



A PLACE CALLED HOME

Making a difference for the future

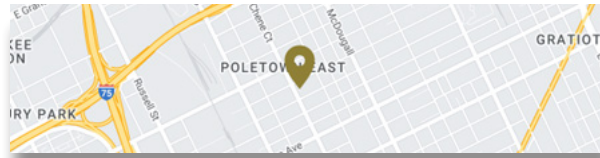


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THE SUMMARY

Peacemakers is launching a new life saving ministry for women called **Mercy House** on Chene St. in Detroit, MI. Perhaps you are wondering, “Why launch another ‘program’ for women struggling with homeless, addiction and other life altering problems?” If you are thinking there are already countless other programs in Southeast Michigan, you’re not wrong. While there are many programs for women in Metro Detroit, the reality is addiction, domestic issues and homelessness are on the rise and getting worse – especially in Detroit! We believe we can make a difference.



Mercy House is a Michigan non-profit corporation and will be a Federal 501c3 Non-Profit organization with its own Board of Directors under the ministry of Peacemakers International. The mission of Mercy House is to provide a safe and caring environment through residential services to help restore women to hope and wholeness through the gospel of Jesus Christ. Through Christian counseling, community and mentorship, Mercy House will bring hope, love, and salvation to hurting women. The purpose of this summary plan is to provide an overview of our vision and raise support for Mercy House.

THE ORGANIZATION

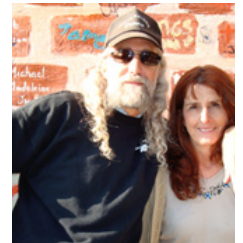
PEACEMAKERS

Peacemakers is a federal 501c3 ecclesiastical corporation (church) located at 5322 Chene St. Detroit, MI 48220. Pastor Steve Upshur founded Peacemakers in 1994 and his vision has impacted countless individuals and families in the local neighborhood and greater Detroit area. Peacemakers isn't your typical “church.” Peacemakers unites people of all ages, ethnicities, socioeconomic statuses, and denominations through its mission to reach broken, hurting outcasts of society. Thousands of volunteers have given their time, talent and treasure through their outreach programs, bible studies, worship services, men's and women's ministries and their men's residential program that reaches addicted, homeless and hurting men called “Jesus House.”

Peacemakers Board of Directors

Pastor Steve Upshur

Pastor Steve is the founder and pastor of Peacemakers and has been in ministry for over 40 years. He founded Peacemakers International in 1994 and has ministered to thousands in Detroit, the surrounding metro area, several Michigan state prisons and county jails, many Native Americans living on reservations and extensively in Haiti. His passion is unprecedented, having overcome many of the same struggles in the 1970s.



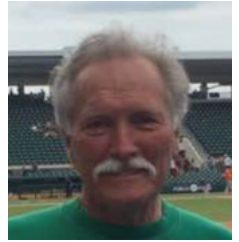
Robert Kaczmarek

Robert Kaczmarek is an attorney based in St. Clair Shores, MI and has served on the board of Peacemakers since its inception over 25 years ago. His commitment to the lost and hurting is demonstrated in many ways. In addition to serving on the Board of Directors, Robert also oversees the teaching ministry of Peacemakers.



Jim Cummins

Jim Cummins is the Building Director for the City of Warren and a professional architect. He has served as a member of the Board of Directors for Peacemakers for over 20 years. Jim has generously supported the Mercy House project with his time, talent, and treasure, designing the architectural plan for Mercy House and is overseeing all aspects of the zoning, ordinances, and other city approvals.



Mercy House Project Committee

In order to form Mercy House into a federally recognized 501c3 nonprofit organization, an independent board of directors will be formed under the parent organization of Peacemakers Ministries. This board will be made up of individuals committed to the vision, mission, and values of Mercy House. The board of Peacemakers will oversee the appointment of individuals to the Mercy House Board of Directors.

Charles Shock

Charles Shock has been a supporter of Peacemakers Ministry for over 20 years. Charles is the president of Shock Brothers Floor Covering with over 30 years of experience in the construction industry and leading various organizations. Charles serves Peacemakers in several different ways, including outreach projects to the homeless.



