

2025 ANNUAL REPORT



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Oaks Mission:

The mission of Oaks Village is to **Restore, Rebuild and Repurpose**. Rebuild our community, restore families and repurpose individuals. Oaks Village serves as a **one stop shop** for physical, spiritual and emotional needs to be met for individuals and families.



CORE VALUES

Compassion

We serve with empathy and kindness, meeting people where they are and recognizing the dignity in every individual.

Restoration

We believe in helping individuals and families rebuild their lives physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

Hope & Resilience

We promote hope by offering support systems that encourage growth, resilience, and self sufficiency.



Meet Our Board:

IKE SMITH, PRESIDENT + HR COMMITTEE

ROBB BURGESS, VICE PRESIDENT

APRIL PECK, TREASURER

CATHY CSECSRE, SECRETARY + HR COMMITTEE

AISHA FERGUSON, HR COMMITTEE

SANDRA LIBSTORFF

JESSIE LOCKE

CINDY WILLIAMS

FORREST PECK

Meet Our Leadership:

GARRY MOORE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

PATTY LYNNE WHITE, SHELTER ADMINISTRATOR

CHELSEA WADE, EXECUTIVE OUTREACH DIRECTOR

TARA BIJARRO, DIRECTOR OF RECOVERY SUPPORT SERVICES

SONIA FERDIN, BUILDING ADMINISTRATOR



A Letter From Our Executive Director:



Dear Friends and Supporters,

First and foremost, I want to express my deep gratitude to God for this incredible opportunity. When I first came to Oaks five years ago, I could never have imagined that one day I would be writing this letter as the Executive Director. It's truly a testimony to the life changing work that happens here every day. The mission of Oaks is to provide individuals and families in need with food, clothing, shelter, recovery services, and spiritual support. Our vision is to bring Hope and Restoration to those we serve, extending from individuals and families to the entire Monroe community and beyond.

I write to you today not only as the Executive Director, but also as someone who has personally experienced the transformational impact of Oaks. The love, support, and hope I received here not only changed my life but also brought healing and restoration to my family. When I first came to Oaks, I was in the most desperate times of my life. We have the slogan: "A hand up, not a handout." True to that message, there were so many caring people here at Oaks that gave me a helping hand, lifted me up, and helped me rebuild. My heart overflows with gratitude because of the love I've been shown and the way I see our workers and volunteers loving and helping others every day.

The needs in our community remain great. Every program we offer is vital, and more necessary than ever. Last year alone, over 250 individuals came through our shelter seeking relief from homelessness. Our recovery meetings are filled daily with people fighting to overcome addiction and find hope. In 2025, our food pantry provided nourishment to more than 16,000 people, with hundreds of families receiving food boxes each week. Alongside our partners, we serve over 1,000 meals weekly, ensuring that no one in our community goes hungry.

This past year has been a period of transition and transformation for Oaks. With new leadership and dedicated Board members joining our mission, one thing remains unchanged, our commitment to serve those in need and to show love to every person who walks through our doors. Thank you, friends and supporters, for continuing to believe in the mission of Oaks. Your prayers, your time, and your generosity make this work possible. Together, we are not only meeting physical needs but also restoring hope and changing lives; just as Oaks once did for me. With heartfelt gratitude,

Garry Moore

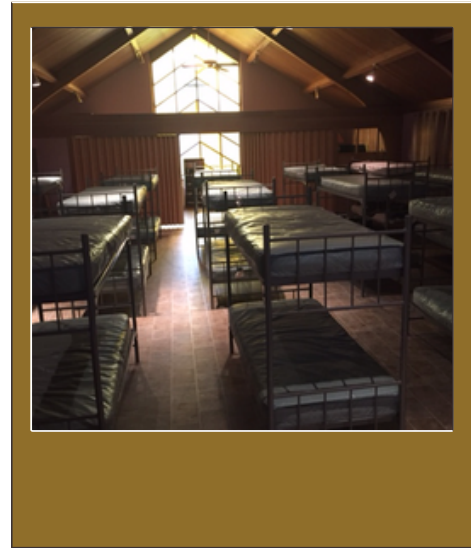
Executive Director, Oaks Village



Oaks Homeless Shelter Year at a Glance:

**271 NEIGHBORS HOUSED
14,332 NIGHTS OF SAFE SHELTER
PROVIDED**

through our homeless shelter.



