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Happy New Year!

This has been a busy and challenging year. We hope you are relaxing and enjoying family and friends during the Holidays. We wanted to briefly share some of the positive things happening at Mustard Seed and the community. Please share with others so they will know about our services.

Mustard Seed Ministries has served the community since 1986. We help thousands of people every year with your support. Most people need more than one of our 18 services to get out of crisis and back on their feet. A good example of our services helping the whole family follows.

Recently a grandmother (who we'll call Ella) came to us seeking help. Ella's daughter, fighting a losing battle with alcohol and depression, was having her 4 children placed in protective services. Ella didn't want that and told the courts the children could live with her. Unfortunately, Ella had financial difficulties and her and the children were evicted from her home. That was when she came to Mustard Seed for assistance. Housing for a large family is hard to find so we paid for temporary housing for almost 2 months before a house Ella could afford came available. We helped her and the children get into the house by helping with rent, utilities and providing beds, furniture, cookware and dishes. We enrolled Ella in our food pantry for food to cook at home. And, we gave her the addresses to the Sarah's Kitchen community locations where her and the kids could get hot meals during the week. The children received clothes, new shoes and school supplies to help them enter school with a more positive outlook on life. The children's mother came to us as well and we were able to provide her with some basic necessities of living and get her into a rehab and counseling program. We are moving the whole family from crisis to stability and hopefully to a future of good health and happiness.



A Service of Mustard Seed Ministries

Some big news for us and the community is that recently Sarah's Kitchen merged with Mustard Seed. The team from Sarah's Kitchen is wonderful and we are incorporating some of Mustard

Seed's services into the 5 community locations where we serve each night of the week and mobile food serving van for the homeless.

This year we provided 70,000+ services to people in need plus 75,000+ hot, nutritious meals for the homeless and others with food scarcity. These services include: **Shelter** -Rent, mortgage and utilities assistance (to keep people in their homes): **Health** - Prescription drug payments, physical and mental health referrals and education: **Food** - 1,500,000 pounds of pantry food for preparing at home, summer food for children, and 75,000+ hot meals through Sarah's Kitchen, 8,000+ Thanksgiving Feast meals; **Basic Needs during Emergencies** – Furniture, housewares and clothes for people who lost everything due to a catastrophe or leaving a home because of abuse; **Transportation** – gas and other transportation assistance for people needing medical care outside of the county or for those getting a new job and needing help to make that first paycheck. For the upcoming year we plan to expand services by adding a youth focused program. I will be sending out information about this other enhancements to our community service.

In order to continue providing these services and expanding our outreach to provide programs designed to empower and strengthen our youth we need your help. **Please donate to us today so we will have the financial foundation to continue our much needed community services.** Your donations are tax deductible and you will receive a letter of thanks and donation recognition.

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May God Bless You During the New Year and Always,

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