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Brief: Macomb County Homeless Families Get Help

MCREST receives a grant from United Way for childcare equipment.

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Area homeless children will be better accommodated at local churches, thanks to a \$10,400 grant awarded to Macomb County Rotating Emergency Shelter Team, also known as MCREST.

The United Way money is to pay for portable cribs, child beds, high chairs, booster seats, linens, pillows and other childcare equipment. MCREST loans the equipment to churches that volunteer to serve the homeless in Macomb County.

“This grant will boost MCREST’s capabilities to care for the increasing number of families with children in the homeless population,” newly appointed MCREST Director Angela Willis, of Chesterfield Township, said in a prepared statement Monday. “We need these items because sometimes our volunteer churches cannot accommodate children but with this equipment, we can and we are grateful to United Way for this grant.”

Willis credits St. Clements Parish of Romeo for bringing the need for more child equipment to MCREST’s attention. For more information, visit www.mcrest.org