



District 11-B1 Newsletter

December 2021 Edition

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A FEW WORDS FROM DG TERRI



We are 6 months into the new year of Lionism and we are looking fabulous.

If you are following the District Facebook page (Lions Members of District 11-B1) you can see that Service and Fun is being had throughout the District. I joined the Cereal City Lions in the Battle Creek City Christmas parade. I have club visits planned into the new year and look forward to spending the holidays with many clubs.

So, what do I want for Christmas? Of course, Peace on Earth and Goodwill to All!

As your District Governor, what I want is far more attainable:

- 1) Let us continue to bring into our clubs our friends, neighbors, and service minded individuals who can join us in our community service projects
- 2) Let's make sure that at least ONE service project is documented on MYLCI. If you need help with this, contact the District IT Cathy Koning, at cathykoning@yahoo.com.
- 3) 100% Club LCIF contribution. With a minimum of \$25 donation (per member) we can be a model District!!

I look forward to the District Convention April 30th. Make sure to SAVE THE DATE. Friday April 29th we are planning a Euchre Tournament and a Bingo Event. We have a French Quarter Band hired for Saturday evening and a Bright Tour planned to see the beautiful paintings throughout Jackson. The committee is working hard to make sure we have the best convention possible. Let us plan to Sail into the Future together!

Merry Christmas to you all. I appreciate the love, kindness and service that you all share throughout our communities.

DG Terri



DG Terri Huffman and Battle Creek Cereal City President Teresa Gest

DISTRICT WEBSITE

Our district website is a great place to find information, including the recordings and powerpoint presentations for the recent leadership training, including My Lion (ie service reporting).

Stop by for a visit at <https://www.e-district.org/sites/11b1/>

DISTRICT 11-B1 PEACE POSTER CONTEST

And the Peace Poster winner is Ennocene Courtwright Moody from the Ann Arbor Host Lions Club. The theme is Joining together for Peace. The entries were all excellent. The winner will receive \$100 and their poster moves on to the State competition. Second place is from Aspen Taylor submitted by the Dexter Lions. Aspen receives a \$75 prize. The other 3 participants will receive \$25.

CONGRATULATIONS to ALL and thank you for participating. Thank you Blissfield, North Adams, Dexter, Ann Arbor Host, and North Jackson Lion!.

