

# Overview of Services

## Outreach Services

Southfield Human Services utilizes numerous community partnerships and outreach services to give a helping hand to those who experience hardship. These include:

- Providing consultations/referrals that direct families to resources based on identified needs (i.e.—clothing, food, utility, housing, furniture).
- Hardship assistance for qualified residents in partnership with organizations such as: Northwest Unitarian Universalist Church, Emmanuel Lutheran Church/Southfield-Lathrup CROP Hunger Walk, Covenant Presbyterian Church, Detroit Mar Thoma Church, Hope United Methodist Church, First Baptist Church of Detroit, Korean Presbyterian Church of Metro-Detroit Southfield Community Foundation, and Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency.
- Employing partnerships with Focus Hope and The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) to provide food boxes to low income families and seniors.
- Partners with Southfield Goodfellows to ensure that no child is left behind at Christmas.
- Instituting the “Adopt-A-Family” program that allows area businesses, faith-based organizations and residents to contribute food and gifts to families during Thanksgiving and Christmas.

## General Programs

Southfield Human Services also provides programs or facilitates program assistance for a broad range of community-related, quality-of-life items such as:

- Pro bono legal consultations provided in partnership with Lakeshore Legal Aid, on various issues including landlord/tenant disputes, divorce, wills, expungement, traffic violations, family and domestic concerns.
- Free homebuyer, financial literacy, youth symposium, career/job fair, success circle and education programs with community agencies including Community Housing Network, Oakland Livingston Human Services Agency and My Brother’s Keeper.
- Monthly informational and benefit counseling and special funding programs for area veterans in conjunction with the Southfield Veterans Commission and TTI.
- Minor vehicle repair and employment solutions through a partnership with Tone Up for Tune Ups.
- On-site mobile caseworker services that assist residents in enrolling for State of Michigan benefits.
- Information sharing and community advocacy as the principal liaison connection between Commission on Senior Adults (COSA) and the Southfield City Council.





The Department of Human Services offers short-term support services for Southfield residents who may be experiencing hardship.

The program is a “hand-up” and not a “hand-out,” as it provides temporary emergency resources and assistance while helping residents develop strategies to successfully resolve their hardships.

Our goal is to help residents overcome personal hurdles to achieve a satisfying and productive quality of life.

Human Services is a division of Southfield Community Relations.

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