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HOPE SHELTERS TO RECEIVE GIFT FOR CASE MANAGEMENT

A.A. Van Elslander Foundation's Gift to Provide Evening and Weekend Support

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PONTIAC, MI - December 15, 2023. A generous gift from the A.A. Van Elslander Foundation paves the way for better care for the most vulnerable outside of regular business hours.

Homelessness has no weekday schedule, and Hope Shelters now has the ability to provide case management during evenings and weekends, when most guests arrive for assistance.

"Our Service Navigators make a crucial difference to our clients," said Brian Wright, Executive Director of HOPE Shelters. "Having the ability to hire case managers for evenings and weekends allows us to give our guests help right away and meet them where they are."

It's that immediate assistance that can be the turning point for many people who are unhoused and/or in crisis.

"Making our guests wait until Monday morning for someone to help them creates another barrier to their healing," said Mr. Wright. "We are thrilled that The Foundation chose HOPE."

"The need for emergency shelter does not end evenings or weekends," said Diane Wells, Executive Director of the Foundation. "With extended hours, more people in crisis will be served and find a warm place to sleep. We are so grateful for the work HOPE Shelters is doing in our communities."

HOPE provides safe and judgment-free shelter, innovative programs and public advocacy to end homelessness. HOPE is committed to helping each guest resolve their homelessness and identify a network of supportive services delivered in a trauma-informed setting. For more information, visit www.hopeshelters.org.

About The A.A. Van Elslander Foundation

The A.A. Van Elslander Foundation was established in 2016 by Mr. Art Van Elslander. As one of Michigan's most respected businessmen and generous philanthropists, his commitment to helping others was a cornerstone of his life's values, and defines our philanthropic agenda, providing support to Michigan-based charities benefiting children, health and human services. For more information: www.vanelslanderfoundation.org.

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