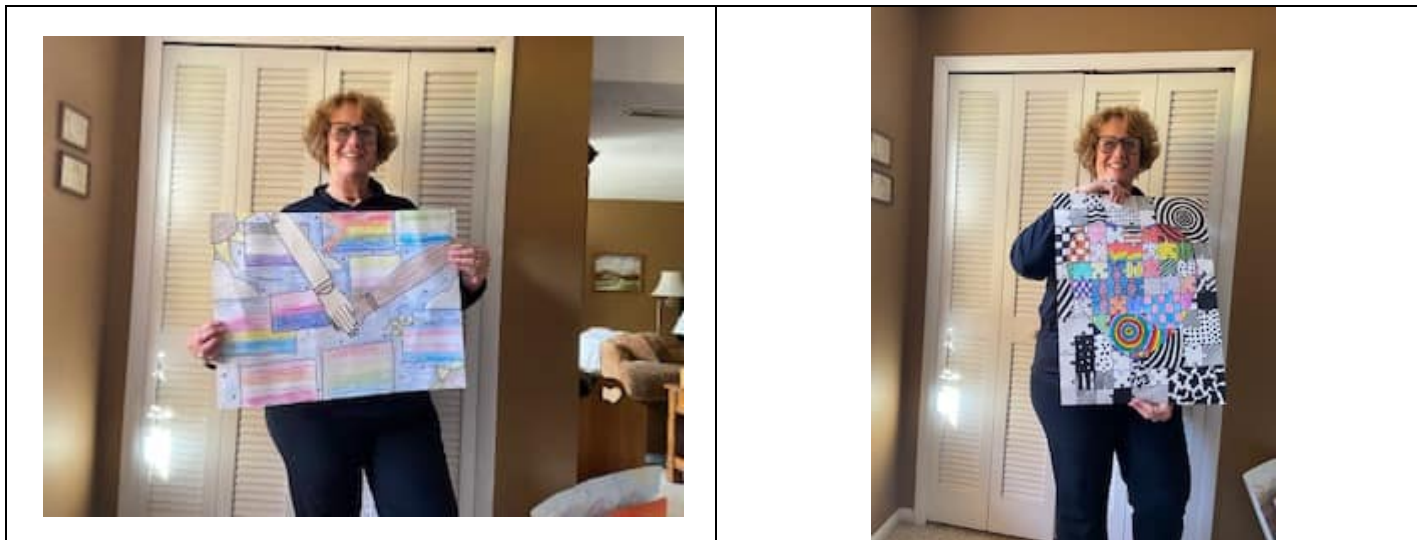


First Place



Second Place





PROJECT KIDSIGHT

Our Michigan Project KidSight Program is designed to identify treatable and preventable causes of vision loss in preschool children (ages 6 months to 5 years). We use a hi-tech mobile vision screener that is programmed to quickly and accurately identify vision disorders such as myopia (nearsightedness), hyperopia (farsightedness), anisometropia (unequal refraction power), astigmatism (optical defect), anisocoria (unequal pupil size) and strabismus (gaze deviations) through non-invasive testing.

Our portable vision screener performs a binocular test of both eyes within 1 second, and it instantly and accurately (98% accuracy rating) identifies potential vision problems. When problems are detected, our vision screener reports a “Fail” or “Refer” status, and a detailed report identifying potential problems is provided to the child’s parent or guardian for further follow-up with an optometrist or ophthalmologist.

If diagnosed early, 95% of vision disorders can be corrected, however when vision problems are not detected early, a child’s vision can deteriorate to the point of irreversible blindness. Over time, treatment options diminish, and the cost of treatment increases.

(Text courtesy of <https://lmsf.net/index.php/programs/project-kidsight>)

Kelly Lubbe led KidSight Training on October 24. The hybrid format allowed virtual attendees to get the same experience as those who attended in-person.

Were you not able to attend? Watch the video! Or, attend the joint zone meeting on January 29!

Look for KidSight Training under Recent Events on the district website:
<https://www.e-district.org/sites/11b1/index.php>



You are now required to be Kidsight Certified
and Background Checked

We are holding a Joint Zone Meeting
For Region 2 - Zones 1, 2, and 3

Training on Kidsight
How to Work the Spot Camera
Proper Paperwork
Google Documents
Brainstorming on Events
Certification
Background Tested

Date: Saturday January 29, 2022
Time: 10:00am -12:00pm
Location: Vandercook Lake Club House
Address: 4628 Francis St. Jackson, 49203

RSVP by January 14, 2022

klubbe1065@gmail.com or 517-745-4404



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Everyone is Welcome!

JOINT ZONE TRAINING REGION 2

ZONE 1

Zone Chair Kelly Lubbe
Clark Lake
Grass Lake
Michigan Center
Michigan Center Lioness
Jackson Diabetes
North Jackson
Jackson Virtual

ZONE 2

Zone Chair Nancy Hill
Concord
Jackson Eye Openers
Hanover/Horton
Napoleon
Parma/Spring Arbor
Vandercook Lake

ZONE 3

Zone Chair Chris Lake
Albion
Jackson Host
Jackson Cascade
Quest South East Jackson

BATTLE CREEK CEREAL CITY

The Cereal City Lions had a great meeting on November 10! They inducted three new members, Derek Dean, Dianne Sweeter, and Jane Cook. Welcome to the Pride and looking forward to working alongside in service! L-R Lion Roger Spriggs, Lion Derek Dean, Lion De Davis, Lion Bryan Cook, Lion Jane Cook, Lion Dianne Sweeter, Lion Kay Smith



Honored to receive the Karl Sorrick traveling award, presented to President Teresa Gest by PDG Roger Spriggs.



Ringin' bells for the Salvation Army Red Kettles! 2 locations, 2 days. Good service for a good cause!

