



**Shelter Association Celebrates 35 Years at Almost Home Event:**

Featuring keynote speaker Congresswoman Debbie Dingle



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The Shelter Association of Washtenaw County is proud to have spent the last 35 years finding housing solutions for adults experiencing homelessness in Washtenaw County. In celebration of this milestone, we look forward to hosting our annual *Almost Home* event, featuring keynote speaker Congresswoman Debbie Dingell on May 13<sup>th</sup>. This event recognizes community advocates, donors and partners who have made this work possible. It is our signature fundraiser that provides necessary funds in order to continue our vital work of **ending homelessness, one person at a time.**

Shelter Association Executive Director Daniel Kelly says *“Homelessness in Washtenaw County looks significantly different today than it did 36 years ago and where we are now is the product of decades of thoughtful work. Almost Home is our opportunity to get the community excited about our future while appreciating our past. We have a lot of work ahead of us to meet the changing needs of our clients. We see a rise in older adults experiencing homelessness, more folks with disabilities and an escalating affordable housing crisis. These are tough challenges, but with the support of the community they can be overcome.”*

Almost Home is taking place on Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at Barton Hills Country Club on the north side of Ann Arbor. The event features a 9 – hole scramble golf outing beginning at 2:30 pm with the putting green open at 2:00pm. Non-golfers will arrive at 5:30pm for the Almost Home Reception with dinner and a silent auction beginning at 6:00pm and a brief program at 7:30pm.

*“We have a lot of dedicated sponsors supporting this event who appreciate the ways in which the Shelter Association is special and listens to the needs of our clients.”* Kelly says. *“Our services at the Delonis Center aren’t limited to 90 days because we recognize the time it takes to house a client permanently. You don’t see a lot of people pushing around shopping carts in Ann Arbor because we provide storage services that relieve the stress of carrying your belongings on your back. I could go on. Someone experiencing a housing crisis in our community will likely work with a collection of well-coordinated services and agencies to care for them holistically.”*

**To learn more about this event and its sponsors, to purchase a ticket or to make a donation to the Shelter Association visit [www.AnnArborShelter.org](http://www.AnnArborShelter.org) or contact the Shelter Association directly.**

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