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MAP seeks local support to meet area needs in light of 2026 state and federal cuts

After monitoring local, state and federal policy changes MAP is repositioning amid funding cuts and growing calls for more affordable housing options in Michigan.

MAP is encouraged by the bipartisan 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act, which passed the U.S. House and Senate in June.

The legislation includes reforms to:

- Increase the supply of safe, stable and affordable housing.
- Expand support for manufactured and modular housing.
- Encourage local zoning reforms to increase housing development.
- Strengthen federal homeless assistance and community development programs.
- Pilot small-dollar mortgage programs for first-time homebuyers.
- Limit large institutional investors from acquiring single-family homes.

The strong bipartisan support reflects a shared recognition that communities nationwide need solutions to address chronic housing shortages. Although President Trump did not sign the housing legislation after it passed, the bill automatically became law on July 11, 2026.

Amid these policy changes, MAP currently faces a shortage of funding that has resulted in severe, unexpected setbacks to our current budget and to future funding.

"We remain hopeful that together with our local base of support, MAP can press forward to advance meaningful housing solutions that will effectively curtail the eviction and homelessness crisis in our area," said MAP CEO, Jan Little.

To learn more visit: [MCAH](https://mcah.org)



MAP's Community Clean-up Day Delivers Smiles & Hands-on Help!

Members of the Ann Arbor Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors (GMAR) came together to raise MAP's Property Curb Appeal to improve the lives of veterans and people with disabilities.

Photo includes some of MAP's Community Clean-Up Day volunteers at Mapleview Apartments.

Home Depot and Carpenter Brothers Hardware of Ann Arbor Bring Support to MAP's Community Clean-Up Day

Community Clean-up Days provide opportunities for A2 retailers to shore up support for MAP participants by providing key supplies, such as mulch, plants and tools.

"Having contributions like the ones provided means that MAP can keep our housing attractive and affordable for participants, plus, it has a positive affect on our staff and visitors," said MAP Properties Manager, Mike Austin.

MAP will host a second clean-up day in late October. Watch MAP's website for more details!



Home Depot and Carpenter Brothers Hardware team members show their support for MAP during Community Clean-up Day in May.

Join MAP in making quality housing accessible.



MAP STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Mara MacKay serves as Director of Development for Michigan Ability Partners (MAP), leading 2027 event programming, fundraising, donor engagement, strategic partnerships, and outreach. Mara is passionate about connecting local community members with opportunities to make a lasting impact, she brings extensive nonprofit leadership experience and a commitment to expanding MAP's mission of helping Veterans and people with disabilities achieve greater independence, and life satisfaction.



Mara MacKay
Dir. of Development
Photo Credit: MAP

Welcome to our newest volunteers:
Kathy O'Connor
PickleFest 2027 & Planning Committee
Cheryl LaDouceur
"Toss for a Cause"
Cornhole Tournament Planning Committee

Thankful Note to MAP Supporters who donated gifts for MAP's mission this summer!

MOE'S Southwest Grill
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Wolverine Pickleball
&
MAP Staff Members
Donna Blake
Jan Little
Mara MacKay



ENJOY SUMMER!

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Summer Thursdays: Supporting Work-Life Balance

This July, we embraced a little extra sunshine with Summer Thursdays! Throughout the month of July, our staff enjoyed an early release from work at 1230 p.m. on Thursdays to enjoy a well-deserved summer afternoon off.

At MAP, we know that supporting our staff who make our mission possible is important. Providing time to rest, recharge, and spend time with family and friends helps foster a healthy work-life balance, which ultimately benefits our team, our organization, and the community we serve.

MAP Clinical Team Leader, Randi Bergsma, shared just how meaningful this opportunity has been for her family: "My children are so excited! We have something different planned for each Thursday afternoon so we can spend quality time together." It's a simple reminder that creating space for meaningful moments outside of work can have a lasting impact.

Our commitment to our mission remains as strong as ever, and we're grateful for the continued support of our donors, volunteers, and community partners. Thank you for helping make it possible for us to care not only for those we serve, but also for the dedicated staff who make that work happen.

We wish everyone a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable summer!

MAP: partners with Veterans and people who have disabilities in support of their self-directed transformation to self-sufficiency.

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