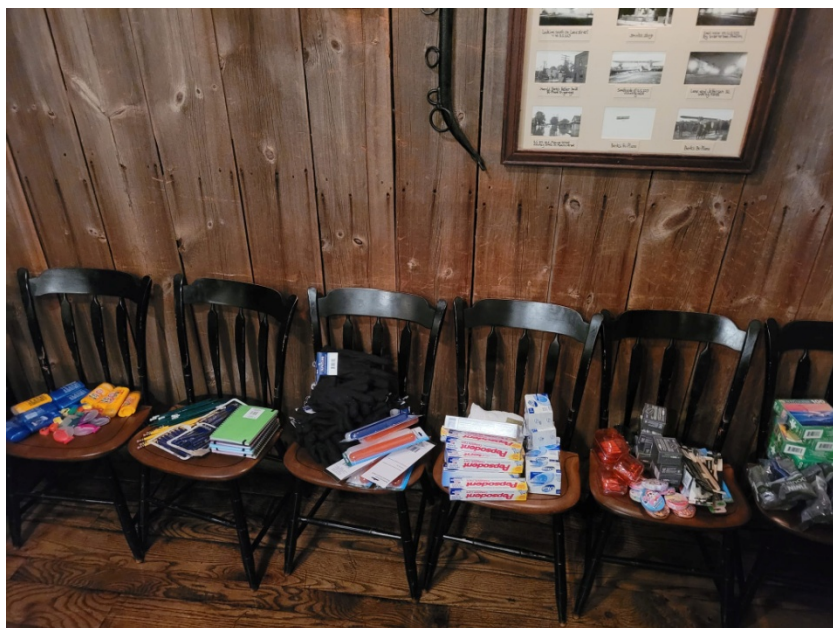


Cereal City Lions participated in the Battle Creek Christmas parade to promote Kidsight! Thanks to Scott and Hope Swank for the idea to participate, Jerry Mackey and Lion Hope for the flier design. Lion John Stiff for his awesome tow vehicle and all the Lions who decorated. DG Terri Huffman showed up in the Lion costume, accompanied by Teresa Gest for a double Lion mascot show. They were a huge hit, giving hugs and high fives to the kids along the way. Also, Lion Nancy Gallant, Muriel Walters, Mike Guzak.



BLISSFIELD

DG Terri had a wonderful club visit with the Blissfield Lions. They had a service project for the Ann Arbor Veterans Hospital and they had a wonderful display of Peace Posters that had been done at a local school. The club voted on one to be submitted for the District competition. Great news - they have 3 individuals pending being inducted into the club. Great work Lions!



BLISSFIELD AREA LIONS CLUB
23rd ANNUAL REVERSE RAFFLE
FEBRUARY 5, 2022
TICKETS \$50.00 EACH



1ST PRIZE \$2500, 2ND PRIZE \$500, 3RD PRIZE \$250
DINNER AND BEVERAGES INCLUDED
OTHER CASH PRIZES DURING THE DRAWING

CONTACT
LION DICK SAXTON FOR TICKETS
517-486-3429 OR JRS19821@OUTLOOK.COM

23rd Annual Reverse Raffle

February 5, 2022 (Saturday)

Tickets \$50 each

Dinner and beverages included.

1st Prize \$2500, 2nd prize \$500, 3rd prize \$250

Other cash prizes during the drawing

Contact Lion Dick Saxton for tickets at 517-486-3429 or
JRS19821@outlook.com

ANN ARBOR EVENING

Donated Thanksgiving Baskets to UofM's Regional Alliance for Healthy Schools in the amount of \$254.10. As they did last year, 4 clear plastic storage bins were filled with lots of good stuff - canned vegetables, stuffing mix, dinner rolls, brownie mix, paper towels, mac-n-cheese, plus oreos, spaghettios, and a Meijer gift card for \$25 (for their choice of turkey, ham, etc).

NEWS FROM LCI

"To help ensure that clubs are able to meet the growing needs in our communities, the International Board of Directors passed another resolution to make it easier to invite new members to serve with us.

Here is an overview of the new resolution approved by the Board of Directors:

Charter and entrance fees waiver –

We have waived all charter and entrance fees from January 1 through June 30, 2022.

Charter and entrance fees are also currently waived through December 31, 2021."

Yours in Service,
Douglas X. Alexander
International President



Winter Camp for the Blind will be going virtual again this year due to Covid positive rates exceeding the Clear Lake Camp's guideline for overnight residency. The Winter Camp for the Blind leadership team is disappointed in this recent development but are excited to offer a program including devotional time, a craft project (with Denise), virtual Bingo, a virtual talent show, and will again do the gift card raffle. Mark your calendar and invite friends to attend. **February 5, 2022 at 1pm.** It will run 3-4 hours.

