Meet 1-year old Jayton. During cold Michigan winters, sleeping in a home without heat is extremely dangerous for children like Jayton and his 7-year-old brother.

Jayton came to THAW with his Dad, Gerrome, a line order cook at a popular restaurant in Detroit.

“I’m a father and homeowner who just needs a little assistance,” said Gerrome.

A single father, he needed help after their basement flooded, causing damage to their furnace and hot water heater. “It’s a minor setback,” he said, “but it feels major when you have kids. I got my bill...I’m working though it and trying to get everything fixed before it gets too cold for me and my kids.”

THAW’s dedicated staff was able to assist Gerrome and get his gas and electricity restored.

The Heat and Warmth Fund’s (THAW) mission is stabilizing and empowering Michigan families, keeping them healthy, safe and warm. Last year, we distributed more than $14 million in utility assistance to over 17,000 Michigan households like Gerrome’s. Those households included more than 20,000 children like Jayton.

All Gerrome wants is to “maintain a stable household.”

Supporters like you made that possible. His one-year-old son, Jayton is in a warm bed tonight. But there are other children all over Michigan whose parents need our help to keep them healthy, safe and warm. To do that, we need your help. Please donate today at thawfund.org.

THAW CEO Named Notable Woman In Nonprofits
Saunteel Jenkins was recognized as a “Notable Woman in Nonprofits” in a recent issue of Crain’s Detroit Business. Saunteel works tirelessly to keep Michigan families healthy, safe and warm.
You Helped Us Achieve Something Big!

Chilly temperatures came early this year, and like typical Michigan winters, the chill will turn to freezing temperatures over the next few months.

Winters here are often brutal and unpredictable, leaving families with rising energy costs that often force them to make difficult choices. Since 1985, supporters like you have made sure that families do not have to choose between feeding their families and heating their homes.

THAW has been able to accomplish a lot in our 33 years. I’m proud to share that because of your support, we’ve reached a very important milestone. This year, we helped our 250,000th household get through an energy crisis.

That means 250,000 families had a better quality of life because of you. Parents were able to cook hot meals for their children. Seniors didn’t have to leave school and go home to sleep in a cold house. The support we provided to over 250,000 families, seniors and children is because of the support you provided to THAW. Thank you!

Thank you for helping be that bridge between crisis and stability for so many families. Here at THAW, we are building on that shared success as we look to the future. Can you imagine a future in which every Michigan family is able to meet their essential heat, electricity and water needs?

That’s the future THAW is working toward. And I believe we can get there by ensuring every family has access to affordable utilities, energy efficient homes, and viable job opportunities. It won’t be easy, but together we can do it!

With the same spirit of compassion, respect, and innovation that we’ve cultivated for the past 33 years we can make Michigan a healthy, warm and safe place for all families. But we can’t get there without YOU.

Please join us in our mission to keep Michigan families healthy, safe and warm. Donate today.

Warm regards,

Saunteel Jenkins
Chief Executive Officer
The Heat and Warmth Fund

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2018 Week of Warmth

The 9th Annual Week of Warmth was held November 3-10 and included awareness, assistance and fundraising events.

Sponsored by DTE, the goal of the Week of Warmth is to raise and distribute $1 million in energy assistance. One of the highlights was our annual Night of Warm Hearts at MGM Grand Detroit. Emceed by WDIV News Anchor Rhonda Walker, the event raised over $600,000.

THAW was excited to honor three supporters who are making a huge difference in our community each and every day.

Our Alice Parker Awardee was Courtney Smith of the Detroit Phoenix Center. Doug Maibach of Barton Malow Construction received the Power Force Award, and Cregger Plumbing and Sewer Service received the Warm Heart Award.

Congrats to all!

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