



Everyone

Has a Story



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My Story, My Journey

"I love stories. In fact, I love them so much that they are a huge part of my life. I really think of my life as one wonderful story and each chapter leads to new discoveries and new opportunities. It is this quest for new stories that led me to Oasis Family Resource Center. And what a journey it has been! In the very first weeks as Executive Director, I sat down with each of our team members to learn their story and help understand what they do and why they do it. Each conversation was a wonderful discovery of the tapestry of what makes this organization unique. The passion that exists within our team is so inspiring. I knew right then that this chapter of my career was going to be filled with discovery. I knew this is where I belonged, and my journey was going to be filled with amazing stories of the impact we make on our community.

Over my first few months, I have sought out the stories so I can help guide the organization in the years to come. Oasis Family Resource Center is filled with stories, and I am delighted to be a part of the next chapter."



Sara Shields

Sara Shields, MA, RN, HN-BC
Executive Director

Those Who Support Us

We are so grateful for the support of the community. We honestly could not provide our programs and services to survivors and families without you.

EMPOWERING

Tod and Shannon Winkle

SUSTAINING

Elizabeth Cushman
James and Mariette Potvin Fund
Margaret Steward
Vandries Home Furnishings

SHELTERING

Danielle Bauser
Cadillac Castings
Cadillac Footlighters
Huntington Bank
LC Manufacturing/Lake City Forge
Mackinaw Trail Pediatrics
Padnos
Janine Rzepka
Wexford Jewelers

STRENGTHENING

Raco Rebar Detailing
Rexair, LLC

SUPPORTING

100+ Women
Avon Protection
Baker College
Betten Baker of Cadillac
Greg Bosscher
The Bowing Company
Steven Brennan
Teri Brown
Linda Bruder
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Cadillac Java
Cadillac News
Denise Dekett
Nancy DeKraker
Dean DeKryger
Brenda Dracht
Ellen's Equipment
ERA Real Estate
Family Practice of Cadillac
Feister Vending
Julie Finch
Ruthann French
Horizon Bank
Dale Heuker
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William Taylor
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Water Works Irrigation
Weadock and Associates
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Kathy Winkle
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Zion Lutheran Church



Stories of Those We Serve

Names and photos changed to protect privacy.



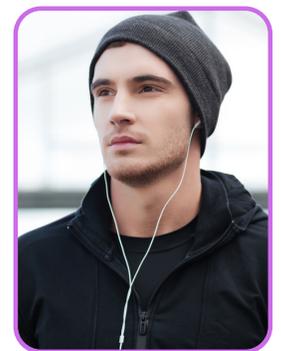
"Being a parent is tough, especially when you work two jobs trying to make ends meet. I don't know how to help my child when I can barely take care of myself. But look at those eyes. I need to learn to be the best parent possible so my child can have a better life than I had. I need help." That's where the Oasis Family Resource Center Parenting program comes in, ready to help parents learn skills and to reinforce great parenting practices. For the educators, the best feeling in the world is watching parents mirror what they learn to become stronger parents. "I would be lost without this program. Now I feel like I am being a good mom."

After 20 years of physical and mental abuse, Mary and her children finally left. "Leaving was the hardest thing to do and if my Oasis advocate wasn't there for me, I don't know how I would have made it." They experienced a lot of ups and downs as they tried to get on with their new life, but our advocates got her into the transitional housing program and helped to empower her with tools and support for her new life. "I am not going back. I am hopeful and will fight for my family with the support of my advocate."



"Who would have thought at 63 years old that I would end up in a shelter. At my age, I thought I would be looking forward to retirement. Now I am looking to survive each day. I don't know what I would do if I didn't have the Shelter, I can't have my friends and family know. Every day, I get up, shower, and head to work with the secret that I am an abused woman who is homeless, living in the Oasis Shelter. I don't know where my journey will go, but I know I have Oasis on my side."

"I thought men were never sexually abused. I was wrong. It happened to me. It took many sessions with my advocate to finally feel like me again. All she did was listen and guide me. She made me stand up for myself and helped me find my own power. I know I have a long road ahead, but it's my road now."



"He said he loved me and it never would happen again. It got harder and harder to believe him. What made me leave? When I ended up walking through town at 2 am because he locked me out of the house in the middle of a snowstorm. I couldn't call my friends because all my friends were his too. The police officer took me to the Shelter. I was welcome with open arms and they helped me understand that what I thought was normal, wasn't. They helped me understand that if I was ready to leave, they would be there for me. I went from all alone to having people there for me. It was the beginning of my new life."



Who We Are

With a mission to strengthen and safeguard families in Wexford and Missaukee counties, Oasis Family Resource Center takes a comprehensive approach to helping survivors. Our approach is:

- **trauma-informed**
- **empowerment-based**
- **non-judgmental**

Most of the work we do is with survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. We work one-on-one with each survivor to help them reclaim their lives and move forward with a plan and with our unwavering support. We walk alongside each person on their journey toward healing, resilience, and self-sufficiency. Our success is with our survivors. We give them a voice. We let them feel safe. We help them find their value to become survivors.

Our Leadership

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Staff Leadership

Sara Shields, Executive Director
Mandy Sikkema, Finance Director
Ashlie VanAgtmael, Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Director
Cyndy Vogt, Community Impact Director
Mary Campbell, Parenting Department Director

Our Locations

Administrative, Counseling, and Advocacy

118 S. Mitchell Street, Cadillac
231-775-7299

Second Chance Resale Store

1566 N. Mitchell Street, Cadillac
231-775-8003

The Shelter

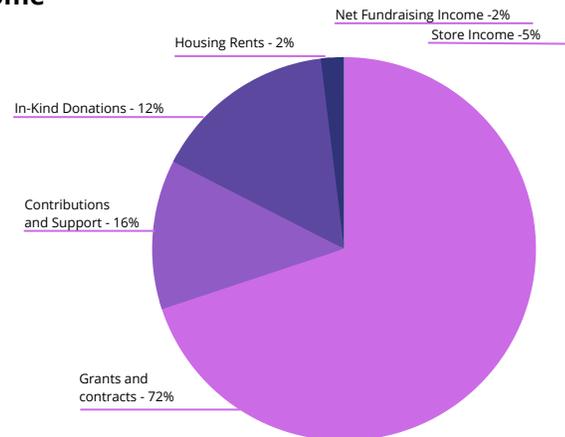
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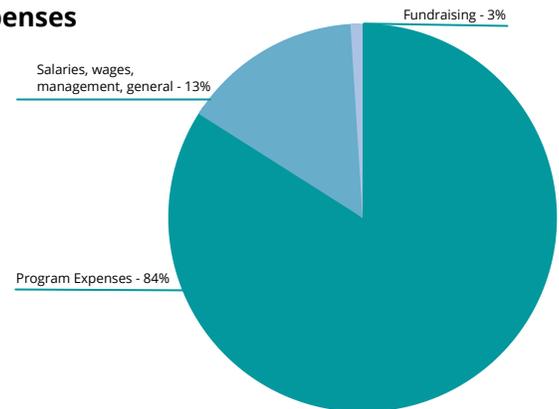
Year In Review

Audited for financial year ending September 30, 2021 by third party auditors.

Income



Expenses



Who We Serve

2,917 bed nights provided in our Shelter

1,973 hours of non-residential survivor advocacy offered

5,534 hotline crisis calls answered

55 families served in the Wexford-Missaukee Intermediate School District through the Parenting Program

676 family visits held as a part of the Parenting Program

1,698 volunteer hours worked in our Shelter, Parenting Department, and Second Chance Resale Store