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UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendar for these exciting events!

APRIL 5 7:30-9 p.m. JAM (Jesus and Music) at St. John Vianney – 6400 McCarty Rd.
Freewill donations to benefit Mustard Seed Shelter
For more information, call Roberta at 989-790-5086 or Amy at 989-295-8392

JUNE 14 Saginaw Board of REALTORS Charity Golf Classic at Beech Hollow Golf Course – 7494 Hospital Rd.
Proceeds to support Mustard Seed Shelter and A Place for Grace
Sponsors and teams needed! For more information, call 989-799-2883 or saginawboardofrealtors@gmail.com

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LEAFLET



Capacity Building and Shelter Expansion Project Update

March 2019

A NOTE FROM OUR DIRECTOR



Amy Bartels Roe, Director

ALL IN GOD'S TIME

Greetings, dear friends! I'm reminded daily that **everything happens according to God's timing, not ours.** Since first publicly announcing our Extend the Branch capacity building and shelter expansion project in October 2017, we've needed to shift some of our timing and targets in order to

balance the planning and fundraising for this ambitious project with the demands of our day-to-day operations.

We have had many people ask when we will break ground and start building. We are also eager to move to the next phase and hope to share dates soon!

One shift we have made since launching the project is to increase our overall target from \$850,000 to \$1 million. We did this to allow for creation of a building preservation fund for ongoing maintenance and repairs in addition to the expansion and renovation.

Thanks to a generous donor, we have also revised our plan to include an exercise room and meditation space – as well as bathrooms in our basement. Throughout this entire process, we have sought to be humble and conservative in our planning and again, to trust in God's perfect timing. For the first few months of 2019, our campaign team has been focused on outreach to foundations, businesses and organizations. Our hope is to secure all funding needed for the expansion and renovation before announcing a date for the groundbreaking and start of the building and construction phase. We want to dream big but not too big.

The campaign team and I are very grateful for all of the support and love that you have generously extended to us and our guests throughout this exciting time. We are well on our way – read on to learn more about the latest project developments!

Love,

Amy

LOVE MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE

PLANTING SEEDS FOR GROWTH - TAMMY'S STORY

The seeds of our capacity building and shelter expansion project were planted following a backyard barbecue and the efforts of a grateful former guest. That former guest – Tammy – today is a seasoned manager at both Horizons Conference Center and the Temple Theatre. When her colleagues gathered in early 2015 to brainstorm ideas of local causes to support, Tammy suggested Mustard Seed Shelter, ultimately revealing that she and her two sons had stayed there several years prior when they found themselves homeless and living out of her car. "The pieces of my life came together at Mustard Seed Shelter," says Tammy. "I was able to build my life, and it was the love I found there that made all the difference."

Read the full story on our website, themustardseedshelter.org.



Former guest Tammy Baker speaking at our 20th anniversary celebration in 2015.



That smile!

Photo credit: Catholic Diocese of Saginaw

EXTEND THE BRANCH

ETB AT A GLANCE

Since announcing our Extend the Branch campaign in October 2017, we have made great progress!

- **2017** Campaign officially announced at Sowing Seeds of Hope fundraiser in October. More than **\$120,000** raised or committed toward the project by year-end.
- **2018** Core campaign team forms; fundraising and planning continue.
\$40,000 challenge matched through Mother's Day appeal and Facebook campaign.
Charlie Wargel becomes project manager.

Wall framing completed by **Herb Spence Jr. Residential Building Program at Delta College** in collaboration with **Saginaw-Shiawassee Habitat for Humanity**, and walls are moved to winter storage.
Patty Shaheen becomes honorary chair of fundraising effort.

Pledges/donations exceed **\$400,000** and in-kind donations and pledges exceed **\$100,000** by year-end.
- **2019** Total contributions and pledges reach **\$578,000** by early March. Fundraising and planning continue, with the goal of moving to the building and construction phase once funding is complete.



Current shelter.



Planned expansion.



Amy pointing to area staked out for new kitchen.

For additional details about the project and our progress, including plans, photos and downloads, visit themustardseedshelter.org/capital.

BRANCHING OUT

WE'VE BEEN FRAMED!

That is, the walls of our expansion have been. Last fall, students from Delta College's Herb Spence Jr. Residential Building Program built the walls in their framing class. We are truly grateful for the leadership of our project manager, Charlie Wargel; the work of Mike Finelli and his students; and the assistance of Bill Giorgis of Mike's Wrecker, who transported the walls to winter storage in December.



- Every time you tell someone about Mustard Seed Shelter, you are extending the branch! There are many ways to help us reach more individuals, businesses, etc. to meet our goal. Here are just a few:
- **Visit our home** for a tour and even a meal and experience life at Mustard Seed Shelter. Then tell your friends and others about what you learned.
 - **Invite us to speak** at your church, organization, book club, etc.
 - **Follow us on Facebook** and invite your friends to do the same.
 - **Share information** about our project - we will provide you with materials.

THE WIND BENEATH OUR WINGS

MEET THE CAMPAIGN TEAM

The campaign team gathered in mid-January to kick off our outreach to the business community. We were excited to report that we were nearly halfway to our goal!

Interested in joining the campaign team? Please call or email us and we will invite you to our next meeting. **The sooner we reach our fundraising target, the sooner we can move to the construction phase!**



Great Minds at Work
Patty Shaheen, Charlie Wargel and Jim Jaime review blueprints for the building expansion.



Extend the Branch Team at January Planning Session
Front row (left to right): Carmen Mora, Laurie Shell, Patty Shaheen, Michelle Drapp, Gabriella Hoffman, Nancy Martin, Lori Pendleton, Amy Bartels Roe
Back row: Jim Jaime, Charlie Wargel, Dave Pendleton, Cathy Snyder, Leona Sullivan, Jeanne Murphy Causley, Mary Kay and Brad Wiechelman, Michael Haremski, Fr. Jack Johnson

MESSAGE FROM OUR HONORARY CHAIR



Patty Shaheen,
Honorary Chair

FROM ONE SMALL SEED TO EXTENDING THE BRANCH ...

My first introduction to Mustard Seed Shelter was when I received a call from Amy, inviting me to visit the home on Cherry Street. The stories she told quickly touched my heart. Just from my brief visit, I could see they needed more space. And the comfortable home was in need of some improvements. But when Amy shared that this expansion project is the direct result of an event initiated and planned by one of our own Shaheen team members - a former guest of the shelter - I was stunned. I knew I had to do all I could to help them succeed.

I am thrilled to be the honorary chair for Mustard Seed Shelter's Extend the Branch project. I would like to thank you all for your generous support in bringing us to where we are today. As we work toward expanding the shelter's capacity, I invite you to help us extend the branch to those in your circle of influence. We are happy to provide materials and messaging to make it easier for you to spread the word. Together, we can shelter more women and children in our community.

Patty