

Here is a list of organizations, churches, and government agencies in and around Sterling Heights, MI (zip code 48315) that offer benevolence or financial assistance, categorized by the type of assistance provided. This list focuses on locations within a 30-minute radius where possible.

Important Note: It is highly recommended to call each organization directly or visit their website to confirm current eligibility requirements, hours of operation, and available services, as these can change frequently.

Utilities Assistance

1. **Macomb County Community Services Agency (MCCSA)**
 - **Website:** <https://mca.macombgov.org/MCA-Home>
 - **Address:** (Community Action Centers - call for specific location nearest to you, e.g., North Community Action Center in New Haven or Central in Mt. Clemens)
 - North Community Action Center: 586-749-5146
 - Central Community Action Center (Mt. Clemens): 586-469-6964
 - South Community Action Center (Warren): 586-759-9150
 - **Phone Number:** (586) 469-6999 (General Information) or see above for specific centers
 - **Description of Services:** Provides one-time financial assistance for emergency needs such as utility bills to prevent shut-off. Requests are evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Also administers The Heat and Warmth Fund (THAW) programs.
2. **The Heat And Warmth Fund (THAW)**
 - **Website:** <https://thawfund.org/programs>
 - **Address:** (Administered through various screening sites; call their referral line for locations)
 - **Phone Number:** (800) 866-8429
 - **Description of Services:** Provides energy assistance to low-income Michigan residents to help with heating and electricity bills. They offer various programs and work with local agencies for application screening.
3. **Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) - Sterling Heights District**
 - **Website:** <https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/assistance-programs/emergency-relief-home-utilities-burial>
 - **Address:** (Specific Sterling Heights office not listed, but call for district information)
 - **Phone Number:** (586) 254-1500 (Sterling Heights District)
 - **Description of Services:** Offers emergency relief for home, utilities, and burial expenses. This can include assistance with heat and utility bills for eligible low-income individuals and families.
4. **The Salvation Army**
 - **Website:** (General Salvation Army website, local services vary by corps)

- Mt. Clemens: No direct website, but information is available through local search.
- Clinton Township: No direct website, but information is available through local search.
- Warren: No direct website, but information is available through local search.

- **Address:**
 - Mt. Clemens: 55 Church St, Mt. Clemens, MI 48043
 - Clinton Township: 42590 Stepnitz, Clinton Township, MI 48036
 - Warren: 24140 Mound Rd, Warren, MI 48091
- **Phone Number:**
 - Mt. Clemens: (586) 469-6712
 - Clinton Township: (586) 954-1838
 - Warren: (586) 754-7400
- **Description of Services:** Provides emergency financial assistance for utility bills, often to prevent shut-off, in addition to other services like food and shelter.

5. **Consumers Energy / DTE Energy / SEMCO Gas Company** (Direct Utility Providers)

- **Website:**
 - Consumers Energy: <https://www.consumersenergy.com>
 - DTE Energy: <https://www.newlook.dteenergy.com/>
 - SEMCO Gas Company: <https://www.semcoenergygas.com>
- **Address:** N/A (Contact directly through phone or website)
- **Phone Number:**
 - Consumers Energy: (800) 477-5050
 - DTE Energy: (800) 477-4747
 - SEMCO Gas Company: (800) 624-2019
- **Description of Services:** While not benevolence organizations, these utility providers often have their own assistance programs, budget plans, and can provide referrals to other agencies for low-income customers or those facing shut-off. They may offer specific protection plans (e.g., Winter Protection Plan) for eligible individuals.

Housing Assistance

1. **Sterling Heights Housing Commission**

- **Website:** <https://www.sterlingheights.gov/516/Housing-Commission>
- **Address:** 37500 Schoenherr Road, Sterling Heights, Michigan 48312 (Schoenherr Towers)
- **Phone Number:** (586) 264-6410
- **Description of Services:** Oversees Schoenherr Towers (public housing for seniors 62+) and the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program, which provides rent assistance to low-income families, seniors, and people with disabilities.

2. **Community Housing Network (CHN)**

- **Website:** <https://communityhousingnetwork.org/> (Specific Macomb County list available on their site)
- **Address:** (Various locations, including Macomb County)
- **Phone Number:** (586) 221-5900
- **Description of Services:** Assists individuals with disabilities, those experiencing homelessness, or those facing a housing crisis by providing case management, locating affordable housing, and offering financial assistance. They also maintain a list of affordable and subsidized housing in Macomb County.

