



Rotary Club of Battle Creek RotoScoop

April 8, 2024

Robert Elchert, SHARE Center



Left to right: Teresa Allen, Richard Elchert and Rod Auton *Photos by Chuck Asher*

The SHARE Center has made important capital improvements to its building and grounds during the past two years that have significantly improved the number and quality of services it is able to provide. Director of the SHARE Center, Richard Elchert, explained how the funds from the American Rescue Plan Act allowed the center to replace dingy and aging flooring throughout the building, make the cafeteria more welcoming and provide showers for its clients. These and all the other upgrades add dignity and normalcy to the experience of those folks who chronically have difficulty living independently or living in poverty.

The center's main activities are geared toward meeting people's basic needs for food and hygiene, removing administrative and concrete barriers to getting community services, and assisting people with stabilizing their incomes and securing housing. They serve over 1300 individuals a year, most of whom experience chronic homelessness, mental illness, or substance abuse. Many are veterans. The SHARE Center fills an important role in the continuum of local services supporting the homeless in our community.

The center is always looking for donations of basic clothing items, hygiene supplies, handwarmers, blankets, and backpacks. Cash donations and volunteer hours are also vital to carrying out the SHARE Center's mission. For more information, go to sharecenterbc.org.

Other News

Paul Harris Recognition for Godfrey and Sturhan



John Godfrey, Eric Smith and Wilhelm Sturhan as Eric presents John with his Paul Harris + 8 pin and Wilhelm with his Paul Harris + 5 pin for donations to the Paul Harris Foundation.

Service Opportunities

Saturday, April 27 Linear Park Annual Clean Up

Tom Ebeling is organizing the Rotarian clean up crew again this year and will let us know when and where we are meeting on Saturday, April 27. Let him know if you are interested in participating, either at a meeting or by emailing him at this [link](#).

Upcoming Speakers and Events

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| 04 15 2024 | Victoria Houser, BC City Clerk
Absentee and Early Voting |
| 04 22 2024 | Lucinda Stinson, Lending Hands of MI
Student of the Month |
| 04 29 2024 | 5th Monday Social - location TBD |

05 03 & 04, 2024 Rotary District 6360 Conference, Kalamazoo

Contact [Chuck Asher](#), [Talia Champlin](#), or [Chad Kyger](#) if you have any ideas for programming.

Rotary Vision Statement

Together we see a world where **people** unite and take action to **create** lasting **change** across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

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