

HOW YOU HELP



OAKLAND COUNTY

When you sponsor or donate to Walk for Warmth you are helping children and adults of all ages stay safe and warm through nonprofit emergency services provided by OLHSA.

\$500 keeps the heat on for 4 people in Oakland County

\$1,000 keeps the heat on for 8 people in Oakland County

\$5,000 keeps the heat on for 18 families, or 40 people in Oakland County

In 2016, Walk for Warmth helped 520 families in Oakland County stay safe and warm by keeping the heat on in their homes.

WHO YOU ARE HELPING



Oakland County residents like

Juanina Jackson Single mother and full-time student who lost her job after taking time off to care for her family

Received utility assistance thanks to Walk for Warmth funds

Juanina Jackson, a single mother of three and a Pontiac homeowner, always puts her children first. In spring 2017, her employer, who was very strict with time off, denied her the ability to attend a mandatory custody hearing. No mother should have to choose between taking care of her family and keeping employment, but Juanina did. She went to the custody hearing and lost her job.

Juanina began to worry about keeping up with her bills months later when unemployment benefits were delayed. Thanks to Walk for Warmth funds, OLHSA provided Juanina one month of utility assistance. She is now receiving unemployment, has become a full-time student pursuing a degree in social work, and is grateful that OLHSA was there to help her family through a rough patch.

"Because of OLHSA I didn't have to worry about my bills. I could focus on going to school and taking care of the kids."