Neighborhood House

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City of Rochester Hills
Mayor Bryan Barnett
1000 Rochester Hills Drive
Rochester Hills, MI 48309

Dear Friends at the City of Rochester Hills,

Neighborhood House is a 501(c)(3) human services nonprofit founded in 1968 with the mission that *"we walk the path toward self-sustainability with our neighbors during times of hardship."* Through our Food Pantry, Clothes Closet, and Main Office, we provide critical services that help local families navigate financial crises, food insecurity, housing instability, and other barriers that threaten their well-being.

While Rochester Hills is often viewed as an affluent community, poverty and financial hardship remain very real challenges for many residents. In addition to the approximately 5% of residents living in poverty, nearly 20% are considered ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed)—working households living paycheck to paycheck and one unexpected expense away from crisis. A medical emergency, job loss, divorce, death of a loved one, or vehicle repair can quickly destabilize a family.

Together, we have delivered measurable, positive outcomes for our shared community. The attached 2025 Impact Statement shows how these resources directly expanded vital local services. To see the human element of this collaboration, consider this brief example:

The City's longstanding support has been instrumental in helping Neighborhood House respond to the growing needs of our community. As we look toward 2027, we respectfully request an increase in funding to help sustain and expand services that have experienced significant growth over the past several years. Since 2020, food distribution through our Food Pantry has more than doubled, with demand increasing by nearly 20% in 2025 alone—a trend that continues in 2026. In addition, direct financial assistance provided to clients for rent, utilities, and vehicle repairs has grown to exceed $75,000 annually. An increased investment of $20,000 from the City would help ensure that Neighborhood House can continue meeting these rising needs and provide critical resources to Rochester Hills residents facing hardship.

This investment would directly support Rochester Hills residents experiencing food insecurity, financial hardship, and housing instability by helping provide access to nutritious food, essential clothing, eviction prevention assistance, and critical support services. Together, we can ensure that local families facing unexpected challenges have the resources and support needed to remain stable and move forward with dignity.

We deeply value our partnership with the City and appreciate your continued commitment to the well-being of Rochester Hills residents. Together, we can ensure that no neighbor faces hardship alone.

Sincerely,

Michael Dreon
Executive Director
Neighborhood House