





GOOD SHEPHERD COALITION



HELPING THOSE IN NEED

QUESTIONS CONTINUED:

WHAT IS THE COST OF BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE COALITION?

There are currently no membership dues or assessments of any kind. However, we ask that member churches support us with donations to help with rent, phones, insurance, and our part-time staff.

WHAT ABOUT CONFIDENTIALITY?

Everyone has a right to privacy; and all Coalition members pledge to honor this right. Yet, if a client is to be helped, essential information must be shared. If one agency does not know what has been done for the client by another agency, abuses of the system will develop. Each non-profit agency we work with has their own release of information form which, when signed by the client, gives permission for information to be shared.

HOW DOES MY CHURCH OR AGENCY BECOME A COALITION MEMBER?

Call the Coalition office at 586.415.8100 and talk to our coordinator. They will send you a membership application to be completed and mailed back.

It's as simple as that!



OUR AGENCY PARTNERS INCLUDE:

Abigayle Ministries
CARE
Compassion Pregnancy Centers
Friendship House/New Passages
Gleaners Food Bank
Henry Ford Macomb Hospital
Kiwanis Club of Shelby - Macomb Daybreakers
Legal Aid & Defenders Assoc. Inc
M.C.C.S.A.-Central Action Center
Macomb County Community Health Outreach
Macomb County Interfaith Vol. Caregivers
Macomb County Jail Ministry
Macomb Food Program
Macomb Senior Citizen Services
MCREST
MiWorks
Mt. Clemens Regional General Hospital
Salvation Army MATTS
Salvation Army- Mt. Clemens
Salvation Army Transitional Housing
Solid Ground Transitional Housing Inc.
Turning Point Inc.
... and over 60 churches of all denominations throughout Central Macomb County.



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OUR MISSION IS TO POOL CHURCH AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES TO BETTER ASSIST PEOPLE WITH FOOD, SHELTER, AND MEDICAL NEEDS.



*Thus says the Lord Gods
"I, myself, will look after
and tend
my sheep."*

Ezekiel 34:11

TO THE COALITION



coalition for screening and assistance. you can simply give the client our phone number, and have them call us for pre-screening and referrals.

If your church gets a referral from the Coalition, you will know that the client has already been screened.

HOW CAN THE COALITION HELP OUR AGENCY?

After your agency has screened the clients, it will do what it can. But sometimes a client, though definitely in need, will be over state or federal guidelines for your agency. In these cases, a simple referral to the Good Shepherd Coalition can put the resources of over sixty churches and other agencies in line to help your client. For busy agencies, this is a real time-saver!

WHAT ARE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF COALITION MEMBERS?

Churches and agencies agree to share, to the best of their abilities, their resources or services to people in need. These resources are volunteered, and include whatever help that can be offered - funds for rent payments, food, utilities, holiday baskets, or some other service. Members agree to provide representation at the general meetings of the Good Shepherd Coalition.



COALITION (GSC)?

The GSC is a group of churches that have formed partnerships with community-based organizations and agencies, to assist people in need who reside in Central Macomb County.

The GSC, in cooperation with local churches and agencies, will assist people in need where the social services agencies are unable to provide help, so that each person may achieve greater self-sufficiency through Christian love and compassion, demonstrated through our faith in action with the provision of food, shelter, medical, and other basic needs in order to bring transformation of lives through the power of God.

HOW CAN THE COALITION HELP OUR CHURCH?

When people you do not know come to your church for assistance, it is often difficult and time-consuming to assess their need. As a member of the Good Shepherd Coalition a church is able to refer people directly to the

A GSC membership saves a church from having to interview a 'walk in' person to determine their needs. The Pastor or Secretary simply explains that their church is a member of GSC, and then refers the client to us for assistance. This benefits both the church and the client by expanding the circle of resources available to meet the needs of the client and ensures that the church can make wiser use of limited funds.

The Coalition screens, assesses the clients needs, and explains the Public Assistance system, so the client may receive the necessary resources to meet their family needs. At this point they are a client of the GSC.

Member churches that have agreed to help will then be personally contacted by the Coalition regarding assistance for a particular client.

This system prevents duplication of scarce funds, but still meets the needs of people. We see this as being good stewards, as well as good shepherds.

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