MUSTARD SEED SHELTER

A HOME OF MANY BLESSINGS

BUILDING POTENTIAL, SHARING LOVE

FOSTERING CARING, INCLUSION AND CONNECTION

On any given night in Saginaw, there are about 360 individuals experiencing homelessness. Many of them are single women, often with young children in tow, living in their cars, moving from one friend's couch to another's, or even sleeping on the street. Mustard Seed Shelter offers these women temporary shelter from the weather, a clean bed, warm meals, a shower, a comforting hug and a chance to "unpack" their life stories and begin to piece their lives back together. Guests are connected with necessary medical, psychological and substance abuse treatment, as well as education and employment resources and government housing grants for those who qualify.

The main goal of Mustard Seed Shelter is simple – to welcome women who are broken in spirit and to show them love, mercy and compassion as we guide them toward self-sufficiency. At the same time, we provide a safe, stable home environment for our guests' children, helping to break the cycle of poverty.

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.

CHANGING LIVES STRENGTHENING FAMILIES

At Mustard Seed, we recognize that healing from a lifetime of challenges takes time, and every journey is unique. That's why we don't place a limit on how long our guests can stay. On average, women and families spend 3-6 months in our safe, nurturing environment, where we connect them to a holistic range of life-changing services, including:

- Recovery and crisis resolution support groups
- Individual counseling sessions
- Life skills support groups
- Parenting skills training
- Mental health assessments and treatment referrals
- Assistance with goal planning
- Money-management coaching and mentoring
- GED and educational support
- Job training

"I get to learn how to live while at Mustard Seed. Just like a seed, this place helps you grow. To be your true self."

Dixie, former guest

HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION AND AFTERCARE

PARTNERSHIP CENTER NEST

NEST (Neighbors Enabling Success Together), now a program of Partnership Center, got its start at Mustard Seed. This initiative provides furnishings and household items free of charge to anyone at risk of or emerging from homelessness – now serving more than 40 families monthly. By connecting the surplus of perfectly good household items with those who need them, NEST has helped people create "homier" homes where they want to stay. NEST has also helped create meaningful volunteer experiences and bring visibility to the complexity of poverty and housing insecurity. Learn more at saginawpartnershipcenter.org/the-nest-program.

GROUNDED IN FAITH, OPEN TO ALL

Mustard Seed Shelter is a faith-based organization that is not directly connected to a specific church or institution. Guests are not proselytized, nor is faith of any kind a requirement for entering or remaining in our shelter.

"The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed ... the smallest of all seeds but becomes the biggest, so that the birds in the air shelter in its branches."

(Matthew 13:31-32)

Because of our small home environment, we have the opportunity to help women rebuild their lives by helping them address both their crisis situation and the core reasons that led to their homelessness. We work hand in hand with our guests, helping them access the services they need to turn their lives around.

Since our founding in 1995, Mustard Seed has welcomed nearly 2,000 women and children, providing emergency shelter to more than 90 individuals each year, and assisting more than 90 each year with permanent supportive housing services that put women and children into a stable housing situation.

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.

YOUR TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE CAN HELP TRANSFORM SOMEONE'S LIFE

Whether you make a one-time gift or become a Friend of Mustard Seed Shelter with a monthly or annual commitment, your donation makes a difference. Visit our website to see numerous ways to get involved and support Mustard Seed's work.

Contact us about becoming a Friend, planned giving options and volunteer opportunities.

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