

WAYS TO GIVE

The SYG Fund is an endowment fund of the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation and is distributed to partner agencies though a partnership with the Washtenaw Housing Alliance.

One Time Contributions

To donate online please use the secure AAACF website: https://bit.ly/SYGFundDonation or scan the QR code.

Pledge Contributions & Planned Giving

Pledge Contributions. Gifts can be made over time. The AAACF will schedule reminders for gift amounts to be made as designated by the donor.

Planned Giving. Planned gifts establish a legacy and long-term connection to the mission. There are many options for planned giving like gifts of stock or property, life insurance beneficiary designation, charitable gift annuities, and bequests. To learn more about making a Pledge Contribution or a Planned Gift, please contact Lauren Wisniewski, SYG Fund Development Coordinator at SYGFund@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY IMPACT



Our partners provide essential services.

- Case management
- Crisis intervention
- Conflict resolution
- Assistance with basic needs (food, healthcare)
- Community building/ peer support
- Resources for employment, education, wellness
- Youth programs

With the funding Michigan Ability Partners (MAP) received from the SYG Fund in 2020, they were able to hire an additional Case Manager. This was critical for the organization during the pandemic when the need for direct support increased significantly. An additional Case Manager allowed MAP to provide services to more people. The services address the holistic needs of each client in order to be successfully housed, safe, and healthy.



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Ending Homelessness

WITH SUPPORTIVE SERVICES



The Sister Yvonne Gellise Fund for Permanent Supportive Housing Services (SYG Fund) was established to create lasting, systemic solutions to homelessness in Washtenaw County. The fund provides a stable financial source for service agencies working to end homelessness in Washtenaw County.



COMMUNITY **AGENCIES**

WHAT WE DO

The SYG Fund is a **continuous** source of support.

"The best way to end homelessness is to prevent homelessness by identifying and working to eliminate its root causes." - SISTER YVONNE GELLISE

Our goal is to be a stable and reliable support for partner service agencies while moving closer towards making homelessness rare, brief, and nonrecurring. The SYG Fund focuses on the root causes of homelessness by providing funding for essential and often underfunded supportive services like case management. The endowment is distributed to qualifying partner agencies that provide permanent supportive housing (PSH) services. As an endowment, the SYG Fund is independent of economic crisis, turbulent times, and does not depend on fluctuating funder priorities. This allows the SYG Fund to be permanent and reliable.



EVERY DOLLAR COUNTS.

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING (PSH) IS OUR SOLUTION. WHY?

IT IS **HUMANE.**

Everyone **deserves a home**. PSH offers housing & essential support services.



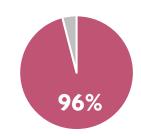
IT IS COST-EFFECTIVE.

It costs just \$40/day to serve a household in PSH, compared to higher costs for emergency services.



IT IS WORKING.

96% of PSH households **maintain housing** once they get supportive services.



MEETING THE NEED

Our goal is to **support 500 affordable housing units per year**, with an annual cost of \$5,000 per housing unit. In order to reach this goal, the long-term endowment valuation goal is \$60 million. This amount allows for the distribution of \$2.5 million per year to support permanent supportive housing services.

Interested in donating to the SYG Fund?

We need your help to meet our community's need. To donate **scan the QR code.**



The need to build an endowment, a fund in the community's control that would not be subject to outside federal or state budget reductions for human services, though a daunting task, is an initiative that I felt was important to engage in.

- Norman Herbert, SYG Fund Cabinet Chair