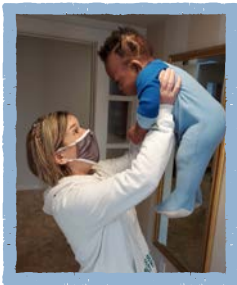


## A NOTE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

 **HAPPY SPRING!**



Hello, friends! I hope your spring is off to a wonderful start. Our guests, staff and volunteers have been loving the (mostly) sunny days and fresh air and, as I write this note, there's some serious hula-hooping and hopscotch in our parking lot. There are many exciting happenings

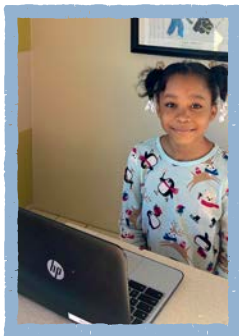
around our home and upcoming events I want to be sure to get on your calendars.

By the way, we are still working on a slideshow of photos of the full expansion and renovation project ... but LIFE at Mustard Seed has kept us busy! Please enjoy a few photos from the past several weeks in this issue of **LEAFlet**. And if you plan to be in the neighborhood, be sure to contact me for a tour. I'm so proud of our beautiful home, made possible by you and others in our generous community.

Love,

## AROUND OUR HOME

We currently have **15 women and 12 children** at **Mustard Seed**, each with their own powerful story of struggle and transformation. Since our last update, we've **welcomed 11 families** and have moved **three** single women and families to new apartments.



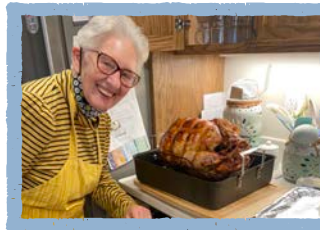
Here are just a few highlights:

- Trina celebrated **EIGHT YEARS of sobriety** in January. We are so proud of her!
- **Three of our guests benefited from PartnerShift Network**, which helps with transportation.
- **Four guests got jobs!**
- Our youngest guests went **back to school** and our family wing has provided space for many to do their virtual learning.

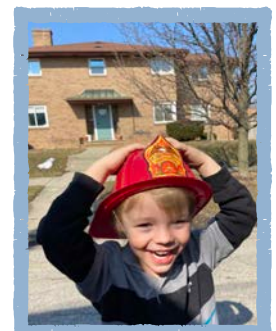
- We've begun hosting a series of **Self Love Beauty** workshops, designed to build **self-love and confidence** to empower our guests to be the best version of themselves.
- One of our dear volunteers led a **Technology Touch-Out**, where guests learned new tech skills – some for the first time!



Since our last update we've celebrated **nine birthdays**, and had wonderful Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Day **celebrations**. Holy Week was a special, sacred time in our home – and we even enjoyed a visit from the Easter Bunny.



We're also looking forward to planting flowers, sprucing up our yard and bringing back our garden. Again, this is just a taste of milestones, celebrations and the very active life at our home.



# UPCOMING EVENTS



## TUNE IN

Thursday, April 29, 7-8 p.m.  
FREE online event

**An Evening of Stories & Music with Mustard Seed**

Join us for a special evening

featuring stories told by current

and former guests interspersed with musical selections performed by Dr. Don Steele and fellow local musicians.

Learn more about this special project and order the album online at [themustardseedshelter.org/album](http://themustardseedshelter.org/album). The

web page also includes a list of local businesses where you can pick up your CD or USB.

Watch our Facebook page and YouTube channel for link to video premiere



## EAT UP

Sunday, June 6

11 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Mustard Seed Shelter,  
1325 Cherry St., Saginaw  
Sowing Seeds of Hope  
To Go: Drive-Through  
Chicken Dinner**

**SAVE THE DATE!** Rich Kramer from Richie Rich's Deli will be grilling delicious chicken in our parking lot, served drive-through style. Watch for additional details soon.



## TEE OFF

Saturday, August 21,  
times TBD

**Beech Hollow Golf  
Course, Freeland  
1st Annual Sowing  
Seeds of Hope  
Golf Outing**

**SAVE THE DATE!** for our first golf outing. We've been gifted a successful outing and are so very grateful. Please contact Amy at [amyroe@themustardseedshelter.org](mailto:amyroe@themustardseedshelter.org) to inquire about sponsorship opportunities or to join our planning team. Additional details will be coming soon!



## GATHER & GROW

Thursday, October 7,  
6-10 p.m.

**SVRC Marketplace  
Ballroom and Online  
5th Annual Sowing  
Seeds of Hope Fall  
Dinner & Silent Auction**

**SAVE THE DATE!** Plans are underway for our 2021 fall fundraiser, which has traditionally included dinner or hearty hors d'oeuvres, live and silent auctions, and entertainment. We have booked the venue and are planning an in-person event with a virtual component. Ticket information and additional details to come. Contact Amy at [amyroe@themustardseedshelter.org](mailto:amyroe@themustardseedshelter.org) to inquire about sponsorship opportunities or to join our planning team.

## FRIENDS OF MUSTARD SEED SHELTER

We are thrilled to share that we now have 205 Friends.

Please feel free to pass along any of the information in this issue and invite others in your circle to become a **Friend of Mustard Seed**. Every time someone like you helps others learn about Mustard Seed, you help strengthen and support our mission.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## OUR MISSION:

*We water the seed of inner strength in homeless women so they can make a better life for themselves and their children.*



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