



THE SHARE CENTER

2025 YEAR IN REVIEW



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Dear Supporter,

Reflecting on 2025 fills me with immense gratitude for being a part of a generous community that cares for its most vulnerable members. While the year presented significant hurdles—including major funding losses through no fault of our own—the story of 2025 was one of unprecedented community response.

Your generosity turned a potential crisis into allowing us to keep our doors open for over 84,000 visits from more than 1,800 neighbors seeking help and a path forward. When we asked for operational support, **You** set new fundraising records. When we asked for gift donations for our annual holiday party, **You** donated more than enough presents for everyone. When we asked for blankets for winter and our overnight shelter, **You** provided thousands.

None of the vital work we do would be possible without our amazing staff. From helping someone in crisis to working 14-hour overnight shifts, their commitment to our clients is truly inspiring. Along with supporters like you, they are what makes us a small organization with a big impact.

As we look toward 2026, we do so with a renewed sense of purpose. We know there will be many more challenges to come. However, we take comfort in being part of a community that cares.

With gratitude and hope,

Robert Elchert,
Executive Director

The People We Served

Bad things happen to good people. Whether it is a veteran with PTSD, a victim of human trafficking, or a survivor of domestic violence, trauma has led to many people into a vicious cycle of homelessness, poor mental health, and addiction that is very easy to fall into and very hard to escape.

Additionally, simply being homeless is traumatizing on a daily basis. The longer someone is homeless, the more likely it is that trauma will become a significant challenge. These clients need extra supports to overcome their barriers.

Having a staff that has lived experience overcoming trauma caused mental health and addiction barriers helps us create the non-judgmental and supportive environment our clients need to succeed. Staff continue to be positive role models that show clients that what seems impossible is actually very possible.



Most of our clients are chronically homeless



84,539 Visits by 1,805 People



21,043 Visits by 868 New Clients



18,342 Visits by 301 Seniors



1,115 Visits by 123 Children



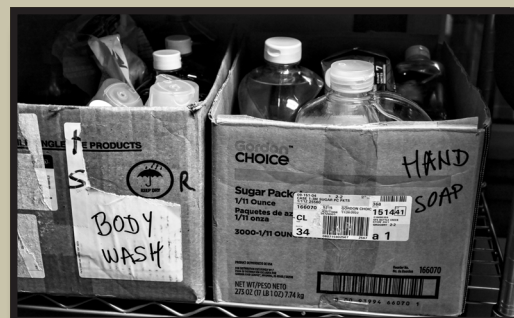
9,076 Visits by 178 Veterans



**843 Stays by 154 People in Our
Emergency Overnight Shelter**

Meeting Basic Needs

Whether it is someone experiencing chronic homelessness or a family that is facing temporary hardships, the chances of making a full recovery increase significantly when people do not have to worry about their basic needs being met. They can focus more of their time and limited resources on other expenses like housing. Not meeting these needs can have harmful lifelong impacts.



