



Over 5,000 youth sleep on the streets of Metro Detroit on any given night.

They're not homeless because they are lazy, or because they've spent their lives making bad decisions. They are homeless because their childhood was full of abuse and neglect. Because they have crippling mental illnesses that make living a "normal" life difficult. Because they grew up being passed through the foster care system, only to age out without ever knowing the stability of a family. Because their families didn't want them.

These youth have been thrown away, forgotten and failed by society.

It's not surprising that the streets become their home.

They hang out on street corners, 'Couch Surf' - crash for short periods with friends or relatives, 'squat' - sleep in abandoned buildings or in vehicles, scrounge through dumpsters or engage in petty theft simply to stay fed. Seeing little hope in their future, they quit school and eventually fall victim to gangs, prostitution, drug dealing, and other criminal activities.

Their stories are heartbreaking.

Covenant House Michigan provides homeless, runaway and at-risk youth with shelter, educational and vocational programs as well as other supportive services to help them overcome hurdles such as homelessness, unemployment, inadequate education, violence, drugs and gangs, and redirects them onto a path toward meaningful and successful adulthood.

We know that these young people need much more than a safe place to sleep and eat. They need counseling, mental and physical health care, education and job training. But they also need trust, responsibilities and opportunities to succeed. They need laughter and hugs.

They need love.

Covenant House Michigan provides a sanctuary for kids who have nowhere else to go and offers them the protection and tools to better themselves.

Outreach

Our Outreach Team has helped hundreds of disconnected kids living in abandoned houses, cars, vans, and makeshift structures across Metro Detroit.

Shelter

Through our Crisis Center emergency shelter and our two-year Rights of Passage transitional living program, 18 to 24 year olds receive basic necessities, counseling, access to all of CHM's services and referrals for other needs.

Education, Job Development and Prevention

Covenant House Academy helps dropouts ages 16-22 earn their high school diploma and move on towards higher education. Young people receive job skills, placement opportunities and real world training.

The Academy provides counseling, job opportunities, mentoring, advice, resources, lunch and a social outlet for students attending the high schools and youth in the surrounding communities.



Please Help

Covenant House Michigan cannot change lives without the involvement of the whole community. We need people to spread our mission: those who will share our story with their friends, join our ranks and volunteer, donate financially, and faithfully pray for the work we are doing.

Advocate

Share the Covenant House Michigan mission with your friends and family. Challenge their views of homelessness. The more support we have, the more kids we can help.

Volunteer

We are always looking for people to help us fulfill our mission. We need people to help tutor our kids, garden and clean, and provide administrative support.

Please contact us at 313.463.2014 to learn about current volunteer opportunities.

Donate

Our kids need your support. We are 90% privately funded which means we are relying on individuals like you to help us change lives.

It's easy to donate online at: www.covenanthousemi.org

Pray

Please remember our kids and their struggles in your daily prayers.

Prayer is powerful.

