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Finding solutions for housing challenges caused by poverty and homelessness.

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**Golf Outing to Benefit Homeless at Shelter of Flint**

(May 18, 2009) FLINT, Mich. – Shelter of Flint will hold its 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Scramble on Saturday, July 11 at the Arnold Palmer signature Coyote Preserve Golf Course. The event features special guests Bill Baldwin, Michigan's number one golf instructor, and former Detroit Lions quarterback Eric Hipple.

Funds raised at this event will help Shelter of Flint in finding solutions for housing challenges caused by poverty and homelessness in Genesee and Lapeer counties. In 2008, Shelter of Flint helped over 1,300 homeless citizens in the local community. In Flint alone, over 2,500 are homeless each night.

The Shelter Golf Scramble is a day-long event including 18 holes of golf; contests and prizes; breakfast, lunch and a post-golf appetizer buffet; a silent auction and an awards ceremony. The outing is a four-person scramble, with prizes for the top team and many on-course contests. Title sponsor is Great Lakes Spine Center.

Registration begins at 8 a.m., and Bill Baldwin will be conducting a golf clinic from 8:30 – 9:30. Shotgun start is 10 a.m. The silent auction runs from 9 a.m. through the post-golf awards ceremony. Eric Hipple will be available all day to meet and greet golfers, and will have a book signing in the afternoon.

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“The Shelter golf outing grows each year, probably because it’s so much fun,” says Board member and event chair Pam Martin. “Golfers get so much satisfaction from helping others in need. The Coyote Preserve staff helps by making sure that everyone is having a good time. Not only is the course fabulous and the food outstanding, but golfers also receive great prizes.”

“The golf outing really helps generate awareness of the extensive mission of Shelter of Flint, that we’re more than an emergency shelter,” says Executive Director Gary Haggart, “When people find out their proceeds are getting people into permanent, safe homes, they realize how great of an investment they’ve made in their community.”

Investing in the community by helping the homeless is what the Shelter of Flint has been doing for over 25 years. Shelter services include emergency shelter, transitional and permanent housing, counseling, skill development workshops and advocacy.

The event is \$125 per golfer. Sponsorships are available starting at \$250. Dinner and auction tickets can be purchased for non-golfers for \$20. Those interested in participating in the Shelter of Flint golf outing as a sponsor, golfer or prize donor can call Megan Bensette at (810) 238-4711, ext. 305.

### **About Shelter of Flint, Inc.**

Since 1983, Shelter of Flint has been finding solutions for housing challenges caused by poverty and homelessness in Genesee and Lapeer Counties. Shelter of Flint offers emergency shelter, transitional and permanent housing, rental assistance and outreach programs for over 1,300 women, children and families each year. More information can be found at [www.shelterofflint.com](http://www.shelterofflint.com).

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