Oaks shelter provides a safe place to stay along with three daily meals and essential hygiene products to meet immediate needs. Beyond basic care, we offer case management and peer recovery support to help residents secure housing, access resources, and work toward long term stability. Through compassionate guidance and practical support, we walk alongside individuals as they rebuild their lives



According to HUD, only 26% of homeless shelters in Michigan can accept families/kids. Oaks is proud to be a part of that 26% doing our best to serve children and families when they come to our doors.



Oaks Shelter utilizes partnerships with community members to serve some of our dinner meals throughout the months. This allows individuals to serve the unhoused and be connected and united with our mission.



Substance Abuse Support and Services in 2025:



RECOVERY MOBILE HAS A MISSION TO PROVIDE TREATMENT OPTIONS FOR DRUG AND ALCOHOL ADDICTION THAT HAVE BEEN PROVEN EFFECTIVE IN DECREASING RELAPSE RATES WHILE INCREASING TREATMENT AVAILABILITY TO A POPULATION WHO IS LARGELY UNDER-SERVED.

150 CLIENTS SERVED WITH RECOVERY MOBILE AT OAKS IN 2025.



200 INDIVIDUALS AVERAGED IN ATTENDANCE FOR AA EACH WEEK.



OAKS VILLAGE HOSTS AA MEETINGS SEVEN DAYS A WEEK. WE CURRENTLY HOST THE LARGEST DAILY AA MEETINGS IN THE COUNTY.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES
SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN

In 2025, Catholic Charities lost critical funding. Oaks stepped in the gap and spent

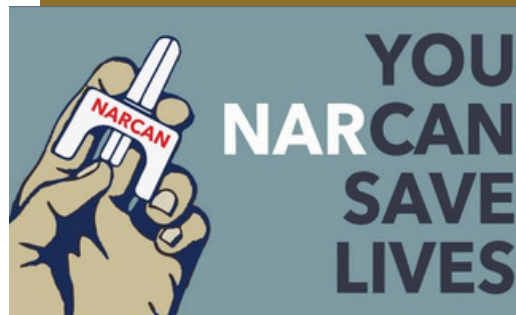
312 NIGHTS

assisting individuals providing them a shower, hygiene products, food, and safe shelter before they could get into life saving treatment.



The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) reported that nearly 34,000 Narcan Kits have been used to reverse overdoses and save lives.

NEED NARCAN? DURING OAKS HOURS OF OPERATION WE HAVE A NARCAN VENDING MACHINE COMPLETELY ACCESSIBLE TO ANY AND ALL WHO NEED IT.



120 NARCAN, XYLAZINE AND FENTANYL TEST STRIP KITS DISTRIBUTED FROM OUR VENDING MACHINE IN 2025

OVER 500 ATTENDEES

TO THE LIFE RECOVERY, FAITH BASED, 12-STEP MEETING.

OVER 100 CLIENTS SERVED

WITH OUR PEER RECOVERY SERVICES.

The Life Recovery meetings are gatherings where we use the Life Recovery Bible to merge the 12-steps of recovery with God's Word.

At Oaks, Peer Recovery refers to strength-based support services provided by an individual with lived experience in substance use recovery. These certified professionals, or "peers," use their personal journeys to mentor, advocate for, and guide others, fostering hope, empowerment, and long-term recovery.





Meals Shared, Lives Touched in 2025:



9360 MEALS
SERVED AT OAKS BY GODWORKS

God Works is a non-denominational 501c3 organization that serves meals in host churches. It has no employees, pays no salaries, and is staffed entirely by volunteers. Churches that are not a host church participate by supplying volunteers to prepare and serve a meal. Local businesses and other community groups also supply volunteers and financial support to keep the program going.