Kurt Fiebelkorn

Kurt has been involved with Peacemakers Ministry for 15 years. He is the CEO of Mission Storage Group, a real estate investment company that owns and operates self-storage facilities. Kurt serves at Peacemakers in many ways, including serving at outreach events, serving the homeless and using his building skills to remodel facilities.



Darin Weiss

Darin has been involved with Peacemakers Ministry for nearly a decade and is leading the Mercy House project through to launch. Darin has been in ministry for 20 years and has planted and pastored churches, operated substance use disorder programs and other businesses. In addition to working in ministry, Darin is a licensed real estate agent and works in real estate investment.



Audrey Jenkins

Audrey has been involved with Peacemakers for over 10 years. She is a retired Certified Addiction Counselor, is a recipient of the spirit of Detroit award and has been recognized by the governor of the state of Michigan for her dedication and commitment to serving the homeless.



Dena Collinge

Dena Collinge is president of C4 Urban Outreach and serves with Dream Orphanage and Needy Center in Uganda, Africa. She is one of the founders of C4 Urban Outreach, a street ministry serving the homeless and less fortunate community for the past 11 years in Detroit. She has helped change the lives of orphans in Africa by raising funds for a water tank, a home, school supplies and medical care. Her desire to help women overcome addictions comes from having been set free from many of the same struggles for over 12 years now.





Vision

The vision of Mercy House is a safe place where women can call home and experience hope, healing, and wholeness through the power of the gospel. As a place of refuge, hope and life change, women will be given new lives that impact the surrounding community. We envision Mercy House as a beacon of light that impacts and transforms its decaying and dilapidated neighborhood both spiritually and physically.



Mission

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The Gospel

The gospel is the power of God that transforms people from the inside out. The good news of the gospel is the fundamental truth that is the basis for the life changing work Mercy House is on mission to fulfill.

Dignity

There is no such thing as throw away people. Every human being was created in the image of God and therefore has inherent worth, value and significance that cannot be removed. No sin, failure, upbringing, word, background or thought can ever remove the worth God has bestowed upon us.

Life Transformation

God always meets us where we're at, but He never leaves us there. People can and do change and grow, regardless of how stuck they are, have been or will be.

Unity

God made us as one people for His glory and our willingness to do His work together brings Him glory and fulfills His mission. We are a cross-cultural and cross-denominational ministry that emphasizes, not only unity in the body of Christ, but unity among all people from different ages, backgrounds, ethnicities, and socioeconomic statuses.

Generosity

God is generous, therefore we should be generous. He gives sacrificially for our good and His glory. Therefore, we give sacrificially for His glory and the good of others. Giving provides us the opportunity to be part of transforming a lost and broken world into the Kingdom God created it to be.

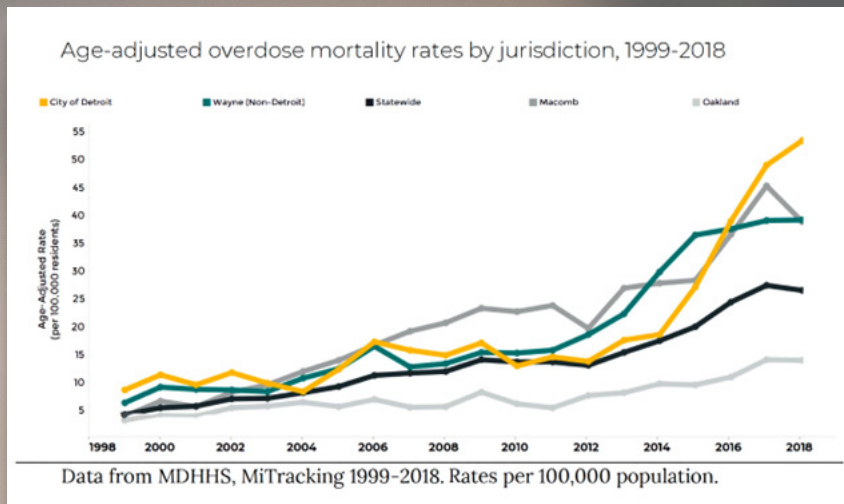
Community

We were created to do life together. A life alone is not only miserable, but a constant struggle. God gave us each other for our good, His glory and to support and help one another grow into all that God created each of us to be.

