

**Michigan Public Health Week 2008  
Climate Change—Our Health in the Balance  
Hometown Health Hero Nomination Form**

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**Nominee Information**

Please check or highlight one:  Individual  Group/Organization

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Name of Local Newspaper Detroit Free Press, Detroit News

\* Those selected will have their names mentioned in a press release.

Check the box next to the most appropriate Climate Change theme of this person or organization's work:

- Preparedness & Extreme Weather Conditions  Food & Water Supply  
 Air Pollution & Respiratory Health  Mental Health  
 Water- & Vector-Borne Diseases

**Tell Us about Your Hometown Health Hero**

Please describe (in 300 words or less) why this person or organization is a Hometown Health Hero. If you are nominating a person who is employed full time in public or environmental health, tell us how this person has gone beyond normal job duties to address climate change needs.

*Please note, due to a high volume of nominations, keep your submission to 300 words or less. Early submission is encouraged.*

Jerome Chandler is employed at the Bureau of Substance Abuse, Prevention, Treatment and Recovery at Project Helping Hands. As a case manager working with the chronically homeless population in the Central District of Detroit, he is well organized, efficient, and willing to do whatever is needed to get the job done. Working with this rapidly growing population whose homelessness is often exacerbated by mental health and substance abuse issues, is often challenging. However, Jerome's cooperative attitude and good cheer do nothing but add to his value as a team member, whether counseling in the office or coaching people from under bridges or during one of the six daily sweeps in the central business district to keep them from freezing. Once engaged, clients are linked to substance abuse, mental health and other services including shelter and housing. Although Jerome's primary duties are outreach, he assumes any role that may arise - Often sitting and talking with clients during his busy day, treating each as if they are the only one that matters to him. Additionally, he consistently stays late servicing clients until their needs are met and regularly responds to midnight and weekend emergencies. Project Helping Hands is a Detroit Police Department, Department of Health and Wellness Promotion's Bureau of Substance Abuse, Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery and Neighborhood Services Organization collaborative funded by the Detroit Police Department and the Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency. Project Helping Hands is an initiative of a 10-year plan to end chronic homelessness in Detroit - a population estimated at 18,000 and growing as increasing numbers of women and children or families try to respond to Michigan's worsening financial climate.

Submit completed forms via email to [koyalji@michigan.gov](mailto:koyalji@michigan.gov) or fax to 517-335-9434 by **March 7, 2008**.