



Busy Week at Micah 6 Community

Sometimes you just look back at all that has happened in the last month and you realize, actually, that was only two weeks. There is a lot of good news coming through our doors and sometimes we aren't great at sharing all of these positive updates, so we wanted to take a moment to share some great developments and appreciation for all that is going on here at Micah 6!



April 29 - Earth Day Clean Up!

Weather in Michigan is almost as unpredictable as life in the neighborhood. After a few reschedules we just had to go for it on a wet and rainy Saturday. Luckily we had help from our friends at [Tintern Church of Christ](#), [Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County](#), [United Way of Southeast Michigan](#), our local Amazon distribution center, and a good number of neighbors. We cleaned up our local Indian Village Park, bagging up over 35 bags of leaves, repairing a broken fence, and bagging up a lot of trash.



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May 5 - Greenhouse Ribbon Cutting

On May 5th, we took time out to celebrate a major milestone of ours: the opening of our new four-season greenhouse. This greenhouse was sponsored by [Impact 100 of Metro Detroit](#) back in 2020. COVID delays, cost increases, and shaky markets have meant that it has taken significantly longer to get this thing hooked up and operational and was only possible with a final push by the [Americana Foundation](#).

That Friday, we gathered to celebrate and walk through the fully operational space which is currently home to our seedlings as well as those of [Growing Pontiac](#) and [The Farm at Trinity Health Oakland](#). We loved seeing so many faces who have been friends and supporters since we began our work a decade ago.

Special shout out to our mayor Tim Greimel, Commissioner Angela Powell, Senator Jeremy Moss, city council person William Carrington, the members of Impact 100 and the Americana Foundation who joined us and so so many of our garden volunteers.



May 11 - Keller Williams Red Day!

Each year, Keller Williams offices all across the country participate in Red Day-- their annual company wide day to get out and serve in the community. This year, two KW offices decided to join together and come out to Micah 6 Community to do some heavy lifting, tree trimming, lot clearing, and light gardening.

We are incredibly grateful to [Keller Williams Paint Creek](#) and [Keller Williams Premiere Clarkston](#) for joining us on what was a beautiful day! We had more than 75 volunteers tackling projects like clearing out debris in Webster, clearing an overgrown alley that has been a problem spot in our community, picking up a lot of garbage, painting fire hydrants, cleaning bus stops and more. In



total, we filled 85 yards of dumpsters with trash and debris from Webster and the surrounding community.

We love our Keller Williams partners and look forward to continue serving with them.



May 11 - Garden of Cocktails

Our annual drink mixing event, Garden of Cocktails, is getting more and more popular every year. Each spring we bring three drink mixers together to craft what they hope will be the crowd favorite cocktail of the evening.

This year our mixers were Don and Steve from Seminole Hills Cocktail Lounge, Brett and Jessica from [Liberty Bar](#), and Scott, Edgar and Emma with Comin' In Clutch. By the end of the night, for the second year in a row, Seminole Hills Cocktail Lounge walked away with the grand prize.

In total, we had 160 guests come out to support our work and learn more about several local businesses. Thank you to all who participated!





While all of that was happening...

- We received a grant from the Department of Natural Resources to hire 8 Pontiac teens to engage in soft skills and get exposed to outdoor careers.
- We received a grant to help us seek funding to build our tiny-home community at the former Emerson School site.
- We helped two families get into a new housing situation.
- We continue to take weekly group trips to the laundromat with neighbors.
- We supported [OLHSA's Walk for Warmth](#), which helps community members keep the lights and heat on in the winter months.
- We launched our campaign to add 248 new monthly donors - [the 248 Society](#).
- Began collecting projects for our first [Block Blitz](#) of 2023



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