



## **Project Connect event to help the homeless, prevent others from becoming homeless**



Shoes are stacked near a dry wall in an area known for homeless camping there. (J. Scott Park | MLive.com)

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To help those who are homeless and prevent others from being homeless, the Community Action Agency is planning a Project Connect event. The event brings together 30 organizations and businesses to talk with people who are close to eviction, living at shelters, homeless or needing other assistance. "This event is a one-stop shop for them," said Shannon Brooks, Community Action Agency housing advocate. "There will be a lot of service providers to help them navigate through the system and resources."

The event will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, March 7, at the Salvation Army, 806 E. Pearl St.

A free lunch and goodie bags will be provided. There will also be a raffle of items, such as movie tickets and gas cards. Services provided at the event include mental health resources, educational resources, veterans support services, substance abuse counseling and housing services. Past events have brought more than 300 people, and Brooks expects between 150 and 300 people this year.

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