VALUES

THE PROBLEM

Our country is in the middle of a drug epidemic and Detroit is one of the hardest hit areas. In 2017 the Department of Health and Human Services declared the opioid epidemic a public emergency. In 2021, there were 106,699 overdose deaths for a rate of 32.4 per 100,000 people, up from 91,799 deaths or 28.3 overdose deaths per 100,000 in 2020. Over the past decade, more than 2,000 Detroiters have died from a drug overdose with 364 deaths in 2019 alone. Drug overdoses have increased so high in the United States that life expectancy has dropped over the last few years. Drug overdose deaths currently account for more than one-third of all accidental deaths in the U.S. The rate of deaths for women has increased 15% from 17.1 to 19.6 per 100,000 people, with many of those drug fatalities due to opioids, particularly synthetic opioids such as fentanyl, with a 22% increase from 2020 to 2021.



Mortality Rates

Across the US, overdose mortality has been on the rise since 1999. Rates across states have Michigan highlighted as one of the highest mortality rates since 2016. Since 2014, Detroit's mortality rate sharply increased and surpassed all neighboring jurisdictions.

In addition to the large burden of overdose deaths, drug use has a substantial monetary cost. Illicit drug use costs an estimated \$193 billion annually in the United States.¹ According to the 2014 Drug Strategies report, substance use costs Detroit alone an estimated \$925 million annually in healthcare, treatment and prevention programs, traffic crashes, foster care, and criminal justice economic burdens.² However, we know that the actual cost to our community is infinitely more than money. It is literally killing our families and friends! Rarely, do you meet anyone that hasn't been directly impacted by substance use disorder.



The drug epidemic and Detroit's fatal role in it is only one aspect of the problem, however. On any given night in the city of Detroit, there are over 8,000 people within the homeless continuum. They are individuals and families within shelters and programs designed for the homeless. That does not even include people living and sleeping on the streets. Further, this number is actually deflated. During the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 many homeless shelters had to reduce their available beds to accommodate social distancing and thereby artificially decreasing the homeless numbers.

Mark 10:27
Jesus looked at them and
said, "With man this is
impossible, but not with
God; all things are
possible with God."

Nearly 40% of the homeless population in Detroit is female and most of these women are chronically homeless. A person is considered chronically homeless if they have been diagnosed with a long-term disabling condition and have been homeless 4 or more times in the past 3 years or have been homeless one year continuously with that disabling condition. Women are especially vulnerable to human trafficking, physical and mental abuse, and other forms of victimizing. We could share more statistics than you can imagine, but we really don't need to. The truth is, we don't need to hear the statistics, because we see it, many have lived it, but most seem to ignore it.

This is not ok. It isn't going away. Money won't fix it. But together we can make a difference.

THE PROGRAM

The problem we are facing seems insurmountable, but we believe we have a solution. That may seem unrealistic, and perhaps we can't save everyone in Detroit, but we can certainly try – one life at a time. There are several aspects of Mercy House that we believe offer a solution to women struggling with homelessness, addiction and other life altering issues.

Home

Often a person who is struggling with addiction, homelessness, and abusive situations has “somewhere” to go, but they don't have a place they can call home. This is crucial to ongoing healing in the life of someone experiencing brokenness. A home is a place where I feel safe, accepted, and a place where I can contribute.



Community

Mercy house will be so much more than a program or services. All people need community where they can experience God together in worship, receive mentoring from individuals outside of staff and the program, and where they can begin mentoring others. A program is something you “complete,” but Mercy House will create a community where you are always a part.



Lifeskills

Mercy House will provide mentorship and classes to teach women life skills for their success, including domestic skills, financial skills, safety skills, vehicle maintenance, goal setting and time management, resume building, interviewing, self-care, relationship building, communication skills and many others .

