

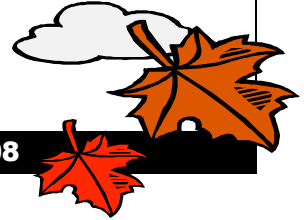


# NEWSLETTER

Jobs. Opportunity. Independence.

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Autumn 2008



## New Executive Director

Marty Homan has been named the new Executive Director of Lapeer Team Work, Inc. "Marty has a strong background in business management and community relations which will help us grow. The board is very pleased she could join us and bring needed expertise to our management", said David Ethridge, Team Work Board Chairman.

"It's uplifting to work with such dedicated, generous and hard working people; that is the message and experience I plan to share with potential clients," stated Marty. "It's a win-win for everyone and keeps us all mindful of what is important... each other.

## Mobile Work Crews Ready, Willing and Able

Our Mobile Work Crews consist of 60 employees who serve over 20 different employers per week cleaning, working in orchards, performing retail services, shredding documents, wrapping silverware, and more. We provide Lapeer businesses and government agencies affordable job specific services that save them money while supporting our community. For more about our services, please contact Marty Homan at 810-664-2710.

## I LIKE WORKING

by Laurie

Laurie is one the members of the Mobile Work Crew and shares her day's work experience in the Consignment Shop: I helped, "count money, hang clothes up on hangers and put them in the right place, clean the floors, vacuum, clean windows, and get bags and put clothes in them when people buy stuff. I like working here." Our store carries "clothes, jewelry, movies, CDs, purses, books."

## Shopping Pays!

from Team Work Consignment Store

Sales at the Consignment Shop have doubled since January and continue to increase. Shoppers are becoming much more savvy and the word is spreading that the Consignment Shop has some great bargains!

Why pay retail when you can buy gently used, in season, in style outfits for a lot less! Items are on the floor for 60 days then moved out to make room for newer items. Consignors earn money and save money at the same time! Don't miss our Fashion Show on Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> at our Consignment Club. Show starts at 11:00 AM. Stop by to buy what you are missing!

WANTED: Winter Coats, Hats and Mittens. Gently Used.

Consign them! Call 245-7272 for details.

**Fashion Show**  
**Nov 15 at 11:00 AM**

## Ed Tech Students Raise Money for Camp

Mrs. Mutch's Ed Tech students have been making holiday items to sell in the Consignment Shop. They are selling like hotcakes. The money earned will be used to pay their way to camp this summer. Stop in our Consignment Shop to buy their latest creations. They make great stocking stuffers and company giveaways.

## Thanks to Volunteers

Lapeer Team Work extends a hearty thank you to Tom Kopczynski for building our front window platform and donating his time and talents to help get our store in tip top shape. Thanks, too, to Cameron Buchanan for donating beautiful shelving for our store. Hats off to Chet & Judy Rozanski for donating over 60 pumpkins for the Team Work Halloween Party! WOW! We had a great time... Thanks for making all of us smile!

## Tailored for Success

### *Partnering with Community Agencies*

Lapeer Team Work's Consignment Shop partners with the Lapeer County Community Foundation's Women's Fund in support of its *Outfits for the Office* program in conjunction with the United Way Help Center, Human Development Commission and LACADA. Women's Fund members can donate clean office apparel - dress suits, pants suits, slacks, blouses, blazers, etc. in good condition for Lapeer women who are returning to the work force or interviewing for a new job. Call the Foundation office at 810-664-0691 for more information.

Donations have been pouring in. A pink tag identifies each item so our customers are aware of the contributions they are making. The proceeds from these sales go directly to the Women's Fund.

We are also a voucher redemption site for the MPRI program that is designed to help parolees in their transition, reintegration and aftercare in the community. These vouchers are used to purchase articles of clothing, shoes, and accessories. The vouchers are then reimbursed to Team Work. Just another way Lapeer Team Work is helping others.

## Welcome Back Jody Hilts!

### *Helping Adults in Transition Find New Jobs*

Jody Hilts, Placement Specialist at Lapeer Team Work, Inc., recently returned from maternity leave and we're delighted to have her back.

The Placement Department at Lapeer Team Work partners with Michigan Rehabilitation Services to achieve quality employment outcomes and independence for persons with disabilities. Team Work participants sign up to receive:

**Job Readiness Training:** Job Readiness focuses on barriers to employment. In these classes we identify individuals barriers to employment and discuss different coping mechanisms and tools needed to help overcome those barriers.

We also provide **Best Impression Classes**, which focuses on how to dress properly for interview, interviewing etiquette, and tips on personal hygiene.

**Job Seeking Training:** Participants obtain the tools needed to look for a job and learn how to find gainful employment. Students complete sample job applications, write a resume and cover letter, and discuss various interviewing techniques,

personal presentation styles, and how to prepare follow up thank you letters.

**Onsite Work Experience:** In collaboration with our local Michigan WORKS! office, we provide "Work Experience" opportunities for individuals interested in volunteering on our Mobile Work Crew. These individuals are referred to us by their Case Managers at Michigan WORKS! "Work Experiences" typically cover a two-week period.

If you know someone or are interested in receiving these services please contact Michigan Rehabilitation Services toll free at 877-620-7929.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### LAPEER TEAM WORK FUNDRAISERS

- 2008 PHANTASY NEW YEAR'S EVE COSTUME BALL  
NO SHOW FUNDRAISER NOW THRU DECEMBER  
CALL DAVE ETHRIDGE FOR DETAILS: 810-664-0442
- POKER PLACE ROOM, BURTON, MI  
FEB. 21-24 BEGINS AT 4 PM  
CALL MARTY HOMAN FOR DETAILS: 810-664-2710

### PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT

AMERICAN LEGION

JAN. 29, 2009 10 AM – 3 PM

HELPING THE HOMELESS AND AT-RISK POPULATION  
OF LAPEER

### JOB TRAINING AND JOB READINESS CLASSES

LAPEER TEAM WORK

ONGOING

CONTACT JODY HILTS FOR DETAILS: 810-664-2710

2008 LAPEER TEAM WORK ANNUAL REPORT IS AVAILABLE.

CALL 810-664-2710 TO REQUEST A COPY.

### CONSIGNMENT SHOP HOURS

**MON-FRI 10AM – 6 PM**

**SAT 10AM – 3 PM**

**Don't Miss Our Fashion Show!**

**Sat., Nov.15 at 11:00 AM**

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Look for us between the American Legion & Big Lots