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Dear friends.

We are celebrating another great year here at Micah 6 Community. We wanted to take a moment to share some of those successes with you!

- We added a teammate Louis Romska to head up our housing work. He supports neighbors through housing assistance, but will also be leading our Emerson Tiny Home Project. This year we provided more than \$24,000 in housing assistance.
- We have completed the needed fundraising to begin construction at Webster Community Center. We've already finished the environmental work and much of the interior demolition.
- We handed out 727 pairs of back-to-school shoes at our annual Summer Slam event.
- We helped with 60+ home repair projects in our neighborhood.
- More than 50 kids participated in our summer kids programs including 8 who worked their first job as part of our Summer Youth Employment Program. We also took kids to camp here in Michigan and in northern Minnesota.
- We opened our Four-Season Greenhouse, which started 10,000 seedlings and helped us grow more than 8,000 pounds of food.
- We handed out 487 coats between our hat, coat and glove day and Santa's Workshop.
- 1356 children received toys through our Santa's Workshop event.
- We provided hundreds of people with laundry with our new weekly laundry program.
- Began work on Huron Corridor Main Street, getting resources and connections to local businesses and strengthening the business and job opportunities in our neighborhood.

This is all great work and really meets needs at all levels from ENORMOUS renovation projects to a load of laundry and help paying a water bill. We will continue to support our community wherever and however we can. Here are a few ways we anticipate doing that in 2024:

- Continue to grow and serve more families through our Santa's Workshop, Summer Slam, and Block Blitz events.
- Partner with other organizations to open more opportunities to take children to summer camp.
- Continue to make improvements to our food growing site to increase our pounds and food distribution.
- Hire at least one additional staff member to assist with day-to-day struggles in our community.
- Kick-off our efforts at our Emerson Project, building 55 tiny homes aimed at affordable home ownership.
- Create more first-time job opportunities for teens in our community.

- Make serious headway on the renovation of our community center project.
- Create a seven-year plan for how we are going to make an impact on the quality of life in our community.

As you can see, we have a lot of work to do and we are taking some major swings at long-standing struggles in our community. That only happens with the trust and support of our neighborhood and with the resources that come from donors like you. We wouldn't be here with out you.

For all the support you provide, for all the lives touched, on behalf all the people we were able to help, thank you.

To another great year!

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