



**7TH ANNUAL
FALL FUNDRAISER
SVRC MARKETPLACE
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2023**

WELCOME!

Tonight, we hope you will:

- **Savor a strolling meal**, choosing from an array of delicious options from local restaurants.
- **Visit the bar** for beer, wine and soft drinks.
- **Browse and bid** on more than 50 fantastic raffle items and experiences – tickets are just \$5 and \$10 for the chance to win prizes valued up to \$400!
- **Purchase 50/50 tickets** – volunteers will be circulating throughout the evening.
- **Enjoy the tunes** of Count 'N' Change – and take to the dance floor if you choose!
- **Meet current and former guests** and be moved by their stories.
- **Be inspired** by the amazing volunteers who help make our work possible.
- **Have such a great evening** you want to come next year ... and even get involved!

You will have numerous opportunities to support the women and children served by Mustard Seed Shelter all evening long. Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted and you'll find an ATM conveniently located just downstairs in the lobby of Frankenmuth Credit Union should you need it.

Sowing Seeds of Hope is about a community coming together to make a difference and we are so glad you are here!



Welcome to our 7th Annual Sowing Seeds of Hope Fall Fundraiser – we’re so glad you are here! Whether this is your first “Sowing Seeds” experience or your seventh, we are sincerely blessed by your presence here tonight at the SVRC Marketplace. Our Sowing Seeds of Hope events are a critical source of funding for the life-changing work we do at Mustard Seed Shelter. We

will share some of that work with you tonight – in stories and photos and our volunteer awards presentation.

From our earliest days in 1995, volunteers have been at the heart of carrying out Mustard Seed’s mission to **water the seeds of inner strength in women experiencing homelessness so they can make a better life for themselves and their children.** Mustard Seed would not be the organization that it is today without the countless mission-driven individuals who truly care about those we serve – and join us in this ministry. The people and organizations being honored this evening have stood out as extraordinary **bringers of hope** to our guests, to one another and to our community at large. We are grateful for their faithful service and are delighted to shine a spotlight on them tonight.

As the evening unfolds, you will have a number of opportunities to support Mustard Seed financially to allow us to continue our mission. You will also find information about a special appeal to fund additional safety and security features for our home here in this program. Please know that your generosity – at any level – will be transformed into resources to serve those who find temporary shelter in our home. **You are helping sow seeds of hope for a better tomorrow.** Thank you for your part in making Mustard Seed Shelter what it is today and for making it possible for us to continue serving our GREAT Saginaw community!

In God’s peace and love,

Amy Bartels Roe,
Executive Director



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TONIGHT’S PROGRAM

6-7:45 p.m. Eat, drink, mingle & shop
Raffles and 50/50 close at 7:45

7:45-8:30 p.m. Program

Welcome and Update – Bill Hartl, Board President

Guest Stories

Volunteer Awards – Amy Bartels Roe,
Executive Director

Special Appeal: Safety and Security Features

Door Prize Drawings

8:30-10 p.m. Check out and continue to enjoy the evening

The bar is open and the band will keep playing until 10 p.m.!

Please let one of our volunteers know if you need assistance carrying items to your vehicle.

10 p.m. THANK YOU! Safe travels home and see you next year!
(Save the date: Thursday, Nov. 7, 2024)

Sowing Seeds of Hope Committee

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| Kim Anderson | Trina Morrow |
| Gabriella DeVries | LuAnn Ramer |
| Linda Doerr | Debi Slivinski |
| Vanessa Jones | Cathy Snyder |

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Count 'N' Change for providing *tonight's entertainment*

Gaudreau The Florist: *Floral arrangements*

Reimold Printing Corporation: *Tickets and program*

Faith Nesbitt: *Custom volunteer awards*

Cathy Tafel State Farm Agent and Sips 476: *Ticket sale locations*

SVSU and University of Kentucky students: *Event volunteers*

Joe Christensen and Simoni Production: *Video support*

SPECIAL APPEAL

Safety and Security Features for Our Home



Background

As part of Mustard Seed's expansion project in 2020, which included a 12-unit addition for single women, we renovated the original two-story section of our home to provide additional space to welcome mothers and their children. Depending upon the combination of women and children, there are, on average, 25-30 guests sleeping on the family side of our home every night. The bedrooms are entirely on the second floor, with kitchen, dining room and other living spaces on the first floor. Only one stairway currently connects the two floors. In the unfortunate event of a fire or other emergency, the lives of 15-17 infants and children and their mothers could be at risk as they exit the building.