If you would like to donate a \$25 gift card to the effort, please contact Roger Bosse at (269)578-3684, or email him at: rogerbosse@att.net. The raffle was a big hit last year and is a great way for clubs around the state to participate.

We will also be promoting Summer Camp for the Blind, where there is a need for transportation assistance for campers who reside in the East side of the state.

Thank you for your support and have a wonderful holiday season!

DEXTER

Dexter Lions partnered with local volunteers and youth organizations to get setup for their annual Christmas Tree sales, which started November 26th. Over 1200 trees, wreaths, and roping will be sold to benefit local charitable projects. If you would like to work a shift, contact Lion Becky at 734-426-4983.



Lion Dee Brookman and "Lion for a Day" Mary Walsh

JACKSON HOST

Michael Falahee provided an update on The Benja Men of Jackson and the financial impact they've made in Jackson County. Since 2016, they've donated \$250,000 to improve our local community!



The Tail Twister wasn't the only Lion up to shenanigans during a recent meeting. President Bea Furman presented a check written in Braille to Treasurer Bob McCreery, which left him speechless.

This story likely won't end here as Lion Bob gets to work developing a prank of his own.



JONESVILLE

Downtown Jonesville is alight with Christmas trees. For the third year in a row, Lions have sold tree sponsorships. Sponsors can decorate their own tree or have Lions decorate it for them.



JACKSON EYEOPENERS

Lions are back at the Interfaith Shelter serving lunch! On November 22, it was Karen Hutton, Margie Horsch, Shawne Lige, Diane and Ed Schweda

The Center for Sight notified Margie Horsch that they had a very large number of eyeglasses ready to be recycled, and they also needed a new box. Margie is arranging to have the eyeglasses picked up, and her son, Tim Horsch, built a stronger, larger box for them to use. "Where there is a need, there is a Lion!" Thank you, Margie and Tim, for stepping up and taking care of this need.



SALINE

DG Terri reported on a wonderful visit with the Saline Lions Club. They hosted two students from Saline High School who spoke about the Students Against Destructive Decisions. The club made a generous donation to their group.



GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM (GLT)

From the desk of GLT Lion Roger Bosse:

The Leadership Institute took place November 5-7, 2021 at Higgins Lake. Those who attended have reported having had a great experience, meeting with current and future leaders from across the state.

Have you ever thought about being a Guiding Lion? Being a Guiding Lion is a great opportunity to help a new or existing club out. We have many small clubs which could use some inspiration. It is not the job of a Guiding Lion to direct a club, but to assist them and maybe throw out some new ideas. Learning about Guiding Lion is a great experience. Being certified does not mean you will be assigned to a club. It may help with your own club. If a few Lions are interested in becoming certified as a Guiding Lion or just want to learn, we can set up a training session. The training would be via Zoom to save travel time. Please let me know if you are interested. Email rogerbosse@att.net or call (269) 578-3684.

In late September, the district held a club officer and leader training session. If you missed it, you can go to the District 11-B1 website and listen to the recordings from the training this year, as well as those from 2020, which were held on zoom. Anyone who missed the training, or just wants to review, should go to the website and go back through the training sessions for President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Tail Twister. You can also see trainings on MyLion reporting, membership growth and new member orientation.

Lions International has learning opportunities online. If you have a MyLion account, go to the Learning center. Look at the classes offered for your personal growth as an officer or a Lion. Every Lion can sign up for a MyLion account by going to <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en> then click the "Member Login" tab to get the registration page. Need help? Just ask. I can assist or another Lion can help you get started.

VANDERCOOK LAKE

Chili Cookoff -On October 16, Participated in the Chili Cookoff at the Fall Fest in downtown Jackson.



VCL Cash Drawdown -Pleased to be able to hold their annual Cash Drawdown once again. We thank all who participated and supported this major fundraiser.

Summit Township Cleanup Day - On October 23, 2021, Partnered with Summit Township, Emmons Service, and the Fire Department to hold the Summit Township Cleanup Day. The response was tremendous! Approximately 500 vehicles came through between 9am and 1pm collecting **40 tons** of donations!