This Thanksgiving, Oaks Village served meals to families in our community.

1500 FOOD BAGS
17,100 ITEMS
18,000 LBS OF FOOD GIVEN
1,208 PEOPLE FED



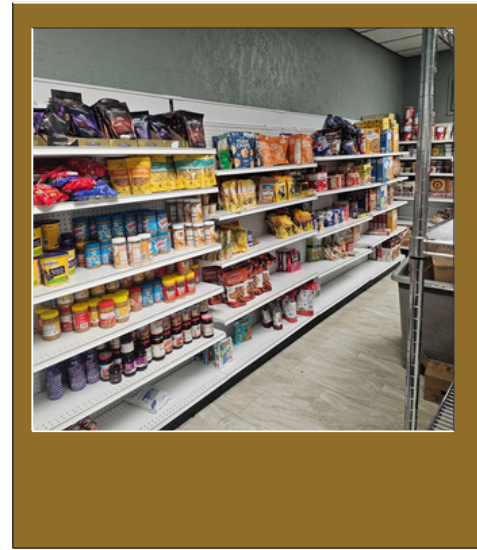
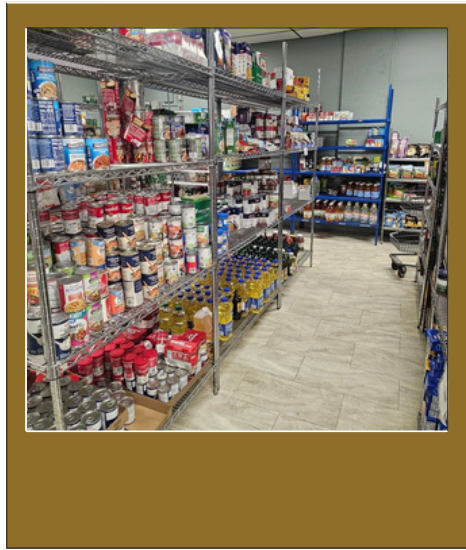
6,135 SENIORS FED
AT OAKS SERVED BY L.I.F.E

Meals are available to Monroe County residents age 60+. Meals are prepared and delivered and/or served by dedicated volunteers throughout Monroe County. They also serve lunch at locations across the county just like they do at Oaks, offering good food, fellowship, and a welcoming atmosphere.





By the Numbers: Food Pantry Outreach



16,728 PEOPLE FED
through our food pantry.

Our Food Pantry remains one of the core ministries of Oaks, serving thousands of individuals and families each year. What was once a traditional pre-packed box distribution has grown into a more personal and dignified shopping experience. Today, families walk alongside a volunteer and select the items that best meet their household's needs. This transformation has not only allowed us to care for our community more thoughtfully, but it has also strengthened connections between volunteers and guests while maximizing our resources. The result is a pantry that nourishes both body and spirit, serving with efficiency, compassion, and dignity.



Our Food Pantry is more than a place of provision; it is a powerful connection point within our community. Local businesses regularly host food drives, families gather donations, and community groups step forward to give generously. Through these partnerships, the pantry has become a shared mission, uniting neighbors, organizations, and volunteers around a common goal: ensuring no one in our community goes hungry.



Where Care Meets Community, Our 2025 Medical Clinic Breakdown:



111 CLIENTS SERVED

AT FAITHWORKS MEDICAL CLINIC AT OAKS IN 2025

FaithWorks Medical is a charitable clinic providing quality, broad spectrum primary care for Monroe County Michigan's poorest and underserved community by promoting overall health for those who are medically uninsured or under-insured with compassion, dignity and respect.





Clothed with Dignity, Oaks Clothing Closet Impact in 2025:



OVER 18,000 SHOPPERS
UTILIZED OUR CLOTHING CLOSET IN 2025.

