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MCREST names Rhonda M. Powell executive director



Powell brings non-profit and business management experience to Macomb County Rotating Emergency Shelter Team

ROSEVILLE, Mich. – Rhonda M. Powell has been named executive director of the Macomb County Rotating Emergency Shelter Team (MCREST), effective immediately. The announcement was made by Laurie Huff, president, MCREST board of directors.

“Rhonda brings strong leadership, fundraising, grant writing and volunteer recruitment skills to MCREST. With her experience in nonprofit administration and business management, she will be a great asset. We are delighted to have her on board,” said Huff.

Powell joins MCREST from the South Oakland Shelter (SOS), where she served as associate director with responsibility for implementation and management of the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program (HPRP); human resources; grants management; and financial management. Prior to joining SOS, Powell held positions with Mt. Clemens Community Schools, Kansas City Schools and Edison Schools, Inc.

“I look forward to working with faith-based organizations and civic and community leaders to meet the escalating needs of individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Many are homeless for the first time in their lives and they are counting on us to step up to the challenge,” Powell said.

Powell holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Human Service from Siena Heights University, Adrian, Mich. She resides in Clinton Township with her husband and three school-aged children.

MCREST works with more than 88 partner churches throughout Macomb County to provide food and shelter to individuals and families throughout the year on a rotating basis. For more than 20 years, MCREST has worked with the churches to create warm and welcoming environments, and in 2009 provided more than 19,000 shelter nights to nearly 900 people.