Holiday Decorations -Working hard to provide lighted holiday decorations down the streets of our community. Vandercook Lake Lions work all year to prepare the decorations and work with Consumers Energy to install the drops on the light poles. The lights were put up November 20 and will be lit for all to enjoy through the holiday season. Donations from the community and VCL Lion fundraising provides the funds to pay for all that is involved in providing this service to our community. We are pleased to share that we added lights down Hague Avenue going out toward Jackson College, so we hope everyone will drive by and enjoy the lights!



Monthly Breakfasts -Brought back our monthly breakfast. Join us the **third Sunday of each month from 8am to 11:30am** for biscuits and gravy, eggs, sausage, pancakes, toast, and coffee/milk. Donations are accepted or carry out orders are available for \$5.

PDG HOLIDAY DINNER

The 11-B1 PDGs and PID Esther LaMothe celebrated the holidays and our District at Steaks Eatery in Jackson. It is fantastic to have so much experience and support to rely on. - DG Terri



MEMBERSHIP

There's nothing like being a Lion! We make a difference in our communities and in the lives of the people we serve. Keeping this energy going necessitates recruiting and engaging new members. Invite friends, family, neighbors, business associates, community members, and anyone else who you think will enjoy:

- * fun and fellowship through service and opportunities to lead
- * using learned tools to serve global causes right in the local community
- * supporting a world-class global foundation - Lions Clubs International Foundation(LCIF) who provides grant funding that helps Lions take on bigger projects that can bring lasting change
- * being a part of the family of 1.4 million men and women in 48,000 clubs in nearly every country on earth
- * digital tools like MyLion, MyLCI, and Connect that make it easier to be a Lion and manage your club
- * experiencing improved happiness, health and sense of well-being, and decreases symptoms of depression that comes from volunteering,

Share the joy of being a Lion. Share a club membership application.

LIONS APPLICATIONS

Lions Clubs International provides a membership application form. It is a great way to collect information from a prospective member. The form can be downloaded and printed from lionsclubs.org. using this link:

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/v2/resource/download/79863797>

If a club plans to do a big membership drive and/or doesn't have the resources to print applications, there is an easy way to get a stack of forms simply by emailing membership@lionsclubs.org.

The Global Lions Forum (on Facebook) created an online membership application form that everyone can use. It is a way for prospective club members to apply to the club online (instead of using the traditional paper form) and then the club membership chair can proceed like they normally would.

The Global Lions Forum "Files" section contains instructions for setting up the form on an individual club's website. The information can be found here:

<https://m.facebook.com/groups/152792871987251?view=permalink&id=205894196677118>

Applications are also available free by contacting LCI Extension and Membership at 630-203-3831 for a copy of publication ME-6B EN or ZC Kelly Lubbe at 517-745-4404 or kellyl@westpointoptical.com



Campaign 100 update: We have 7 months for our district to reach our goal for supporting LCIF. We are currently standing at 48%. We just need \$108, 508.00 to reach 100%.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 26 through December (until sold out)

Tree sales begin for Dexter Lions. Mon-Thur 2pm-8pm and Fri-Sun 9am-8pm

December 19, January 16, February 20 (3rd Sunday of month)

Vandercook Lake hosts monthly breakfast. **8am to 11:30am** for biscuits and gravy, eggs, sausage, pancakes, toast, and coffee/milk. Donations are accepted or carry out orders are available for \$5.

December 28

Dexter Lions Christmas Party at American Legion Hall - Dinner at 6pm
Contact Lion Terry Walters to RSVP.

2022

January 8

Jackson County Professional Mini Psychic Fair Fundraiser. 6pm-10pm
Commonwealth Commerce Center, 209 E. Washington Ave, Jackson.

Cost: \$15.00

We will have readers and vendors plus a light meal. Cash bar and entertainment, including 15-minute readings for \$20.00. There will be a 50 /50 raffle.

RSVP to Kelly Lubbe at klubbe1065@gmail.com or 517-745-4404

January 29

Jackson County Professional hosts Region 2 Zone 1, 2, 3 Meeting with focus on KidSight Training.
10am-12pm at Vandercook Lake Club House

RSVP by January 14, 2022 to Kelly Lubbe at klubbe1065@gmail.com or 517-745-4404

February 5

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February 25-26

Michigan Lions Forum at Holiday Inn Gateway Centre, Grand Blanc MI

Register Online:

<https://www.lionsofmi.com/images/forum/ForumRegistrationForm-fillable.pdf>

Advertisement and exhibitor forms:

<https://www.lionsofmi.com/index.php/calendar-and-forthcoming-events/michigan-lions-forum-february-2022> -

April 29-30

District 11-B1 Convention at the Commonwealth Center

More details to come!

