## The Loop Newsletter

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The Friends of First Choice committee would like to applaud and thank all supporters of the 2018 First Choice campaign!

Investments of time & talents coupled with generous giving has lead to another impressive collection of funds that were forwarded on to consumers living in adult foster care homes this holiday season.

We appreciate your continued support of this worthy cause.

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Thank you for your support!



# First Choice distribution for the past 12 years to consumers living in AFC homes

First Choice has raised over \$199,800 and distributed over 4196 gift cards to consumers residing in AFC homes!



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## **Upcoming Events/Contact Information**

### **2019 Upcoming Events**

#### <u>June</u>

7—Hot dog/sloppy joe sale @ Hancock 14—Hot dog/sloppy joe sale @ A&W

#### <u>August</u>

TBD—Ice Cream Social/ Pampered Chef sale @ Hancock

#### Oct.

TBD—Halloween Candygrams (a) all locations

#### Nov.

TBD- Wreath/Pie sale @ all locations

#### Dec.

TBD—Jewelry/Card sale @ A&W

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Please call Jennifer Tomaszewski at 498-2269 to sign up!

## First Choice of Saginaw Board of Directors

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### If you have questions regarding the First Choice Program please feel free to contact:

First Choice of Saginaw

Ph.: (989) 799-6451 Email: info@saginawfc.org



Information on First Choice can also be viewed at:

www.saginawfc.org under "What's New"!

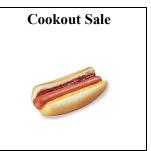
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## Group participation pays off!



So far with the support of all of you through voluntary payroll deductions, community group donations and various fundraisers throughout the year, 2019 is proving to be a busy year!











## Did you know?



First Choice of Saginaw is one of the 501C3 organizations that can be selected through the **www.smile.amazon.com** website. This is Amazon's charitable site. A portion of your online purchase is donated by Amazon to the charity you select. Please consider designating First Choice of Saginaw!

First Choice of Saginaw regularly collects several items to turn into cash for the program all year, every year.

Please help us by turning in these items to First Choice:

- Bottles/cans for deposit
- Costume jewelry for the annual jewelry sale

## First Choice of Saginaw

500 Hancock Street Saginaw, MI 48602 Phone: 989-797-3400 www.sccmha.org

The Friends of First Choice Committee would love to hear from you!



First Choice meetings are held monthly on the 2nd Wednesday of the month and are open to anyone interested in joining the Friends of First Choice Committee!

Upcoming meetings are scheduled for:

June 12, 2019 @ Hancock building July 10, 2019 @ A&W building

If you have ideas on how to improve the program or if you have a great fundraising idea, please be sure to contact us so that your ideas can be discussed at an upcoming First Choice meeting!



The Loop newsletter is written periodically to help keep people "Inthe-Loop" about the First Choice of Saginaw Program!



First Choice was developed beginning in 2005 to help improve the quality of life for adults living in foster care homes by attempting to raise some additional discretionary funds for them to use during the holiday season. SCCMHA serves persons with serious disabilities which result in a significant life functioning impact. Persons served often have extremely limited resources, and are receiving minimal disability coverage which barely covers their basic housing, necessary care and supervision costs. These individuals often have less than \$50/month to pay for their other necessities or needs, including medical co-pays and any personal care items or expenses, including clothing. The goal of First Choice is to raise enough funds to support the current consumers of SCCMHA, who reside in licensed residential home settings, with an annual stipend or gift card.

## **Donation Information**



First Choice pledge forms can be obtained from www.sccmha.org under

"What's New" and "First Choice".

Donations can be forwarded to First Choice of Saginaw, 500 Hancock, Suite 200, Saginaw, MI 48602 at any time for **ANY** dollar amount!

Every donation makes a difference!

Checks should be made out to "First Choice of Saginaw"