

THE SOURCE

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What is The SOURCE?

The SOURCE is a not-for-profit employee support organization designed to help employees keep their jobs, receive training to enhance their employment, and help employees move into better positions within or across companies. The SOURCE works with employees from:

- American Autocoat
- American Seating Co.
- Butterball Farms, Inc.
- Cascade Engineering
- Cascade Fresh Cleaning Co.
- Covenant Village of the Great Lakes
- Decc Co.
- Grand Rapids Foam Technologies
- Pridgeon & Clay
- Proos Manufacturing and Proos Fabrication
- Richwood Industries
- Spectrum Health, Environmental Services and Nutrition Services
- Spectrum Industries
- Vi-Chem Corp.
- WMCAT
- Wolverine Coil Spring

Please call us at 616.452.5295 for more information or feel free to stop by the office at any time. Our office is open 7:30am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday, but special arrangements may be made for after hour appointments to best meet your needs.

The SOURCE will be closed on Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Happy Thanksgiving!



Be an Informed Renter!

Did you know the vacancy rate in Grand Rapids is at an all-time low? That means that the number of available units to rent is limited and families looking to rent a new home have fewer options, this is making it harder and taking a lot longer to find housing.

When planning on moving or finding a new housing option, have you considered?

- ⇒ Affordability, how much can you pay each month?
- ⇒ Is there easy access to public transportation?
- ⇒ What's the proximity to your children's school or daycare provider?
- ⇒ How far is it to work or school?
- ⇒ Do you want to rent from a property management company or a private landlord?
- ⇒ Do you have any past evictions or are there items on your criminal record that could make it more difficult to find housing?
- ⇒ What type of screening process does the type of housing that you are interested in have?

Depending on your answers to these questions, you may or may not be ready to move as soon as you would like. Caseworkers at The SOURCE can work with you to determine which housing options might best fit your needs and can also help you prepare for and find a new home.

Remember, being a good tenant is important now and in the future. Maintaining good communication with the owner of the property is one way to be a smart renter. Make sure to keep a log of phone calls and repair requests made to the landlord and save any emails or letters. It is also important to keep good records, ask for receipts every month after you pay the rent and get any agreements in writing.

As a renter, you have responsibilities, as well as rights, if you have any questions about your rights as a renter or would like guidance in handling a rental situation with a landlord, call The SOURCE at 452-5295.

Mitten Tree at The SOURCE

The cold winter season is approaching, meaning it's time to bring out warm clothing. If you or your family are in need of a hat, scarf, and/or gloves to stay warm this fall and winter season, stop by The SOURCE and visit our mitten tree. We have various sizes available for children, men, and women. We are also looking for more donations—hats, scarfs, gloves—for all age groups. Thanks to the donations from last year, several people were able to stay warm during the winter!



Please drop off any new or gently used items at The SOURCE. Thank you in advance from all of us here at The SOURCE!

FREE Community Events

Movies NOT in the Park: Batman Returns

Where: UICA, 2 Fulton St W, Grand Rapids MI 49503

When: Saturday, November 5 at 8pm

What: Enjoy a selection of holiday films for FREE in the UICA Movie Theater and celebrate the season downtown. Seating is first come first served. Concessions available.

Connor's Friends: A night for families affected by Autism

Where: Grand Rapids Children's Museum, 11 Sheldon Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

When: Saturday, November 9 at 6pm

What: Join us for a quiet night of play, calming music, and fun designed just for families affected by Autism. Reservations are required.

Movies NOT in the Park: Home Alone 2: Lost in New York

Where: UICA, 2 Fulton St W, Grand Rapids MI 49503

When: Saturday, November 12 at 5:30pm

What: Enjoy a selection of holiday films for FREE in the UICA Movie Theater and celebrate the season downtown. Seating is first come first served. Concessions available.

Art Van Santa Parade

Where: Calder Plaza, 250 Monroe Ave NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

When: Saturday November 19, 2016 at 9am

What: Downtown Grand Rapids will be filled the sweet sounds of local marching bands, carolers, and local performers.

Movies NOT in the Park: Cool Runnings

Where: UICA, 2 Fulton St W, Grand Rapids MI 49503

When: Saturday, November 19 at 5:30pm

What: Enjoy a selection of holiday films for FREE in the UICA Movie Theater and celebrate the season downtown. Seating is first come first served. Concessions available.

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