3. **Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS)**

- **Website:** <https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/assistance-programs/housing-and-homeless-services>
- **Address:** (See Utility Assistance section for district office contact, as housing services are often linked)
- **Phone Number:** (586) 254-1500 (Sterling Heights District) or general MDHHS numbers.
- **Description of Services:** Offers various housing and homelessness services, including emergency relief for eviction prevention, security deposit assistance, and referrals to homeless shelters and transitional housing programs.

4. **The Salvation Army MATTS (Macomb Answer to Temporary Shelter)**

- **Website:** (No direct website, information available through general Salvation Army searches)
- **Address:** (Call for location, as it's a shelter service)
- **Phone Number:** (586) 755-5191
- **Description of Services:** Provides emergency shelter services for homeless individuals and families. Clients must be alcohol and drug-free and on prescribed medications.

5. **City of Sterling Heights Home Improvement Program**

- **Website:** <https://www.sterlingheights.gov/158/Home-Improvement-Program>
- **Address:** City Development Office, 40555 Utica Road, Sterling Heights, MI
- **Phone Number:** (586) 446-2724
- **Description of Services:** Offers no-interest, deferred loans to low to moderate-income owner-occupants of single-family homes for eligible repairs such as roof replacement, HVAC, electrical, and plumbing. This helps maintain safe housing.

Food Assistance

1. **Access Sterling Heights**
 - **Website:** <https://www.foodhelpline.org/directory/resources/clroydtom2dwokswq5brwk5x9>
 - **Address:** 4301 East 14 Mile Road, Sterling Heights, MI 48310
 - **Phone Number:** (Call ahead for updated information)
 - **Description of Services:** Offers free groceries, including canned food, fresh produce, and dry goods. Typically operates as a food pantry.
2. **New Hope Outreach Ministries Food Pantry**

- **Website:** (No dedicated website found, information often on food assistance directories)
- **Address:** (Check foodhelpline.org for updated location if available)
- **Phone Number:** (Call ahead for updated information)
- **Description of Services:** Provides groceries to individuals and families in need.

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4. **Capuchin Soup Kitchen (Detroit - within 30 min radius)**

- **Website:** (Search for "Capuchin Soup Kitchen Detroit")
- **Address:**
 - Meldrum Soup Kitchen: 1264 Meldrum, Detroit, MI 48207
 - Services Center Pantry: 6333 Medbury St, Detroit, MI 48211
- **Phone Number:**
 - Meldrum Soup Kitchen: (313) 579-2100
 - Services Center Pantry: (313) 925-0514
- **Description of Services:** Provides hot meals (breakfast and lunch) and operates a food pantry for those in need.

5. **Parkview Church of Christ**

- **Website:** <https://www.parkviewchurchofchrist.com/benevolence>
- **Address:** (Not explicitly listed on their benevolence page, call for details)
- **Phone Number:** (586) 218-0611 (for food support appointments)
- **Description of Services:** Offers a "Kind Loving Hands" food pantry that serves both community members and church members by appointment only, typically on Fridays.

6. **Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) - Food Assistance Program (FAP)**

- **Website:** <https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/assistance-programs/food>

- **Address:** (See Utility Assistance section for district office contact)
- **Phone Number:** (586) 254-1500 (Sterling Heights District) or general MDHHS numbers.
- **Description of Services:** Administers the Food Assistance Program (SNAP/Bridge Card) which provides financial assistance for eligible low-income individuals and families to purchase food.

Clothing and Household Goods**1. The Salvation Army Thrift Stores**

- **Website:** (Search for "Salvation Army Thrift Store Michigan")
- **Address:**
 - Sterling Heights: 5170 Dodge Park Rd, Sterling Heights, MI 48312
 - Clinton Township: 34150 Gratiot Avenue, Clinton Township, MI 48035
 - Utica: 45250 Northpointe Blvd, Utica, MI 48315
 - Warren: 24140 Mound Rd, Warren, MI 48091 (Also a service center)
- **Phone Number:**
 - Sterling Heights: (586) 264-0913
 - Clinton Township: (586) 790-4820
 - Utica: (586) 254-5674
 - Warren: (586) 754-7400
- **Description of Services:** While primarily thrift stores where items are purchased, they often provide vouchers for free clothing and household goods to individuals and families in emergency situations, or those referred by social services.