Our Clothing Closet is a full service, completely free resource available to anyone in our community. It provides everyday clothing for men, women, and children, as well as essential household goods to help families meet basic needs. We also offer scrubs, work ready and interview attire to support employment, along with formalwear set aside for dances and special occasions, ensuring individuals can feel confident during important moments. Through the generosity of our community, the Clothing Closet removes barriers, restores dignity, and meets practical needs at no cost to those we serve.



“AND THE KING WILL SAY, ‘I TELL YOU THE TRUTH, WHEN YOU DID IT TO ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS, YOU WERE DOING IT TO ME!’ MATTHEW 25:40



Blessed to Be a Blessing:



At Oaks, generosity flows both ways. In addition to serving those in need, we actively give back to our community through donated goods, shared resources, partnerships, and outreach efforts. We believe impact isn't just measured by what we receive, but by what we pour back into the people and places around us.

- **60,000 LBS** OF DONATIONS TO MONROE HUMANE SOCIETY
- **10,000 LBS** OF FOOD TO CHRISTIAN CRUSADERS
- **20,000 LBS** OF CAT/DOG FOOD AND TREATS AND CAT LITTER TO FRIENDS OF COMPANION ANIMALS AND **10,000 LBS** TO MONROE COUNTY STRAYS
- WE FILLED **TWO TRAILERS** OF BABY SUPPLIES FOR MERCY HOUSE AND HEARTBEAT OF TOLEDO
- OVER **3,000 LBS** OF BABY FOOD TO HEARTBEAT OF MONROE AND MERCY HOUSE
- **2,000 LBS** OF FOOD TO MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS PANTRY
- **2,000 LBS** OF FOOD TO ST. PAULS EMERGENCY SHELTER
AND SO MANY MORE.



Volunteers: The Heart of Our Mission



OVER 100 VOLUNTEERS ASSISTING IN OUR DAILY OPERATIONS.

Our volunteers are the hands and feet of our mission. Each day, they faithfully serve in our Food Pantry, helping distribute food to neighbors in need. They sort and organize donations in our Clothing Closet, assist shoppers with dignity and care, help maintain and clean the Village, welcome and assist donors as they drop off contributions, and step in wherever there is a need. Through their compassion, dedication, and servant hearts, our volunteers turn faith into action and make our work possible.

32 VOLUNTEERS COMPLETED HOURS IN 2025

"JAWS" refers to a program Oaks has supported for over five years now: Jail Alternative Work Services (a supervised community service program). Through this program Oaks has seen countless lives change and we have retained many of these individuals as volunteers long after they have completed their service hours.



The Impact of Your Generosity:

OAKS THRIVES BECAUSE OF THE GENEROSITY OF OUR NEIGHBORS. IN 2025, YOUR SUPPORT MADE IT POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE CHRISTMAS FOR MORE THAN 60 SHELTER RESIDENTS, GIVE A CHRISTMAS TO OVER 40 FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY, HOST A COMMUNITY “CHRISTMAS SHOP” WHERE FAMILIES COULD SELECT TOYS AND GIFTS, COMBAT FOOD INSECURITY THROUGHOUT OUR NEIGHBORHOOD, AND PURCHASE A NEW WASHER, DRYER, AND REFRIGERATOR FOR OUR SHELTER, AND SO MUCH MORE.

EVERY LIFE TOUCHED THIS YEAR REFLECTS THE COMPASSION AND COMMITMENT OF OUR DONORS. WE ARE DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP. AS WE LOOK AHEAD, WE INVITE YOU TO CONTINUE INVESTING IN THIS MISSION WITH US. TOGETHER, WE CAN REACH EVEN MORE NEIGHBORS IN NEED AND CREATE LASTING IMPACT IN OUR COMMUNITY.

THE QR CODE BELOW WILL TAKE YOU TO OUR WEBSITE WHERE YOU CAN BECOME A MONTHLY DONOR!



OR, YOU CAN DONATE VIA VENMO:



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