

# Allegan Homeless Solutions

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Allegan Homeless Solution is comprised of a group of caring advocates of the homeless in Allegan County. Currently, staff from seven local non-profits serve on the committee with a very simple goal: **to house the homeless.**

Our work is meant to be a simple, immediate response to housing the homeless while acknowledging that there is nothing simple about housing the homeless.

Allegan Homeless Solutions is funded by a small endowment administered by the Allegan County Community Foundation. With a total annual budget of \$2,000 +/-, we strive to provide hotel nights for those who can't be on the streets for medical reasons, weather conditions, or for those with children. For those who are staying in places not meant for habitation, we hope to provide various basic needs items until they can find appropriate housing.

## Allegan Homeless Solutions Members

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Tara Wilkes of



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*Seeking and finding solutions to homelessness one Person at a time.*

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Starting in 2016, access to funds allowed Allegan Homeless Solutions to house those who were in desperate need of immediate housing. Most often it takes just one or two nights of housing stability for a family or individual before they gain access to the services available from other sources.

To date, Allegan Homeless Solutions has provided hotel nights for ... a paraplegic gentleman who found himself homeless and out of money ... for a family of four who just couldn't keep up with the bills any longer and found themselves sleeping in their car ... for a woman and her 8 year old son facing immediate eviction.

Each of these cases were urgent and without the help of Allegan Homeless Solutions would have resulted in sleeping outdoors in winter conditions.

*What price can be put on humanity?*

## How You Can Help

Homelessness cannot be solved in one day. Sadly, the homeless must remain in their car, a tent or simply on the ground until a better solution is found.

In these cases, we want to make sure their basic needs are addressed. The following list illustrates how your donation can help someone in crisis.

**\$4** – roundtrip bus pass

**\$15** – gas card

**\$15** – Care Kit (mosquito repellent, sunscreen, band-aids, toothbrush and paste, wet wipes, hygiene items)

**\$25** – one night campsite rental

**\$30** – food card

**\$40** – mess kit

**\$60** – tent

**\$75** – one night hotel stay

**\$100** – Empowerment Jacket

**\$125** – one week campsite rental

Unrestricted donations go toward the myriad of unanticipated immediate needs of the homeless.



## Our Perception of the Homeless

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**“Serving the homeless in your community does not bring them to your community...they are already there.”**

**Donations are administered by the Allegan County Community Foundation. When donating, please memo AHSolutions. ACCF – AHS 524 Marshall Street, Allegan MI 49010**

**Donate Online:  
[www.alleganfoundation.org](http://www.alleganfoundation.org)**