While code does not require an external stairway, our goal is to exceed code requirements. **Adding an external staircase will complete the "safety protocol" on our family side.** With that in mind, we began seeking funding and construction partners for this safety feature in early 2022.

Three local businesses, Howard Structural Steel, R.C. Hendrick & Son and Concrete Cutting Specialists, have made generous commitments in labor and materials toward the fire escape portion of the project, including excavation, footings and substructure installation, and a new door. Their commitments have significantly reduced construction costs.

The total remaining project cost of \$25,000 encompasses the fire escape, security cameras, and additional safety and security features for our home. Zonta Club of Saginaw and St. John Lutheran ELCA Saginaw Legacy Foundation have each committed \$2,000 toward the project. **Tonight, you can help us reach our goal of raising \$21,000 so we may move forward!**

DONATE ONLINE NOW at mustardseedshelter.org

BON APPÉTIT!

Thank you to all of these businesses for preparing tonight's "strolling meal." Enjoy a true taste of Saginaw - hearty appetizers, specialty items and more. And don't forget dessert!



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DIVINE TASTE OF CHICAGO

EL FAROLITO

HONEY'S TASTY POTATOES

KRAV'N COOKIES

KREOLE QUEENZ

MAKIN' BACON

MERNA'S

SAIGON SANDWICH

SIPS DOWNTOWN

VALARIEBEAS CREAM CAKES

THANK YOU!

EVENT SPONSORS



We are deeply grateful for the businesses, individuals and families who have helped underwrite tonight's event so that every dollar you give will go directly to helping women and children.

Nurturing Promise (\$1,000)

Glastender
Paul & Jennifer Metevia
Nouvel Catholic Girl Scout Troop 50864
Riverside Animal Clinic

Planting Possibility (\$500)

Cat Bandit
EZ Pro Delivery
Duane Siler
White Orthodontics

Memorials

Jim & Susan Berghoff - in memory of Ann Berghoff
Terri & Jim Weiss - in honor of their mothers,
Pearly and Barb

Donors

A.C. Coppolino Agency
Connie Bockelman
Smith Bovill PC
Ron & Charlotte Huebner
State Farm - Karl Briggs
Valerie's Downtown

RAFFLE PRIZE DONORS



A giant thanks to all who generously donated more than 50 raffle items and experiences!

Kim & Tom Anderson	Beth Miller
Artisan Urban Bistro	Pat & Judy O'Toole
Karen Bartels	Pâtisserie
Amy Bartels Roe	Dawn Ozark & Dan McKune
Bayne's Apple Valley	Bonnie Poppe
Board & Brush Creative Studio	Purple Sage
Scott Boehler	Luann Ramer
Cheap to Chic	Rebel Co.
Sue DeKett	Pari Satarski
Bob & Linda Doerr	Kathy Schultz
E3 Fitness/Becky Raube	Laurie Shell
EZ Pro Delivery	Debi Slivinski
Fabiano Brothers Inc	Super Cute
Glendale Burger Shop	The Little Yarn Shoppe
Alicia Gotham - Foxtale Stylist	The White House in Frankenmuth
Intermission Deli	Thrive Creative Innovations
Kluck's Nursery	Sherrie Tiderington
Family of Walter McNew	Jim & Terri Weiss
Michigan Cream & Sugar Ice Cream Company	Ed Welz

*For truly I tell you, if you have
faith the size of a mustard seed,
you will say to this mountain,
"Move from here to there," and
it will move; and nothing will be
impossible for you.*

(Matthew 17: 20-21)





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About Mustard Seed Shelter

Since opening our doors in 1995, Mustard Seed Shelter has provided shelter and radical hospitality to more than 1,600 women and children experiencing homelessness. Our beginnings were incredibly humble – a few friends pooling their resources to make a difference in the lives of a few women at a time.

Today, a small staff and an impressive army of volunteers do the work of Mustard Seed, which now shelters up to 40 women and children at a time. Our home on Cherry Street is still very much a home – where our guests, staff and volunteers form a close-knit family. We rely entirely on private donations to provide these women and children – *our guests* – with a safe and welcoming space in which to heal, find their purpose and place in the community, and work toward reaching their full potential. We have no time limit for how long they can stay; the timeline is guided by their progress and readiness to reintegrate in the community.

Mustard Seed is supported primarily by donations from individuals, churches, clubs, organizations and local foundations. We are proud to report that 97 cents of every dollar received goes directly to life-changing programs.

OUR MISSION

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



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