



A SEASON ILLUMINATED BY JOY AND WONDER



GREETINGS, DEAR FRIENDS!



Like yours, **our home on Cherry Street is bustling with holiday preparations.** In the midst of decorating, baking and humming Christmas carols, we continue to **welcome new guests** while walking alongside our **growing family of women and children** who are working toward a better life for themselves. Under the glow of twinkly lights, we pause to rock a baby, help a child with homework or guide a young mom applying for a job. As we reflect upon another year full of **growth, change and celebration**, we are grateful for all of the ways our community has come together to support the ministry of Mustard Seed Shelter. Bolstered by your love and support, we took a **bold step of faith** this spring in launching our Extend the Branch capacity building and shelter expansion project. We hope to break ground this coming spring and, by this time next year, be able to shelter twice as many women and children. **As we grow, we need your support more than ever.**

Please join us in celebrating the successes of this past year and help us continue to offer a warm, welcoming home for women and children to heal and grow toward all God means them to be. **Your gift of \$50, \$100, \$500 or more will allow us to continue to help** Tiffany, Abby, Susan, Trina and so many others.

MERRY MILESTONES

A sampling of successes

- Shaniqua received her Michigan ID and started a **new job!**
- Terri, Nicole, Tameko, Lorie, Deborah, Dawn, Ramanda, Laura and their children moved into **new homes**, with help from our Move Crew
- Susan found employment and is now **looking for housing**
- Trina **enrolled at Delta College** and is on her way to completion of Drug Court
- Abby, who celebrated her 12th birthday with us, **received all A's** on her last report card

BLESSINGS FOR A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS AND WONDER-FILLED NEW YEAR!

**Our Mustard Seed family -
Amy, staff, guests and
volunteers**



2018: YEAR IN REVIEW

46 women & 22 children

welcomed as guests, including 3 newborn babies



11,000+

meals shared around our family dinner tables

3rd Annual

“Sowing Seeds of Hope”

a GREAT Success!



Maintained support of **77 women and children** in Shelter Plus Care, our permanent supportive housing program



3,600+ volunteer service hours

Extend the Branch capacity building and shelter expansion project officially launched & Herb Spence Jr. Residential Building Program at Delta College constructed interior walls for our expansion

New **collaborative relationships** formed with Mental Health Court and a newly created sobriety court, thanks to our Services team



~700 Facebook friends continue to help spread the word of our ministry

“ Mustard Seed Shelter loved me until I could learn to **love** myself. Being here has helped me find my **value** and **purpose**, something I never had before. This **sisterhood** and **community** has become my **family**. ”
– Tiffany, Mustard Seed guest

Your gift makes a real difference. Each of our guests comes to us with a story that touches our hearts – take Tiffany, for example. With her warm smile and exuberant spirit today, you would not know that she recently broke free from 27 years of drug abuse and physical and emotional pain before coming to us. Tiffany is now working toward her GED and we look forward to what God has planned next for her.



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