

MICAH 6 COMMUNITY

There is always a lot happening at Micah 6 Community

A number of years ago I used to put off some major projects until January or February. It was our "slow season." The gardens were dormant, neighbors were inside, we weren't planning summer programming yet. It was a quiet time.

That is not the case anymore. We now have a four season greenhouse that keeps our gardens going. We have more garden partners which means more planning and collaborating, which starts early. Economics, particularly around the cost of natural gas means more of our friends than ever need help with their heat. And, we are in the final stages of preparing for Webster Community Center, which is a big project.

I think we have seen the end of "slow seasons." We wanted to keep you up to date on some things that are happening here.



Losing Friends

If you have followed our social media accounts, you have seen that we have had a rough January when it comes to losing people we love.



Planning to Grow

We are preparing to fully utilize our four-season greenhouse.

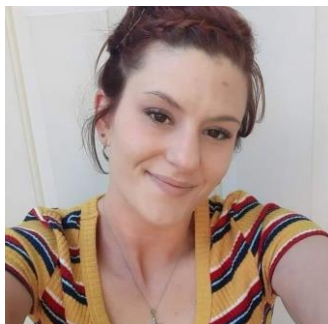
Purchased in 2021 with a grant from [Impact 100 Metro Detroit](#), our four season greenhouse sat in storage because of the increase in construction and material costs. We took an extra year to fundraise and because of generous

- We met **Samatha** in our neighborhood in 2013, our first summer here. She was a fixture in our lives for the next two years. Her energy and excitement were guiding and important for those early years of work.

- **Red** was perhaps our best ambassador of our work in the community. He lived at Micah 6 (sometimes without us knowing) off and on since 2012. He taught our visitors about homelessness, addiction, joy, art, struggle, and God's provision. He was a dear friend and will absolutely leave a hole.

Each of these friends died as the result of addiction and a bad batch of drugs that are making their way around our community. Each of these friends came into our lives for a season where they needed someone-- a community. They were loved, cherished, and valued. And now, they are both missed.

On Sunday, February 5th, we held a memorial service for Red at a theatre in downtown Pontiac. We had ~100 in attendance who came to mourn, share stories and continue to experience that community.



funding from the [Americana Foundation](#), Bloomfield Garden Club, and members at [St. Irenaeus Church](#) we were able to construct the greenhouse including getting plumbing, heat, and electricity connected.

With this space, we are excited to open the doors (literally and figuratively) to other organizations to join us in growing food for our community. We are excited to partner with [Growing Pontiac](#) and [The Farm at Trinity Health Oakland](#) to seed start together, starting in March. We do this because we believe in collaboration and we know that if we can all start our plants earlier, that means more healthy food on the streets here in Pontiac.

We are excited to be able to partner with such great organizations!





Food Distribution

Thanks to funding from Oakland County and the [Pontiac Community Foundation](#), Sprout Fresh Food Store has partnered with [Community Housing Network](#) to deliver bags of produce to clients every week.

Since December we have delivered a bag of produce every week to 60 households.



Our Team Grows by 1

In January, Dylan and Carrie welcomed a baby boy: Cooper Mark Pyeatt! All are happy, healthy and doing well.



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