

2017 Michigan Homelessness Sleep Out



When: Wednesday, November 8 – Thursday, November 9
7:30 pm – 7:00 am

Where: Volunteers of America
414 North Larch Street
Lansing, MI 48912

Why: Learn about the prevalence and trends of homelessness in Michigan, meet Lansing-based service providers, and experiencing one evening of sleeping unsheltered or sheltered in Lansing-based City Rescue Mission

1. Introduction to Homelessness Program at VOA (2 hours: 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm)
 - a. 1 hour: Panel to introduce the event and issues related to homelessness featuring local service providers and individuals who have experienced homelessness.
 - b. 45 min: Tour of VOA facilities, including Medical Clinic and Law Clinic.
 - c. 15 min: Distribution of Profile Cards: short profiles of de-identified local individuals who have experienced homelessness.
2. Sleep Out at City Rescue Mission or outside location (8 hours: 10:00 pm - 6:00 am)
 - a. 8 hours: Sleeping out at a Lansing location or City Rescue Mission shelter. The only item the participants can have is a sleeping bag if outside. Participants will be able to select location or be assigned a location in advance.
 - i. Security, a toilet, and a cardboard box will be provided for outside location.
3. Impressions (1 hour: 6:00 am - 7:00 am) at City Rescue Mission Men's Shelter and Chapel
 - a. 30-60 min: Breakfast at City Rescue and brief facilitated conversation the next morning where participants are asked to share their experience and talk about personal and community goals.