June 24-28

Lions Clubs International Convention, Montreal, Quebec, Canada

September 15-17

USA-Canada Forum, Calgary, Alberta, Canada

INTERNET INFORMATION

District Website: <http://www.e-district.org/sites/11b1>

"Lions Members of District 11-B1": Closed group for support and encouragement of our district Lions -
Join the discussion! Share your events! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/164726954206924/>

Lion Pride - The magazine of Michigan Lions <https://www.lionsofmi.com/index.php/downloads/lion-pride>

Submit club news stories to Lion Cathy Koning at cathykoning@yahoo.com

MICHIGAN LIONS FORUM



2022: Service from the Heart of a Lion
February 25-26, 2022

REGISTRATION FORM

REGISTER EARLY!

To guarantee lunch and materials!

Holiday Inn Gateway Centre –Flint 810-232-5300 -\$99

Please complete the registration form and send it along with
a check to Michigan Lions Forum,
5730 Executive Drive • Lansing, MI 48911
Telephone 571-887-6640 or Fax 517-887-6642

Name _____

Address _____

Club Name _____

District _____

Contact Phone _____

Email _____

Names of Registrants

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

_____ Registrants at \$40.00/person* = \$ _____

*Registration fee is \$40.00 and includes lunch, forum and
proceedings booklet. \$40.00 price is for reservations received
no later than February 7, 2022. **After 2/7/2022 \$50.00**

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
Lions of Michigan

List food allergies or dietary requirements:

Check here for the forum book on CD ☐
(For visually impaired only)

Mark the sessions you plan to attend

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION 7:00 p.m.

- ☐ Resale Fashion Show– Service Project
- ☐ Hospitality Suite – The Fillmore – 9:30 p.m.

SATURDAY SESSIONS:

7:00 a.m. – Registration

8:10 a.m. – Welcome

Session 1 Breakout Session - 8:30 a.m. (Check One)

- ☐ Public Speaking
- ☐ LCIF Grants
- ☐ Fundraising
- ☐ Global Action Team

Session 2 Breakout Session - 9:30 a.m. (Check One)

- ☐ Lions Learning Opportunities: Alli, Elli, FDI and more
- ☐ Diabetes
- ☐ Becoming a Social Media Super-User
- ☐ Marketing your Club

Session 3 Breakout Session - 10:30 a.m. (Check One)

- ☐ Ice Breakers
- ☐ Lions 101 What We're All About
- ☐ Childhood Cancer
- ☐ Membership – The Power of Re-Gifting

Session 4 Breakout Session - 11:30 a.m. (Check One)

- ☐ MyLCI/MyLion De-Mystified
- ☐ Lions of Michigan Foundation
- ☐ Hunger – Gardening for Good
- ☐ Passion to Serve!

12:30 p.m. - Lunch, White Cane Scholarships;
Keynote Speaker Sandy Pearson, Habitat for Humanity;
Drawings, Dismissal

The Michigan Forum Committee is pleased to announce Sandra Pearson, President and CEO of Habitat for Humanity of Michigan as the keynote speaker for the 2022 Michigan Forum.

Sandra Pearson is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Habitat for Humanity of Michigan, which supports a network of 50+ affiliates and ReStores. A graduate of Michigan State University's Eli Broad College of Business, Sandy began her career in housing with the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) where she spent 16 years working in Civil Rights, Fair Housing, and all federally funded housing programs. In addition, Sandy co-wrote the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher "Key to Own" Homeownership program to transition people from renting to realizing their dream of owning a home.



In the years she has been with Habitat for Humanity of Michigan, she has provided leadership with housing advocacy both in Michigan and nationally, having served on Habitat International's U.S. Council, Finance and Resource Development council, and National Public Policy committee. She has also served on Michigan coalitions including the Homeownership Study Task Force, Sense of Place Council, Community Development Advisory committee, and was at the table when the Michigan Housing and Community Development Fund was established.