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Macomb County Executive supports expansion of Turning Point domestic violence shelter

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. - Macomb County Executive Mark A. Hackel supports using nearly \$405,000 in **federal funding to help redevelop a larger building to house the programs and services of Turning Point** domestic violence shelter.

Turning Point is a Mount Clemens-based agency that provides programs and resources for survivors of domestic violence. Founded in 1980, the organization runs a 41-bed emergency shelter, 24-hour crisis line, counseling services, personal protection order office as well as a Sexual Assault Forensic Nurse Examiners Program. The group also operates "Second-Hand Rose," a resale shop in downtown Mount Clemens which generates revenue for programming.

In 2010, Turning Point provided shelter for 484 adults and children. During the same time, it had to find other arrangements for an additional 2,000 women and children whose only escape from an abusive environment was homelessness.

"I would be hard-pressed to think of a more worthy cause," said Hackel. "This allocation will provide Turning Point with the financial boost it needs to make this project a go," said Hackel.

Funding allocated to the County through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Community Development Block Grant-Recovery (CDBG-R) program may be used to assist communities develop or replace aging or inadequate facilities. The project would involve the rehabilitation of a larger building into a handicapped-accessible site that provides 40 percent more space to serve clients and their children

"We are thrilled with the opportunity to get this project started," said Sue Coats, Executive Director of Turning Point. "Our board of directors and a special committee formed to explore this need have been working on this project for more than two years."

Hackel will present the project to the Board of Commissioners for final approval in April.

The CDBG-R program is one of several HUD programs administered through the Macomb County Department of Planning and Economic Development: www.MacombCountyMI.gov/MCPED. For information about Turning Point, visit: www.turningpointmacomb.org/

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