

# HOUSING ASSISTANCE

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**Low Cost Homes**

Habitat for Humanity  
269-467-4663

Sturgis Neighborhood Program  
269-651-4780

USDA Rural Development  
269-657-7055 ext 4

**Rent or Mortgage Payment Assistance**

Department of Health & Human Services \*  
269-467-1200  
State Emergency Relief  
apply at [www.mibridges.michigan.gov](http://www.mibridges.michigan.gov)

\* State Emergency Relief for mortgage or rent payment has an annual maximum. Must have court ordered eviction notice or foreclosure notice to access services. Income and asset qualifications apply.

**Housing Discrimination**

Fair Housing Center of Southwest Michigan  
866-637-0733

**Veterans**

SJC Veterans Services  
269-467-5512

Supportive Services for Veteran Families  
800-750-9300

Homeless Veteran Crisis Line  
1-877-424-3838

**Subsidized Housing (Rent is based on income)**

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**Eviction Prevention**

Keystone Place\*\*  
269-467-7078

Fair Housing Center of Southwest Michigan  
Kalamazoo  
866-637-0733

Legal Services of Southwest Michigan  
800-868-3951

\*\* Keystone Place from time to time will turn out clients from shelter due to disruptive or violent behavior. Illegal behavior is reported \*\*and handled by law enforcement . Disruptive behavior that does not bring harm to others is given a warning without client being turned out of shelter. Behavior placing others at risk will result in client being turned out of shelter Shelter staff will assist client to find other shelter either with client’s family or another shelter by the end of the day. Since Keystone is the only homeless shelter in county, arrangements are made with another shelter out of county. This may be an inconvenience to the client who may be working in county and have transportation issues, but protecting children in the shelter is Keystone’s priority.

Keystone staff, legally, is not permitted to talk to anyone about a client’s housing situation or actions that led them to be turned out without a release of information. If a group is working with the client to help find them shelter and is looking for details why client was released, a signed release of information must give permission for staff to discuss the clients situation and why the client was turned out. Release forms can be faxed to the shelter at 269 467-7742. Due to HIPAA regulations, Keystone staff cannot discuss client’s mental or physical health with anyone.

When families with children are turned out of Keystone Place, and staff is concerned for child’s well-being, the family will be reported to Child Protective Services.

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**Emergency Shelter**

Keystone Place \*\*  
269-467-7078

American Red Cross  
269-353-6180/ 800-382-6382  
Disaster Victims

Salvation Army  
269-651-4275  
Disaster Victims only

Domestic and Sexual Abuse Services (DASAS)  
24 hour Crisis Line  
800-828-2023

Kalamazoo Gospel Mission  
269-345-2974

**Homeless Rapid Rehousing**

Keystone Place  
269-467-7078

**Home Rehabilitation**

Department of Health & Human Services  
269-467-1200  
State Emergency Relief  
apply at [www.mibridges.michigan.gov](http://www.mibridges.michigan.gov)

Habitat for Humanity  
269-467-4663

St. Joseph County Commission on Aging  
Home Safety Repairs (for seniors ages 60+)  
269-279-8083

USDA Rural Development  
269-657-7055 ext 4

**Ramps**

St. Joseph County Commission on Aging  
269-279-8083

**Home Repair & Weatherization for Seniors 60+**

St. Joseph County Commission on Aging  
269-279-8083

Community Action Agency  
877-422-2726

USDA Rural Development  
269-657-7055 ext 4

**Yard (chores) Services**

St. Joseph County Commission on Aging  
269-279-8083

**Safety Checks:**

St. Joseph County Commission on Aging  
269-279-8083

Disability Network Southwest Michigan  
877-674-5209 / 269-345-1516

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