

Itasca Housing Resource Team IHRT

Mission: Ensure that everyone has a safe and affordable place to live through the development of informed, community-wide, comprehensive response.

October 21st, 2025

Dear Grand Rapids Human Rights Commission,

We are the Itasca Housing Resource Team. This group consists of local housing providers that help create a housing response system in Itasca County. These organizations include KOOTASCA, AEOA, Northland Counseling Center, Grace House, The Salvation Army, Itasca County HRA, and others. We are writing to you because November is National Hunger and Homeless Awareness Month. During this month, various awareness activities are planned to help increase awareness that hunger and housing instability are present in the Grand Rapids community and across Itasca County. These include readings of the proclamation, the Soup on the Street event at Central School, and encouraging the community to participate in our at-home kindness challenge.

The Itasca County Housing Resource team is seeking financial support to obtain a standing banner and hanging banner for National Hunger and Homeless Awareness Month. All members of IHRT are volunteers and the team has no funding/budget for purchases. All awareness events rely on donations. IHRT is writing to the commission to seek support in obtaining new banners. We were seeking up to \$300 for both banners. We would be asking to reimburse Grace House, as they will purchase the banner on behalf of IHRT.

Thank you for considering supporting this important awareness event.

Sincerely,

Itasca Housing Resource Team