



## **Two Men and a Truck drive benefits Underground Railroad in Saginaw with donation drive Saturday**

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If you've ever wondered what drives Two Men and a Truck, look no further than the Underground Railroad in Saginaw.

The shelter is one of several across the state benefiting from "Movers for Moms," an initiative to collect donations for families forced to flee their homes.

Sponsored by the Lansing-based Two Men and a Truck, organizers are seeking donations of toiletries and diapers to food and first aid kits.

"There's a niche that wasn't being filled," said Ashley Anderson, president of Two Men and a Truck with headquarters in Lansing.

Students at North Saginaw Charter Academy are collecting items that Two Men and a Truck will pick up Saturday during a fair on the school grounds.

"(The students) were really touched because kids were involved," Principal Tonya Reed said.

The event takes place from 7 a.m. to noon at the school, 2332 Trautner in Kochville Township.

The drive feeds one of the agency's underlying needs.

When workers opt for discretion and leave the van with their logo in the parking lot, they go for the vehicle that really sticks out.

Rickety and rusted, the red Geo hatchback spends more time in the repair shop than on the road.

Is it the heat or the air conditioning that doesn't work, an employee wonders aloud. Maybe it's both.

"It makes me laugh just thinking of it," says Mary Sue Barry, community development manager at the shelter for children and battered women.

This weekend, the Underground Railroad will get a later model Malibu, a donation from a mid-Michigan television station.

Staff is hoping the car and the toiletries drive are the first of many things to come.

The Underground Railroad assists hundreds of women and children each year.

"When you leave everything you have, it's always heartwarming that people are willing to help," Barry said. "It's going to help us start a new life for folks."

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