



# LAKESHORE HOUSING ALLIANCE

## What is the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program?

The Housing Choice Voucher program is a federal government program to assist very low-income families, the elderly, and the disabled to acquire decent, safe, and affordable housing. Participants are free to choose any housing that meets program requirements and are not limited to units located in subsidized housing projects.

**IMPORTANT FACT:** The Michigan Housing Choice Voucher program prioritizes individuals & families who meet the HUD definition of homelessness.

### Benefits of the Secure Housing:

- 1 Reduces housing instability and homelessness
- 2 Helps lower-wage workers make ends meet
- 3 Gives families access to neighborhoods with more opportunities

If you or someone you know meets the HUD definition of homelessness, call Good Samaritan Ministries at 616-392-7159 for a phone screening or stop in at 513 E. 8th Street.

### Benefits to landlords (resource: 24 CFR § Part 982):

- 1 Landlords get timely and dependable payments from the public housing authority
- 2 Landlords can help low-income elderly, disabled, and veteran households, as well as families with children by providing affordable housing
- 3 Landlords may request reasonable annual rent increases

Are you interested in being a landlord for HCV tenants? Contact Good Samaritan Ministries at 616-392-7159.

### Households with an HCV have access to:

Family Self-Sufficiency program enabling participants to **increase their earned income** and **reduce dependency on rental subsidies**

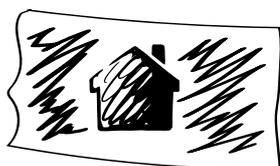


Michigan's Key to Own homeownership program assists HCV families to transfer their rental voucher into a homeownership voucher.



### Housing Choice Vouchers in Ottawa County

**475 Vouchers**



**Over 50 Landlords**



**900 men, women, and children served.**

The LHA is committed to bringing an end to homelessness. The key to success is building the foundation for a coordinated and comprehensive community response to provide people with stable housing, permanent connections, education, employment, and social-emotional well-being.