

June 24, 2025

City of Rochester Hills Mayor Bryan Barnett 1000 Rochester Hills Dr Rochester Hills, MI 48309

Dear Friends at City of Rochester Hills,

Founded right here in Rochester Hills in 1968, Neighborhood House has a long history of supplying crucial support to our neighbors in times of crisis. Our three facilities—a food pantry, clothes closet and main office—are all instrumental in helping residents of Rochester Hills. Many are surprised that need exists in our community, however, studies by United Way indicate that nearly 25% of families in our area are living paycheck to paycheck or worse.

With gratitude we recognize the 20 plus years of support Neighborhood House has received from the City of Rochester Hills. We request the City of Rochester Hills renew the interlocal agreement with Neighborhood House for \$10,000 to continue the partnership in 2026 to provide emergency food for those who are struggling, clothing and household items to those in need, financial assistance, and case management support through our main office.

Together, our results are profound. Attached is our impact statement from 2024 so that you may see what your support helped provide. Here is one real-life example:

A client recently told us how Neighborhood House helped her after she lost her job. "During my time of unemployment, Neighborhood House was a real lifesaver. My case worker helped me obtain State Emergency Relief to get caught up on rent and provided guidance to apply for Medicaid. The Food Pantry kept me fed, and the Clothes Closet helped me look my best in job interviews. I got a great offer and no longer require assistance!" — Susan

These are the types of successes your partnership provides. Your continued support impacts lives right here in our community we all care so deeply about. Thank you for helping to realize Neighborhood House's vision of a "community of neighbors helping neighbors thrive."

Sincerely,

Executive Director

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