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## **Homelessness prevention requires more housing options**

Helping people move from living on the street to safe housing is the goal of Homeless Awareness Week, November 12-20, coordinated by Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness and supported by Michigan Community Action.

In 2015, Michigan homelessness decreased by six percent, according to a report by the Campaign to End Homelessness. Although fewer people were homeless, nearly 70,000 people still needed additional support. Michigan Community Action and its 29 member agencies are working to increase the array of housing and services in local communities across the state.

“Decent, affordable housing brings economic stability to families and their communities,” says MCA Executive Director Kate White. “By providing temporary shelter, emergency rent, mortgage assistance or affordable housing options, Community Action Agencies are reducing and preventing homelessness in Michigan.”

CAAs help participants find transitional and permanent housing, provide homebuyer education classes and offer housing vouchers for families and individuals who may be at risk of homelessness. For more information on Homeless Awareness Week, visit [www.mihomeless.org](http://www.mihomeless.org). To learn about Community Action in Michigan, please go to [www.micommunityaction.org](http://www.micommunityaction.org)

Founded in 1975, MCA serves its 29 member agencies throughout Michigan to strengthen their capacity to alleviate the causes and circumstances of poverty.

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