



8TH ANNUAL **FALL FUNDRAISER**
SVRC MARKETPLACE
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2024



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 Michael Brush and the Blue OGs 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!



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Welcome to our 8th Annual Sowing Seeds of Hope Fall Fundraiser – we're so glad you are here! Whether this is your first "Sowing Seeds" experience or your eighth, we are sincerely blessed by your presence here tonight at the SVRC Marketplace.

From our earliest days in 1995, volunteers have been at the heart of carrying out Mustard Seed's mission to **water the seed 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 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 stand out as extraordinary **bringers of hope** to our guests, to one another and to our community at large. We are deeply 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. We will also be kicking off our **30th anniversary** with a special funding challenge, along with announcing an exciting new endeavor for our organization. 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 and shop**
Raffles and 50/50 close at 7:45
- 6:15 p.m.** **Welcome – Amy Bartels Roe, Executive Director, and Bill Hartl, Board President**
- 7 p.m.** **Seedling of the Year Award**
- 8 p.m.** **Guest Testimonial**
Volunteer Awards
Door Prize Drawings
Check out
Please let one of our volunteers know if you need assistance carrying items to your vehicle.
- 9 p.m.** **THANK YOU! Safe travels home and see you next year!**
(Save the date: Thursday, Nov. 6, 2025)



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!

Cob King
El Farolito
Goose Tooth Co.
Honey's Tasty Potatoes
Kakes the Great

Krav'n Cookies
Makin' Bacon
Merna's
Saigon Sandwich
ValarieBeas Cream Cakes

CELEBRATING OUR 2024 VOLUNTEER AWARD RECIPIENTS



Congratulations and thank you to our 2024 award recipients and all of our volunteers who make the work of Mustard Seed possible!

Since our founding in 1995, volunteers have been vital to carrying out the mission of Mustard Seed Shelter. Tonight we honor the exceptional individuals and organizations who make it possible for us to provide a unique home environment where women can heal, grow and find their purpose and place in the community.

2024 Leona Sullivan Cultivating Spirit Award: Barb Hall

Radical hospitality is at the core of Mustard Seed Shelter, in large part due to our co-founder Leona Sullivan. This award is given to an individual who models Leona's spirit of welcome and grace, carrying out our mission in an extraordinary way.

2023 Recipient: Laurie Shell

2022 Recipient: The Leona Sullivan

2024 Beautiful Bouquet Award: Connie Bockelman and Linda Tomandl

This award is given to a group that has come together to make a difference in the lives of those served through Mustard Seed Shelter in an extraordinary way. Their "beautiful bouquet" of caring hearts and combined efforts has made a significant impact.

2023 Recipients: Tom Anderson, Bob Lange and Dan Porath

2022 Recipients: Bob Hanley, Marvin Kozara and Tom Slivinski



2024 Growing Side-by-Side Award: YWCA Great Lakes Bay Region

This award is given to a Great Lakes Bay Region nonprofit partner organization that works alongside Mustard Seed Shelter to cultivate healthy growth in those we serve through education, mental or physical health care services, spiritual growth or other support.

2023 Recipient: Partnership Center/NEST Program

2022 Recipient: Youth Protection Council

2024 Growth Through Giving Corporate Sponsor Award: Total Michigan Podcast/Cliff Duvernois

This award is given to a business or corporation that demonstrates a shared vision to relieve poverty and distress by providing and/or supporting opportunities for education, upskilling and overall advancement of those served by Mustard Seed Shelter.

2023 Recipient: Mike's Wrecker

2022 Recipient: EZ Pro Delivery and Larkin's Dry Ice

2024 Seedling of the Year: Adelaide Heinrich

This award is given to a youth (18 years and younger) who has exemplified the nurturing spirit of Mustard Seed Shelter in their selfless service and acts of caring. Seedlings demonstrate that they have embraced volunteering as a way of life.

2023 Recipient: Victoria Durow

2022 Recipient: Addy Taylor

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)



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.



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SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Arielle Roth: *Photography services*

Michael Brush and the Blue OGs
for providing *tonight's entertainment*

Gaudreau The Florist: *Floral arrangements*

Reimold Printing Corporation: *Tickets and program*

Faith Nesbitt: *Custom volunteer awards*

Kim Anderson, LuAnn Ramer & Debi Slivinski

All of tonight's volunteers

RAFFLE PRIZE DONORS



A giant thanks to all who generously donated more than 60 raffle items and experiences!

Abele Greenhouse & Garden Center	St. Michael's Maple Grove
Artisan Urban Bistro	Moms Ministry
Bobbi Allen/Saginaw Area	St. Michael Maple Grove
Watercolor Artists	Sewing Ministry
Kim & Tom Anderson	Mauve Moth
Art Sample	MeadowCreek Clothiers
Amy Bartels Roe	Mid-Michigan Children's Museum
Grace Bartels	Dan Mrozinski
Karen Bartels	Oppermann's Cork 'N' Ale
Kathy Bartels	Dawn Ozark & Dan McKune
Beech Hollow Golf Course	Pampered Chef/Michele Kuligowski
Birdhouse Guy	Purple Sage
Bronner's CHRISTmas Wonderland	Ramer Family
Sue Giuliani	Retro Rocks
Intermission Deli	Saginaw Children's Zoo
Jamie Dycus	Laurie Shell
Marilyn Hackett	Slivinski Family
Mike & Debbi Haremski	Cathy Snyder
Bill & Kris Hartl	Stardust Entertainment Center
Heritage High School	The Little Yarn Shoppe
Art Department Students	Timbers Bar & Grill
Heritage High School Art Teachers,	Terri Weiss
Lindsay Brown & Danielle Kearney	Tropical Smoothie on State Street
Hirschman Family	Ed & Marilyn Welz
Intermission Deli	White Orthodontics





Our Sowing Seeds of Hope events are a critical source of funding for the life-changing work we do at Mustard Seed.

About Mustard Seed Shelter

Since opening our doors in 1995, Mustard Seed Shelter has provided shelter and radical hospitality to more than 1,700 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.



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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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