

Mission Statement

The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian church.

Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.



The Salvation Army of Washtenaw County gratefully acknowledges all gifts to the Ken & Marianna Staples Family Center, including on-going support from the Home Builders Association of Washtenaw County Festive Affair Golf Outing and Gala Auction. For event information please call the Home Builders Association at 734. 996.0100.



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Making A Difference for Life

What is the Ken & Marianna Staples Family Center?

The Staples Family Center is a safe, drug-free, 90-day homeless shelter program operated by The Salvation Army of Washtenaw County. It is operated by dedicated staff 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For the residents who stay there it is more than just a shelter, it is “home.” The atmosphere at Staples Family Center is like that of a caring family. Residents and house staff work together to keep the house running smoothly by helping each other with meal preparations and daily chores. Together, they work toward “making a difference for life” in their own lives and in the lives of those around them.

How long may a homeless person or family stay at Staples Family Center?

Residents may stay at the Staples Family Center for up to 90 days and receive free room and board, as well as individualized casework services. During this time, they work toward establishing greater personal self-sufficiency with the goal of moving into permanent, affordable housing upon program completion.

This involves not only establishing a steady income, saving money, and dealing with bad credit histories, but also addressing any other issues that may have sabotaged their efforts to stay in permanent housing in the past.

Who is served by the Staples Family Center program?

The Staples Family Center serves a wide cross-section of homeless people, including single adults, married couples, and families with children. Each guest has a unique personal story to tell, which may include difficult periods of substance abuse, histories of domestic violence, medical problems, and/or other challenges in their past. Our goal for their stay at Staples Family Center is to create an environment of encouragement and healing, and provide opportunities for physical, spiritual, emotional and social growth. We seek to minister to the whole person, believing that each of these areas needs to be addressed in order for the person to get beyond their current situation.



What does the Staples Family Center program entail?

During their stay each resident is assigned a caseworker who meets with them at least weekly to establish and work through an individual casework plan with specific goals. In addition to the casework sessions, there are a number of groups that meet during the week that focus on a variety of issues. For example, members of a “job club” meet twice a week to enhance their job-seeking skills. There is a weekly spirituality group that focuses on how biblical principles apply to issues of everyday life. There is also a group in which the residents have an opportunity to discuss and examine issues surrounding substance abuse. Additional meetings are held once or twice monthly that focus on various life skills and health issues.

