



# SUPPORTING ALICE HOUSEHOLDS' BASIC NEEDS: HOUSING

## OUR VISION

All households in Southeastern Michigan live in affordable, safe homes that are in good repair, and have access to housing support services.

## CHALLENGE

47 percent of renters spend more than 30 percent of their income on rent, and 26 percent spend at least half of their income on rent.

## SOLUTION

Through strong partnerships and collaboration with other actors in the housing domain, United Way provides critical funding and strategic leadership to help families lower housing expenses and ensure community members have a safe and stable home. Many partners rely on our flexible funding to support system gaps and operations. We support innovative models to prevent housing crises and unlock opportunities for building wealth. We provide direct relief to over 15,000 households seeking utility assistance.

<h3>KEY PROJECTS</h3>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintaining the Michigan Energy Assistance Program (MEAP)</li> <li>• Building a network of data around the Social Determinants of Health</li> <li>• Supporting emergency housing through grant partnerships</li> <li>• Supporting foreclosure and eviction prevention, as well as homeownership programs</li> </ul>
<h3>KEY POLICY INITIATIVES</h3>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support investment in and expansion of affordable housing</li> <li>• Provide foreclosure prevention services and easily accessible property tax relief for low-income homeowners</li> <li>• Affordable utilities</li> </ul>
<h3>FY 2021 KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS</h3>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of households receiving utility assistance</li> <li>• Number of households receiving eviction/foreclosure prevention services</li> <li>• Number of households receiving homeless support services</li> </ul>

## HOW TO SUPPORT

Donor support helps fund our efforts to ensure individuals and families have safe, affordable housing and utilities through our in-house management of MEAP and our support of partner programs. Our advocates help us push for policies that ease the burdens on homeowners and renters while supporting expansion of affordable housing.



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