

IMPACT REPORT

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2021 Ends With Amazing Outreach

One of the most inspiring things about our community is how everyone rallies together whenever we ask for support.



Thank you

Here are some great examples we experienced over the past few months:

- Thanksgiving Baskets - we asked the community to support our families with supplies to make Thanksgiving meals. The next thing we knew, our phone was ringing off the hook. We had frozen turkeys and all the trimmings coming through our doors to distribute to families. Our pantry was full and our hearts were even fuller. 52 families enjoyed a Thanksgiving meal this year.
- Our Holiday Sponsorships had an amazing year with 63 families sponsored by local businesses, families and individuals. Our staff works with our families to help develop wish lists. The lists are then given to sponsors and that is where the magic begins. People opened their hearts and made sure that every child had something to open. The whole process is amazing.

Supporting families isn't just seasonal, it is 365 days of commitment, year after year. The holidays just give us a chance to allow you to shine as you step up and make Thanksgiving and Christmas more special for families in crisis. From the bottom of our hearts thank you, but more importantly, thank you for being there for our families in need.

First Fundraiser of 2022!

Prom is a special sort of fundraiser because it is all about fun! The evening is a gathering of friends to celebrate the joy of being able to have fun, dance and even relive the days of your prom. The last time we held Prom was just in 2019 just prior to COVID shut down, so we could all use a night out.

Second Chance Prom is kind of a double entendre. It can be your second chance at going to the prom or it can be to purchase an outfit at Second Chance (Resale Store) to wear to prom. Dress up however you want and come join the fun, vote for king and queen, dance along with Dean-O's DJ service and remember the evening with photos by Sisters Studio.

A special thank you to Wexford Jewelers for their title sponsorship.

See you at Prom!



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Second Chance Prom

NIGHT OF DRESSING UP (THEME, PARTY, YOUR CHOICE), MUSIC, DANCING & FUN TO SUPPORT OASIS FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER.

Saturday
March 12
7-11 pm

The Wex
corner of 13th and Mitchell
Cadillac

INDIVIDUAL TICKETS \$40 OR PER COUPLE \$70

CASH BAR

TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT
[HTTPS://SECONDCHANCEPROM.EVENTBRITE.COM](https://secondchanceprom.eventbrite.com)
QUESTIONS? CALL 231-775-7299



Shelter Update

Our Shelter stays full. Yet nobody is turned away. Domestic violence and sexual assault numbers continue to rise. It's scary, but it's real.

What is also real is what happens once a survivor enters Shelter. Our team wraps their arms around them to offer a safe place to stay, warm meals, listening ear and the tools to empower each person to take charge of their life. It's extending kindness to a new level and we're so proud of the work our team does.

We have a new Child Advocate, Brandi Kinyon on our team, providing extra resources to children in the Shelter. Brandi works one-on-one with kiddos to help them understand their trauma and gives them tools to cope. Brandi also sees children outside the Shelter in our administrative offices, providing wrap around support for all families impacted by domestic violence and sexual assault.

We Need Diapers



We're holding our winter Diaper Drive. We provide families in our Shelter and Parenting Program with diapers and wipes to help them in times of crisis. When they run out, we help. Drop off your donation at our offices at 118 S. Mitchell in downtown Cadillac. Thank you!



Our team of Professional Family Educators: Alexis, Kyle, Jen and Mary

Helping Families Thrive

Most of us have never been taught how to be good parents and winging it doesn't always work, particularly if you are single, have financial stress or any number of higher risk factors. Like most things in life, we need to have a set of tools to do the job. Ideally, we love the opportunity to work with families where the children are younger (under 5) so we can help establish a foundation for growth and development.

The Oasis Family Resource Center Parenting Program is designed to accomplish those goals. This curriculum that supports parents using a strength-based approach moving families toward a healthy and strong home environment in which children flourish. We cover topics such as child development, nutrition and safety, positive parenting, stress management and connecting you to resources in the community that can help. The program is free thanks to the support of United Way, Children's Trust Fund and Great Start. Call Mary Campbell, Parenting Program Director at 231-775-7299 for details.

SAFETY ALERT: If you are in danger, call 911, or the Oasis Family Resource Center hotline (231-775-SAFE). Your safety is our #1 concern.

Welcome 2022

It has been just about three months since I joined the Oasis team and I have learned that every day is a new discovery. I feel like all my personal and professional experiences have led me to this position and I am honored to lead this organization into a new chapter. When I started, I put together a 90 day plan and as I reflect on it, I can see how far we have come in that short time. Together we have made positive changes impacting our families and our survivors. We are tackling big issues, working together to create workable plans and working toward the future. I won't lie, we have had some bumps, but each bump is a learning opportunity that helps us focus on our mission and the services we provide.

We are starting 2022 with some strategic planning. It gives us an opportunity to dream as a team. This is where the real work begins. I am super excited about what we can accomplish and most importantly how we can best serve our community.

2022 will be an amazing year and I am so happy you are here to support the work we do. Stay tuned!

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