2. All-Ways Care Services Inc. / Bridges Employment Services & Training (Community Open Closet)

- **Website:** <https://all-ways-care.com/>
- **Address:** 51145 Washington, Suite A, New Baltimore, MI 48047
- **Phone Number:** (586) 725-6528
- **Description of Services:** Offers a "Community Open Closet" where individuals in need can browse and take new and gently-used apparel and accessories for free.

3. Trinity Lutheran Church (Kids Closet)

- **Website:** <https://trinityutica.com/> (Check their website for "Kids Closet" or community outreach)
- **Address:** 45160 Van Dyke Ave., Utica, MI 48317
- **Phone Number:** (586) 731-4490 #123 (for Kids Closet inquiries)
- **Description of Services:** Dedicated to providing clothing for children in the community, often working with local ministries and organizations to connect with families, schools, and social workers.

4. Macomb Charitable Foundation

- **Website:** <https://macombcharitablefoundation.org/>
- **Address:** 18215 24 Mile, Macomb, MI 48042
- **Phone Number:** (586) 232-3473

- **Description of Services:** While broadly helping children at or below poverty level, their services include providing financial assistance for items such as food, clothing, and personal care items.
- 5. **Good Shepherd Coalition**
 - **Website:** <https://gscmacomb.org/>
 - **Address:** 33222 Groesbeck Hwy., Fraser, MI 48026
 - **Phone Number:** (586) 415-8100
 - **Description of Services:** A coalition of churches and community-based organizations that assists people in need in Central Macomb County, including providing clothing.

Transportation Assistance

1. **Sterling Heights Minibus Service / Sterling Heights Senior Center**
 - **Website:** <https://www.sterlingheights.gov/401/Sterling-Heights-Minibus-Service>
 - **Address:** 40200 Utica Road, Sterling Heights, MI 48313 (Sterling Heights Senior Center)
 - **Phone Number:** (586) 446-2757 (Minibus appointments), (586) 446-2750 (Senior Center)
 - **Description of Services:** Offers curb-to-curb transportation for Sterling Heights residents over 55 and residents with disabilities. Services include rides to medical and shopping appointments, scheduled Parks and Recreation programs, and City Council meetings. Destinations for medical/dental can be up to 5 miles beyond city limits.
2. **Macomb County Community Action (Transportation Department)**
 - **Website:** (Information often found on the broader Macomb County Community Services Agency site)
 - **Address:** (Contact MCCSA for specific transportation department details)
 - **Phone Number:** (586) 469-6999 (General MCCSA line, ask for transportation)
 - **Description of Services:** May offer limited transportation assistance or referrals for seniors, individuals with disabilities, or low-income residents for essential appointments (medical, social services). Eligibility and availability can vary.
3. **Area Agency on Aging 1-B (Serving Macomb County)**
 - **Website:** <https://www.ageways.org/>
 - **Address:** 29100 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 400, Southfield, MI 48034 (Administrative office, but serves Macomb County)
 - **Phone Number:** (800) 852-7795
 - **Description of Services:** Connects older adults and their caregivers with services, including transportation options. They can provide information on various local transportation programs, including those for seniors and individuals with disabilities.
4. **Local Churches with Benevolence Programs (Call to Inquire)**

- Many churches may offer limited, informal transportation assistance to their members or community members in urgent need, often through volunteer drivers. It's best to call and inquire directly.
- **New Apostolic Church Sterling Heights:** <https://www.nac-sterlingheights.org/eGiving> (Mentions benevolence programs, worth inquiring)
- **Parkview Church of Christ:** <https://www.parkviewchurchofchrist.com/benevolence> (Mentions benevolence work, inquire about transportation)
- **Other Churches:** Look for larger churches in the area with active outreach or benevolence ministries, such as Woodside Bible Church (Warren Campus) or Grace Episcopal Church (Mt. Clemens) – always call ahead to inquire.

5. **Michigan 2-1-1**

- **Website:** <https://mi211.org/>
- **Address:** N/A (Online and phone service)
- **Phone Number:** 2-1-1 or (844) 875-9211
- **Description of Services:** While not a direct service provider, Michigan 2-1-1 is an excellent resource for finding local transportation assistance programs. By calling or visiting their website and entering your zip code, you can be connected to various options for seniors, individuals with disabilities, medical transportation, and more. They serve as a referral service for a wide range of community resources, including those for transportation.