### **APRIL 2022**

## HOPE VILLAGE - TINY HOUSING ALTERNATIVES

Mission: In collaboration with community partners; provide shortterm and longer-term housing alternatives and service to people experiencing homelessness in Chippewa County.

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Welcome to the Hope Village Newsletter! The goal of the newsletter is to keep the community informed of the latest information with the tiny house village.

We are a Thrivent Choice Organization: Thrivent Choice | Thrivent Financial.



#### Mentors

- Housing Search Committee
- Fundraising and Grant Writing
- Building and Maintenance
- Cleaning, Stocking and Laundry
- Volunteer Coordination
- Promotional and Outreach
- Property Development
- Online Sales and Collection
- Capital Campaign

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**



<u>Click here to volunteer:</u> or Email: webmaster@hopevillagechippewafalls.org

- Sold4U Online Sales and Resale volunteers needed.
- <u>Building Lawn Care group forming mowing,</u> <u>trimming etc. volunteers needed!</u>
- <u>Promo Outreach group volunteers needed!</u>
- <u>Cleaning and Stocking group and Laundry!</u>
- Hope Village Recognizes Volunteer Brian Kelly!





## UPDATES



- Volunteers, we want to recognize you and the work you do for Hope Village as often as we can – we recently started giving this recognition on our volunteers birthdays. We would like to recognize as many of you as we can, so please connect with us an let us know when your birthday is!
- Heidi Schreiner has done our conceptual art work and the art work for our brochures. She is an amazing artist and has been chosen to have a piece of her art work exhibited at LE Philips Memorial Library . If you are near the library stop in and see Heidi's beautiful work!
- Capital Campaign Update We are right in the middle of the Pre-Campaign Phase of our \$2.7 million Capital Campaign. We have dozens of volunteers working on the different aspects of the campaign. We have committees helping us improve our business plan, another committee helping us put together a 30 plus page educational document called a case statement that will describe exactly what Hope Village does, how we do and why we do it. A third committee is putting together promotional materials to help us get the word out about our need for volunteers and funding. We are so grateful for all of the hard work these volunteer committees have been putting in – to improve Hope Village!
- The Community Center is waiting for the sheet rock crew to finish the taping and sanding – once that is done, things will move along quickly. Our kitchen cabinets have arrived, all of the bathroom fixtures are on site and we have our appliances scheduled for deliver in May. We are expecting the whole project to finish up by the middle of June – with an open house planned early this summer.
- Haas Sons has won the bid to do our exterior infrastructure work, they and their sub contractors will work with us and the Engineering Firm CBS Squared to complete the work needed to move our ten tiny houses onto the property. The work will begin in early May and be completed by early October. The work will consist of a road way, sidewalks, cement pads to park the tiny houses on, street lights, electrical hook ups for the tiny houses and parking spots for our guests. Our tiny houses will be moved on location around October 1.
- In February, Hope Village received a \$1500.00 grant from "Give Chippewa County" in their first granting cycle in 2022! We are grateful for their support of Hope Village guest services.









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- The Organizers of the Wisconsin Makers Market invited us to be their featured non profit for their Spring event. The event was held at the Oxford in Eau Claire on Saturday, March 19th. There were over 30 exhibitors at the event, many donated an item that Hope Village was able to raffle off during the day. The raffle allowed us to raise \$410.00
- In the last month Hope Village has received a few gifts given in Memory of or in Honor of individuals. If you have a family member or friend that you would like to recognize in this way we invite you to connect with us about how to set this up. We have also had a number of people do Facebook Fundraisers for their birthdays, what a great way to help others while allowing your friends and family to recognize you on your birthday!
- Hope Village was recently chosen as a United Way of the Great Chippewa Valley partner for the 2022-2025 grant cycle. We are thankful to the United Way for recognizing and helping to fund the work that we do. A grant from the United Way helps Hope Village be recognized by other foundations as an organization worth investing in. We have a great grant writing team, that continually seeks out funding sources that allow us to provide housing to our neighbors that are struggling with housing insecurity.
- It has snowed on the Robin's back at least 3 times now so we are hoping we won't see too much more of the white stuff. We are grateful to Ken Nyhus from Nyhus Concrete for his volunteering all winter long to keep our parking lot free of snow – thanks Ken!
- OneFest is an annual three-day Christian music festival held in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. It's a time to connect with family and friends, and connect with the body of Christ. OneFest features many of today's well-known artists on two different stages. You will also be able to connect with Hope Village – our hope is to have a tiny house at the music festival – we hope you will come and take a tour.
- On March 3rd, Hope Village was invited to participate in the "Our Community Explores Affordable Housing" panel discussion hosted by the Women's Giving Circle of Eau Claire, WI. The program panel addressed the need to shelter women and children in the Chippewa Valley, the lack of affordable housing and explore possible solutions.





