



# Charitable Union

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**Mission:** To contribute to human dignity by providing clothing, bedding, and small household items at no charge, and to connect people to community resources.

The Charitable Union is one of the oldest non-profit organizations in Battle Creek. It was founded in 1887 by a group of women concerned about children missing school because they didn't have appropriate clothes. The agency now distributes clothing at no cost to needy people of all ages, as well as household goods to those facing emergency situations.

Children in eligible families each pick out a new outfit to start the school year. Winter gear is available later in the fall. Families can also shop at the client store year-round for on-going needs.

Last year 38,350 individuals from 15,094 households in Calhoun County were helped. This could not happen without the volunteers who contributed 30,917 hours of work, and the 7,234 individual donors who contributed clothing and goods to support this outreach.

The vision, compassion, and mercy of the Charitable Union founders generations ago have touched countless lives in our community! We continue in their footsteps.



**Help That  
Brings Hope!**

## Connecting with Mercy

Collecting winter gear for  
**Charitable Union**  
at weekend Masses  
**November 11 & 12, 2023**

For children and adults,  
new or gently used:  
hats, scarves,  
gloves, mittens  
boots, socks  
snow pants  
kid's clothes, all sizes  
men's pants, all sizes

\*Looking for a unique gift?

The **Gift Shop** at Charitable Union offers quite a selection of handcrafted items and collectibles. Proceeds are used to purchase additional clothing! Open 8-5 Mon. through Thurs. and 9-1 Fri. and Sat.

Through God's mercy, may our donations of winter clothing also warm hearts and spirits in the coming months, we pray to the Lord.