51,029 Meals Served to 1,611 People

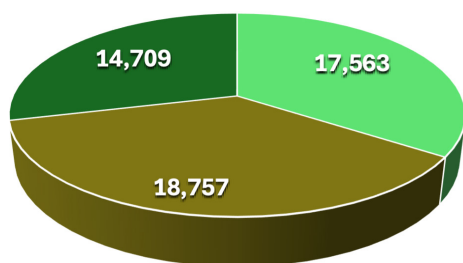
10,878 Meals Served to 275 Seniors

1,029 Meals Served to 119 Children

5,416 Meals Served to 166 Veterans

140 Meals/Day Average

Type of Meal Served



■ Breakfast ■ Lunch ■ Dinner

15,049 Basic Needs Items Distributed

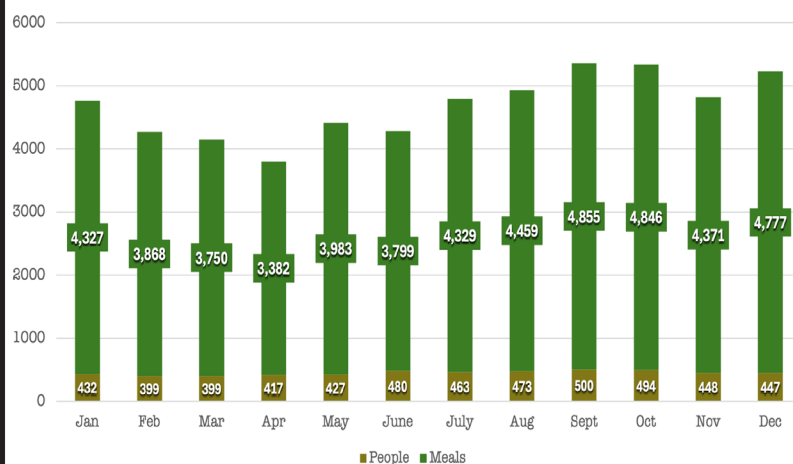
215 People did 659 Loads of Laundry

255 People Took 1,855 Showers

Basic Needs Items

Socks	2,210	Gloves	296
Cotton Swabs	1,225	Maxi Pads	233
Razors	999	Blankets	214
Deodorant	954	Hats	188
Toothpaste	902	Ponchos	173
Toothbrushes	893	Tampons	163
Soap	866	Tissues	121
Shaving Cream	777	Underwear	87
Shampoo	760	Hygiene Kits	65
Lotions	683	Shoes	47
Combs	665	Pet Food/Supplies	44
Conditioner	663	Sanitizer	41
Lip Balm	581	Food Box	38
Body Warmers	532	Coats/Jackets	36
Floss	426	Other <25	167
TOTAL:			15,049

People and Meals Per Month



Removing Barriers

Drop-In Services



Most of our clients are chronically homeless and are experiencing both personal and systemic barriers. Two of the most significant challenges our clients face are related to mental health and addiction. If not overcome, these barriers can keep people trapped in homelessness for many years.

29,372 Visits from 1,185 Clients

6,486 Visits from 217 Seniors

3,108 Visits from 120 Veterans

A drop-in is a peer-to-peer mental health facility that helps people with these barriers. Our staff receive trainings regarding trauma, mental health first aid, NARCAN, and deescalation. However, there is no substitute for their lived experience overcoming the barriers in their own path to recovery and for the dedication they have towards helping our clients with their recovery.

Peer Recovery Coaching

The SHARE Center's full-time Peer Recovery Coach, Matt Jones, is a certified SMART Recovery instructor and teaches our weekly Life Skills classes. His dedication is unmatched and he has become one of the best resources in the county for peer-based recovery services. His personal experience and dedication have made him one of the best resources in the county for recovery, especially for the chronically homeless.



The Recovery Wagon

Recovery Van Trips 2025

Destination	# of Trips
Methadone Clinic	295
In-Patient Recovery Services	171
Encampment Outreach	23
Hospital	7



Matt Jones is a Certified Peer Recovery Coach and SMART Recovery Facilitator

Average Months of Homelessness at Intake = 24

31% of Clients Have a Physical Disability

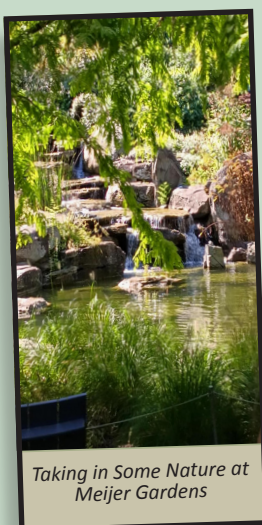
101 Open Cases in 2025

28 New Clients

Removing Barriers

Drop-In Services

The “E” in SHARE Center stands for enrichment, and along with inclusion, it is one of our Core Values. There is a lot of research demonstrating the healing powers exposure to art, music, culture, and nature can have on people who are in recovery. Without places like the SHARE Center, our clients would likely not have the opportunities to enjoy these resources. By providing enriching activities and including clients in community events, we are helping them become more active members of society in a way that is both fun and educational. Our weekly Support Groups include SMART Recovery, Women’s Group, Life Skills, and Vet 2 Vet. Visit our website for a full schedule.



