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Charitable Union invites public to headquarters



Residents, businesses and community groups have until Oct. 15 to donate winter clothing and gear to help meet growing demand across Calhoun County as Charitable Union launches its annual Winter Gear Drive. PROVIDED BY CHARITABLE UNION

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Community members will have an opportunity to tour Charitable Union’s Battle Creek headquarters and learn about its services during an open house scheduled for Oct. 8.

The event will run from 4 to 6 p.m. at 85 Calhoun St., according to a community announcement. Attendees may stop in at any time during the two-hour event to meet staff members, take a guided tour and learn more about programs offered by the nonprofit organization.

Charitable Union also is inviting community partners and local congre-

gations to attend and share information about the event with others.

Teresa Allen, CEO of Charitable Union, said that the gathering is intended to strengthen connections with residents and community partners.

“Partnership is at the heart of everything we do,” Allen said in the announcement. “Our open house is a chance for us to open our doors, connect with community members and share the impact of Charitable Union’s programs firsthand.”

Open house details

The open house will take place at Charitable Union’s headquarters at 85

Calhoun St. in Battle Creek.

Event details include:

- Date: Oct. 8
- Time: 4 to 6 p.m.
- Donation center and gift shop open until 6 p.m.

No registration is required and the event is open to the public, according to the announcement.

For more information, call Charitable Union at 269-964-7234 or visit charitableunion.org.

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One dead after two pedestrian crashes

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One pedestrian was killed and another critically injured in two vehicle crashes in Battle Creek Friday, Oct. 2.

Rescue crews were dispatched to the first crash at approximately 10:14 p.m. near Cliff and Mott streets. Witnesses reported a 40-year-old man was hit by a vehicle while in the roadway. The vehicle left the scene before officers arrived.

The man was transported to Bronson Methodist Hospital in Kalamazoo, where he remains in critical condition, BCPD said in an Oct. 6 release. The investigation is ongoing as officers work to identify the vehicle and driver involved.

Approximately 12 minutes later, at 10:26 p.m., officers responded to a second crash near Beckley Road and Capital Avenue SW.

The preliminary investigation indicates a 56-year-old man stepped into the roadway and was struck by a vehicle driven by an 18-year-old woman. The man was transported by LifeCare Ambulance to a local hospital, where he was later pronounced dead. The driver is not facing criminal charges at this

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Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the BCPD Detective Bureau at 269-781-0911 or submit an anonymous tip through Silent Observer, or by calling 269-964-3888.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month events target screening barriers

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Free breast health education events in Kalamazoo and Battle Creek this month will provide clinical breast exams, cancer screening information and help arranging follow-up mammograms for people facing barriers to care.

The events are being offered by Bron-

son Cancer Center during Breast Cancer Awareness Month, according to a community announcement. Organizers said in the announcement that the programs are aimed at people who are uninsured, underinsured or have historically experienced challenges accessing preventive health care services.

Attendees will receive a clinical breast exam, information about breast health and breast self-exams, answers

to health-related questions and assistance understanding next steps for scheduling a mammogram through Bronson. Mammograms will not be available during the events.

Dinner will be provided, and representatives from the Breast & Cervical Cancer Control Navigation Program will be available to help participants

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