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Nonprofit Celebrates Tenth Year Serving Columbus

MAP Furniture Bank (MAP) turns 10 years old today! MAP was established in 1998 to help previously homeless families establish proper homes and an improved quality of life.

MAP has grown significantly in 10 years; from serving 75 families in its first year to 75 families a week in 2008. Most client families earn less than \$10,000 annually and are faced with severe life challenges ranging from previous homelessness to mental disability.

“We have come a long way,” said Jim Stein, president, “but we have much work to do. We currently serve less than 10 percent of the population that needs our help.”

Client families are given furniture donated by local residents, furniture stores, hotels and universities. MAP offers free pickup for furniture donors and provides a good resource for unwanted furniture.

“MAP is really a community project,” said Stein, “we rely on the support of local individuals and organizations and we need to raise awareness to meet the local demand for furniture.”

MAP is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization based in Franklinton. Donors or potential clients can learn more by calling (614) 272-9544 or visiting mapfurniturebank.org.

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