksgiving Baskets





**Our Duck Race was Sept 7th** at Jack Abernathy Park. The ducks were released promptly at 1:00 and didn't waste any time in paddling their way to the finish line. The "owner" of the duck that came in 1st very generously donated his winnings to Outreach to help with holiday expenses. Over 40 gift certificate prizes were given to other lucky ducks. Thanks to all who bought tickets!

Once again Back to School hair cuts were provided by Lorraine Morrisette





## Rock of Ages Dinner, Dance and Concert

Sponsors: Palace Jewelers, Katrina Johnson (Edward Jones)

We are so appreciative of everyone who has made this such a wonderful, successful event over the years! The members of the Rock of Ages band has so selflessly shared their time and talent with us providing great music for those who danced and those who enjoyed just listening.

The hard work behind the scenes of the volunteers planning, buying, preparing, cooking and serving the absolutely delicious food is not seen but is as important as the music in making this evening so popular.

We are thankful for all who attend, some since the very beginning!





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**Bring us your returnable cans and bott**les and we will cash them in to purchase coats, snow pants and boots for our younger clients.

We gladly accept cans any time during the year—just drop off to

Outreach East 425 Genesee in Davison.

Watch our Website or follow us on Facebook for more times and places to drop off.

Want to help? Organize a bottle and can drive with your scouts, youth group or where you work to help us buy more winter outerwear.

Last year, because of you, we were able to help over 100 children stay warm! Cans for Coats was the week of Nov. 3<sup>th</sup> but we accept and save them all year!



Our Mum Sale was Sept 9th through the 19th and again, we appreciate how Davison and surrounding communities support the Outreach program by coming out and buying the beautiful, perennial flowers.

Proceeds from the sale were used to help toward the cost of the Thanksgiving baskets given to area families in need.

Donate through our website -Www.outreacheast.org



Page 7 SUMMER 2019

Another great flow



Another great flower sale this year! We had two locations for the one day sale and everyone liked the different sizes and prices. Thank you Davison Greenhouse (on Davison Road) for the wonderful assortment. Hopefully, next year, the weather will be more cooperative!

# THUNDER FOR HUNGER 2019



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