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FACT SHEET

The Ann Arbor Thrift Shop has been serving the local community continuously since its founding in 1932. In April 2007 we celebrate our 75th year in operation. An officially designated non-profit organization, its purpose always has been to raise money for local charities through the sale of donated merchandise. In the past year, the Thrift Shop gave a total of \$152,254 in emergency aid to local individuals and grants to social service agencies.

Who Benefits: Every day a Thrift Shop member answers requests from social service case workers on behalf of local residents who need emergency aid for clothing, housing, utility bills, medical or dental care, car repair, or transportation. Most requests are for immediate, one-time help not normally provided by local, state or federal programs to overcome short-term difficulties. The Thrift Shop gives between \$6,000 and \$10,000 a month, usually in amounts under \$300, in response to these requests. In addition, regular monthly support and special seasonal grants are given to various community agencies such as:

Peace Neighborhood Center
The Salvation Army (Arbor Haven)
Friends in Deed
The Shelter Association of Ann Arbor

Motor Meals of Ann Arbor
St. Andrew's Breakfast Program
Michigan Ability Partners
The Child Care Network

Operation: The Thrift Shop is run entirely by its 289 volunteer members who staff and maintain the shop and do all the sorting, pricing, marking, and merchandising of donated goods. The shop accepts donations of clothing for men, women, and children; housewares and linens; small appliances in good repair; books, magazines, tapes, CD's, and DVD's; toys and games, luggage; and jewelry. Donations are accepted from the 11th day through the last day of each month, Monday-Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Receipts are provided on request, and all donations are tax-deductible.

Shop Hours: The Thrift Shop is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. We are closed when the Ann Arbor Public Schools close due to bad weather, and 11:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the second Friday of the month, September through May.