

TRANSFORMING LIVES



This past spring, our PATH Outreach Team met Luke. At that time, Luke was receiving help through the Macomb County Rapid Rehousing program due to ongoing health concerns and complications. When Luke first began working with Community Housing Network, he frequently spoke of his children and how he wished he could spend more time with them.

Luke worked closely with the team at CHN our team for his to obtain a Housing Choice Voucher, which provided him with long term assistance as he navigated dealt with his ongoing health concerns. [Explain more on HCV](#)

As our team members spoke with Luke and got to know him better, he talked we learned about his three children and how he his goal was to in order to find stable housing and support as he navigated through his ongoing health concerns. He ultimately wanted to be able to spend more time with Jordyn, Landon, and Blake.

"My children mean the world to me and being able to find a place to live will help me get more time with them," Luke said. "CHN has been able to help guide me to resources and opportunities I didn't even know were available for individuals like me."

This past Over the summer, Luke was well enough to go camping with his three kids. A roof over his head, quality time with his children kids, and fun summer memories were made possible thanks to the dedicated staff at CHN who helped connect Luke to valuable resources that ultimately changed his life. "CHN changed my life for the better, connecting me to help I needed to live my life to the fullest," Luke shared, "Thank you CHN!"

Over the last year, Community Housing Network received 13,822 calls from individuals in need. This amount does not include the additional 15,880 COVID-19 related calls. Every one of these phone calls is another person like Luke who needs our help.

A message from our President...

Dear Friends,



MARC CRAIG

DE&I Vision Statement

Community Housing Network is committed to fostering a culture where diversity, equity, and inclusion (DE&I) are fully integrated into everything we do. This includes how we support our employees and the people we serve. By embracing the diversity of our organization and each employee's views in our decision-making, we strive to create a sense of inclusion and belonging at CHN. To fulfill our mission, we will continue to advocate for housing equity for all citizens and amplify the voices of the people we serve in our work.

As we continue to build a unique organization, we are committed to investing the time, energy, and resources required to prioritize the well-being and diversity of our employees and participants. We believe that incorporating many diverse perspectives and experience.



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Garfield Landing

This year, Community Housing Network, broke ground for our most recent development project, Garfield Landing. Garfield Landing is located in Sault Ste. Marie and broke ground on August 22, 2022, with support from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority and the local community.

The historical site has been vacant for nearly 30 years and is located at the former site of Garfield School at 510 E. Spruce Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. Garfield Landing will be a mixed-income development consisting of 36 high-quality, studio, one and two-bedroom rental apartments. The development will combine the adaptive re-use of the historic Garfield School, creating 14 units, with 22 new construction units built on the site. Construction is expected to begin in fall 2022 with completion expected in the fall of 2023.

"Garfield Landing is a beautiful historic location. It's an honor to restore this building into apartments that will give it a new life and purpose within the Sault Ste. Marie community." Marc Craig, Community Housing Network President. "This development is part of a larger affordable CHN housing investment in the community to help bring provide housing to individuals and families from all walks of life. Creating inclusive communities where neighbors can learn from each other is a part of CHN's mission and we look forward to seeing that mission come to life in Sault Ste Marie."



A Fruitful Year! - Our Volunteers in Action

Community Housing Network is proud of the success at the U-Pick Community Garden in Pontiac and the impact it had on local families this past summer. Volunteers from General Motors ME Body Team came out in early June 2022 to build 3 new garden beds, prep the garden beds, replace rotting wood, and helped organize the maintenance shed. GM generously donated all of the materials, plants, and topsoil for the project. GM's team worked with a local nursery in Pontiac, Goldner Walsh, to secure the plants. The best part, Goldner Walsh gave a discount on all of the fruit and vegetable plants for the 18 garden beds!

Every Saturday, a volunteer group from Woodside Bible Church in Royal Oak would tend to the garden. These volunteers helped to ensure the garden would thrive by deep watering, fertilizing, handling pest control, and weeding. Additionally, staff from CHN made sure to water the garden on the many hot summer days.

In October, a volunteer group from Pathward came out to help close the garden for the season. Pathward volunteers cleaned the community garden, cleared out the garden beds, put the strawberries to sleep for the winter, and prepared the garden for an early start in spring 2023.

Alayna Corder, CHN's Community Engagement Coordinator, shared "the garden has made an immense impact on the community we serve. It has been a true joy to watch this process from start to finish – and knowing that we are filling people's plates with fresh, healthy foods that they may have had difficulty securing otherwise." We are so grateful to all of our community partners who helped to make the garden a true success this year – and we are looking forward to another "fruitful" year at our U-Pick Community Garden in 2023!





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2022 *Holiday Giving Opportunities*

The Holidays are just around the corner, and we are excited to offer another year of giving this holiday season! Your support will help us

- to provide ongoing supportive housing resources, stable housing, and other essential items for the people we serve, during the holidays and throughout the year.

There are many ways you can give!

- Holiday shop through our Shop for a Cause!
- Donate Holiday Gift Baskets
- Donate Welcome Home Baskets
- Host a Donation Drive
- Make a Cash Donation or Create an Online Fundraiser

Contact Emma Spanski to get started!

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