Taking in Some Nature at Meijer Gardens



Pebble Art



Humble Loaves Sourdough Workshop



Our Guests Made Colorful Bags with Positive Messages



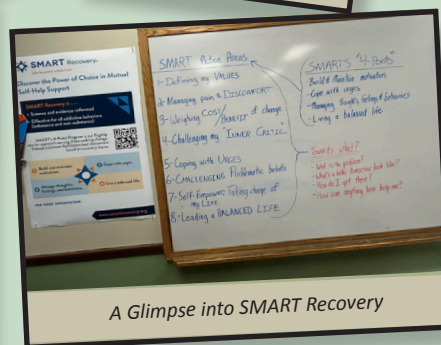
We Have Some Talented Artists at the SHARE Center



Our Gardening Club Meets Twice a Week



Artwork from Field Trip to Meijer Garden



A Glimpse into SMART Recovery

Other Barriers



In addition to challenges related to mental health and addiction, lack of identification, phones, and transportation are also barriers our clients commonly face. Vital records and state IDs are required for employment, benefits, housing, education, and voter registration. Not having transportation or a cell phone can also inhibit employment and housing opportunities. Our clients can also use our address for sending and receiving mail.

577 Bus Passes to 167 People

63 Vital Records Obtained

92 State IDs Obtained

63 Cell Phones Obtained

Stabilizing Income & Housing



SC Case Manager, Cam Dawson

Our Full-Time Case Manager; Cam Dawson helps clients stabilize income and housing. He is certified in Social Security/Disability, Outreach, Access, & Recovery (SOAR) and is also becoming a certified Community Health Worker. He helps clients maximize their monthly income through employment, benefits, or both and assists with job searches, applications, resumes, and navigating the system of care. Knowing there was a need for case management services throughout the county, he began having office hours in Albion every Wednesday at First United Methodist Church last spring.

A stable living environment is critical towards someone's recovery. As clients secure housing, our supportive services are still available to them, so they can maintain their housing and continue reaching their goals.

254 Open Cases in 2025

147 New Cases in 2025

23 People Secured Housing



31 Obtained Employment

43 Received First Time Benefits

168 Referrals Made

Avg. Self-Sufficiency Score Improvement After 3 Mos. = 29%

Avg. Monthly Income Increase After 3 Months = \$1,323

Special Events

The holiday season can be an especially difficult time for people experiencing poverty and homelessness. Many of our clients do not have family outside of the SHARE Center. In a wonderful example of how great our community is, people donated so many gifts that we had two for every adult and child. In total, there were about 120 individuals and families who were in attendance this year. We had food, gifts, live music from Bobby Holley and his band, and a whole lot of fun. Thank you to everyone who donated gifts!



Cher for SHARE Fundraiser

Our first annual Cher for SHARE Fundraiser was a huge success! This event was held November 6, 2025, at the Riverside Golf Club. Complete with a Cher impersonator, the event was sold out with almost 100 people in attendance. In total, we raised \$30K!!! Thanks to the generosity of all who bought raffle tickets, event tickets, or an event sponsorship (see Fundraising section).



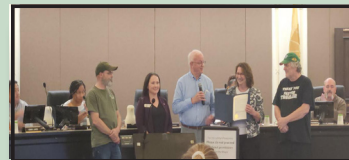
Pool Tournament

After learning about the SHARE Center, KCC nursing student and pool sharpshooter, Madisyn Morgan organized a pool tournament at Jim's Place in Coldwater, MI. The event was in December, and raised over \$650. This might become an annual event. Thanks Madisyn and Jim's Place for hosting.



2025 Homeless Health Fair/VA Stand Down

We play an active role in the planning of this annual event. Over 30 vendors provide information, resources, basic needs items, check ups and haircuts. Veterans also receive a pair of boots and access to VA services. Each year, the City of Battle Creek passes a resolution to honor the event.



In Memoriam

James Van Noty

We were struck with sadness and grief when one of our most dedicated staff members passed away unexpectedly last summer. A former client of the SHARE Center, James started working for us in 2019 after volunteering. He helped a lot of clients and saved many lives of people who were in crisis. James was also a U.S. Army Veteran. Clearly, he was a person who was committed to serving others.

