



# Current Happenings

February 2017: Community in Action



**Meet Clara, and her three daughters: Chanell, Clarissa, and**

**Sharline!** Not too long ago, this family was housed at the Holland Rescue Mission. The struggle of finding affordable housing coupled with challenges of leaving life behind in Chicago had left them in need of so much.

Clara came to Holland to better the lives of her children - seeking a better life for them, opportunity, and most of all, **safety**: in the schools, education, and neighborhood. It wasn't easy for her to leave things behind on the other side of Lake Michigan, and *that leap of faith brought Clara and her children to Community Action House*. We recently visited her in their home, recently provided by the Community Housing Partnership in collaboration with Good Samaritan Ministries. Now, Clara and her daughters have a place to call their own, to do homework, to be a family together, and to have safety during their progress to prosperity.

Immediately after finding out that Clara would be moving in, her case manager *Melissa* called *Mike*, the General Store Manager - because

**Give Online**

WITH A ONE-TIME  
OR RECURRING GIFT.  
THANK YOU!



*Upcoming  
Classes & Events*

**Monthly Food Distribution**

February 24 — 2pm-4pm

[more info](#)

**Financial Future Workshop**

March 1 — March 29

6pm-8pm

[more info](#)

**Credit Seminar – Spanish**

March 2 — 3:30pm-5pm

[more info](#)

**Homebuyer Education  
Workshop 1-day**

March 9 — 9am-3pm

[more info](#)

Clara didn't have any furniture or household items! Mike asked volunteers to collect the things that Clara would need around the house: sheets, dishes, silverware, lamps, towels, just to name a few. **By the end of the day, volunteers and staff had delivered it all to Clara's home, along with a truck-full of furniture: beds, tables, chairs - everything you would need to eat, sleep, and live.**

We'll stand by Clara and help her in every way we can, and tip our hats to everyone involved in supporting her: the **financial donors** that make housing possible, **donors of furniture and household items** to the General Store, the **volunteers** that collected and delivered the items - **all strong and essential community partnerships.**

## What is on our Wishlist? We Need A New Van!



**CAH's Faithful Donation van is on its last legs.** After 4 years of service, the "bread truck" will soon be unable to make its 5-days a week route around Holland to pick up the **12,000+ pounds of food** each month from our local hunger-fighters, like Target, Aldi, D&W, Hope College, and Little Ceasar's. The food picked up each day is turned into 5,500-6,900 meals per month served at the Community Kitchen, and supplies fresh bread, meat, and veggies for the Food Pantry each day.

**What can you do to help?** We want to salute *Broadview Product Development* - they're **hosting a cycling-themed fundraiser right now** ([click to visit](#)) to help replace this critical community vehicle! While that's very related to transportation, maybe biking's not your thing. Visit our donation page online to designate your financial gift to replace the van.

### Empowerment Workshop

March 20 — May 1

6pm-8:30pm

[more info](#)

## AGENCY UPDATES

New Community Action House director Kim Squiers ready for the challenge



With Squiers as the new executive director of Community Action House, Squiers-Holtzblatt/Staff 2/12/2017



Saturday, February 11, 2017 at 2:04 PM For Kim Squiers, new executive director at Community Action House, it's all about the mission.

**Welcoming Kim Squiers, CAH's new Executive Director - read the Holland Sentinel Article**

[link](#)



**We invite you to read Kim's letter to the community!**

[link](#)



**SHOW ME THE MONEY DAY**

HOLLAND

**We had a blast on February 18 with SMTMD 2017 - with over 150**

Give to the Van Fund

people attending, winning prizes!

Check out the photo gallery!

[link](#)

Contact Josh Hauch, Resource Manager, to help, or with questions:

[jhauch@communityactionhouse.org](mailto:jhauch@communityactionhouse.org)



We're Hiring!

Resource Assistant: Full time friendly face to the community



Watch our agency video. For Prosperity, to get a sense for what we do and why.

**Are you aware of the content of your thoughts? Your emotions?** Do you have tools to manage the components of yourself that ultimately determine your success? During this 6-week course connect with yourself while also learning tools to help motivate and inspire change in others. Topics discussed include **Awareness** and **Management** of mindsets, thoughts, emotions, and behaviors. This course has proven to be transformational for many. **Please consider enrolling or encouraging your agency or company to invest in a training, today.**

Contact Rachel

**Empowerment Workshop begins March 20<sup>th</sup>**

6pm-8pm, Mondays – Mar. 20-May. 1 (Break Apr. 3)

\$120 per participant – Need Based Scholarships Available

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