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[Editors: Note Nov. 5 time element for purchasing tickets to Macomb Homeless Coalition Annual Dinner]

## **Programs focus on ending homelessness in Macomb County**

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. – The Macomb Homeless Coalition and the Macomb County Continuum of Care will unveil a 10-year plan to end homelessness as part of three events recognizing National Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week, Nov. 11-17.

A public candlelight vigil is planned at 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 11, to remember the homeless who died this year. The vigil is at The Salvation Army MATTS shelter, 24140 Mound Road, Warren. Registration is not required.

The Macomb Homeless Coalition holds its Annual Dinner on Wednesday, Nov. 14, at Sycamore Hills Golf Club, 48787 North Ave., Macomb Township. A silent auction begins at 5 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m. The night includes unveiling the 10-year plan to end homelessness in Macomb County, including a virtual tour of a multi-purpose facility in Roseville to house and serve homeless people. Tickets are \$35 and must be purchased by Nov. 5 by calling 586-783-0916.

The multi-purpose facility will be on property owned by the Macomb County Rotating Emergency Shelter Team (MCREST). The building will be able to house 25 homeless men with serious illnesses for up to two years.

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Several homeless care agencies will share the space to provide services such as medical and dental clinics and a daytime drop-in site for the homeless. MichiganWorks! also will offer a culinary arts training program for the homeless using the building's commercial kitchen.

The third event of the week is a Homeless Services Forum on Friday, Nov. 16, at Macomb County's VerKuilen Building, 21885 Dunham Road, Clinton Township. The forum – with two identical sessions at 8:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. – will showcase the many services available to Macomb County residents who seek housing, health, transportation and financial assistance.

“One significant part of this program is a poverty simulation that will help our guests understand everyday challenges faced by low-income Macomb County residents,” said Carrie Fortune, Macomb County's Continuum of Care coordinator.

Advance registration is encouraged for this free event.

For more information, visit [www.macombhomeless.org](http://www.macombhomeless.org) or call the Macomb Homeless Coalition at 586-783-0916.

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