We held a Celebration of Life where a memorial tree was planted and staff and clients shared memories and stories about James. Thank you Leila Arboretum for donating the tree, to Plumeria Botanical Boutique for the flowers, and Progressive Printing and Graphics for making the pictureboard. James was a real hero and is sorely missed every day.



Thank You

2025 Cher for SHARE Sponsors and Contributors

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Thank You

Friends of the SHARE Center

Friends of the SHARE Center is made up of some of the finest people in Calhoun County, Michigan. This group started in 2024 to help the SHARE Center raise awareness and money. Their efforts have really paid off, literally.



The SHARE Center is a small organization that does not have staffing or budget for marketing and development. Having this group of dedicated volunteers has been critical to our financial stability, especially during a very challenging year. In 2024, they planned and executed Carnival Food Bites Fundraiser held at the Kellogg Arena. In 2025, they created our first annual Cher for SHARE Fundraiser that was a huge success. The Friends are currently working on events for 2026. If you are interested in joining this dynamic group of volunteers, contact them at friends@sharecenterbc.org.

2025 Friends of the SHARE Center

- Karmel Addis
- Melissa Burke
- Dan Egan
- Linda Pell
- Kathy Antaya
- Marcus Dowd
- Jaimie Fales
- Linda Whitfield

Also special thanks to John Grap for helping us with pictures and video production and Isabella Salas for helping with social media content.

Volunteers

In addition to Friends of the SHARE Center, we got a lot of support from organizations and individuals who donated their time and talents to help the SHARE Center and the people we serve. In 2025, volunteers put in a total of over 770 hours serving meals, cleaning, organizing, and doing yardwork. We don't have enough space to thank everyone individually, but we do want to recognize our regular meal providers: Bill & Friends from Victory Life Church, Dale and Mike from Calvary Chapel, Tammy & Crew from Transition Island Ministries, Jack & Friends from Manna Outreach, and Trinity Lutheran Church. Together, they put in over 300 hours preparing and serving meals.



Omni Community CU



Volunteer Coordinator,
Kathy Antaya



Students from Lemora Park
Elementary Made Sandwiches
and Sang Songs.

2025 Meals Sponsorships

This was our second year of Meal Sponsorships. Thanks to the organizations and people below, we raised enough to provide 1,450 meals to over 600 people. This helps us continue ensuring that everyone in need has access to three healthy and delicious meals every day of the year.



- **Dates Meals Provided: 3/1/25 to 3/13/25**
- **Number of Meals Provided: 431**
- **Number of People Served: 109**



NORTH AVENUE CHURCH OF GOD

- **Dates Meals Provided: 6/16/25 to 6/18/25**
- **Number of Meals Provided: 446**
- **Number of People Served: 174**

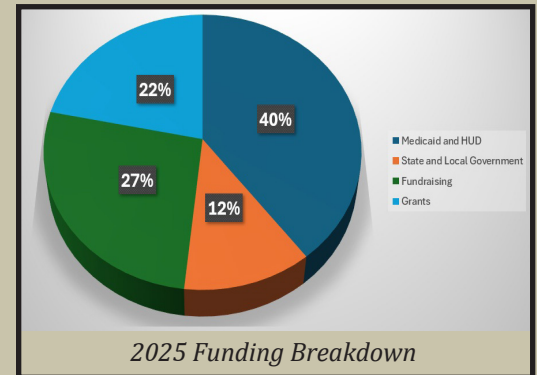
Anonymous Sponsor

- **Dates Meals Provided: 8/18/25 to 8/20/25**
- **Number of Meals Provided: 573**
- **Number of People Served: 214**



Thank You Donors

We are so grateful to be a part of a community that cares. 2025 was difficult because we lost over \$80K in funding at a time when needs were increasing. The response from the community was incredible and made a huge difference. We had 160 first time donors and our donation revenue increased by over 300% from 2024!!! This is absolutely amazing! We still face many challenges ahead, but it is reassuring to know there are so many caring and generous people in our community who want to help our most vulnerable members.



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