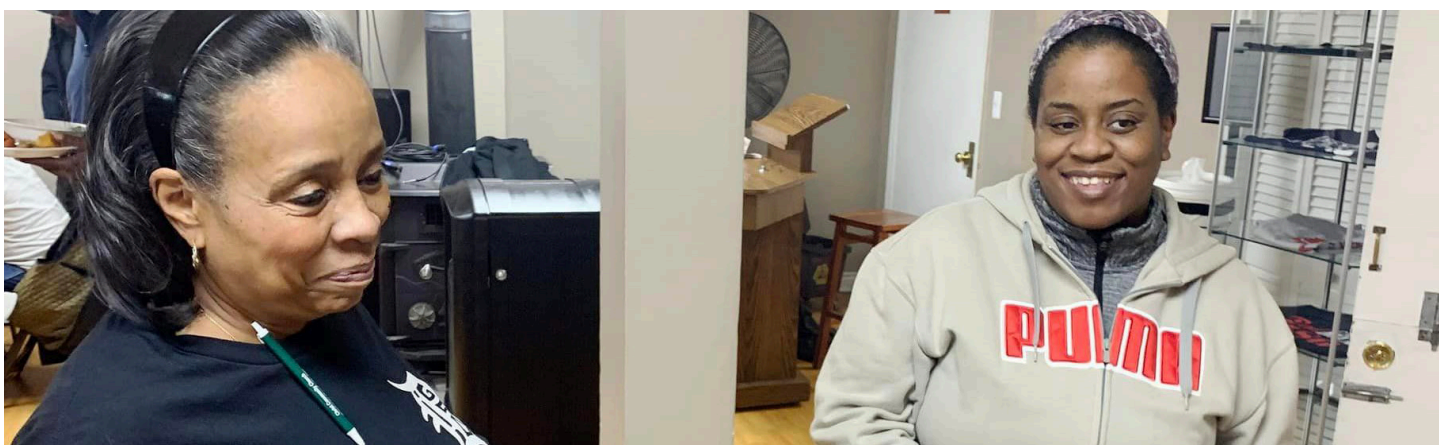


Discipleship

Mercy house is not trying to reinvent the wheel. We are relying on the ancient practice provided to us through scripture where one person disciples another to learn the way of Jesus. Participants in the Mercy House program will attend worship at Peacemakers where they will be taught scripture and hear the life transforming message of the gospel. It is in the organic nature of a body of believers that a person is mentored and learns real purpose and value in life. Peacemakers will also provide biblical classes to teach women scripture and doctrine.

Mentoring

The Mercy House program will be designed for women to help other women through a mentoring relationship called "Each One Teach One." Not only will women from local churches, support groups and Peacemakers mentor women at Mercy House, but women who have been in the program for a longer period will mentor those new to the program. Every single person who comes through the door has something they can teach another. Once a woman has completed the program, they will have the opportunity to continue their mentoring relationships.



2 Corinthians 5:17
Therefore, if anyone is
in Christ, he is a new
creation. The old has
passed away; behold,
the new has come.

Counseling

Mercy House will provide professional counseling to the women in the program. Traumatic experiences are commonplace for women living on the streets and suffering from addiction, homelessness and abuse. To aid in healing, a trained professional Christian counselor is crucial. Each woman will be provided individual and group counseling.

Training

Vocational Job Skill training and work ethic is essential to a person's return to society as a productive, contributing individual. Mercy House will partner with community colleges, vocational schools, and area companies to train program residents with skills to enter the workplace making a livable wage.

THE PERSONNEL



COUNSELORS

Mercy House will hire 2 professional Christian counselors, one full time and one part time. This will provide individual and group counseling for 16 women.



SECURITY

Mercy house will hire trained professionals to provide night security on premises. This will include a monitored web-based surveillance system and all staff will be trained in conflict resolution, self-defense, and emergency preparedness.

VOLUNTEERS

Mercy House will maximize impact by providing opportunities for volunteers to serve in many different capacities, including teaching classes, mentoring, building maintenance, professional counseling, and bible teaching, to name a few.



ORGANIZATIONS

Mercy House will partner with area organizations for several different aspects of their programming. Job training and job placement, coordination with area shelters, substance use disorder programs and other health organizations are just a few.



THE PROJECT

Mercy House will be a new build facility with capacity for 16 women in dire need. JMP Design and Build are the architects and have provided an architectural rendering, as seen. The facility will sit on a lot currently owned and possessed by Peacemakers that sits adjacent to Chene St. next to Peacemaker's church and primary facility.



CONSTRUCTION MANAGER

Mercy House will hire a professional construction company to oversee the construction of the project. Several companies have expressed interest and we are currently receiving quotes and bids.

AMERICAN WOOD MOLDINGS

American Wood Moldings has generously committed to donate all lumber – both rough and finish – for the project.



SHOCK BROTHERS FLOOR COVERING

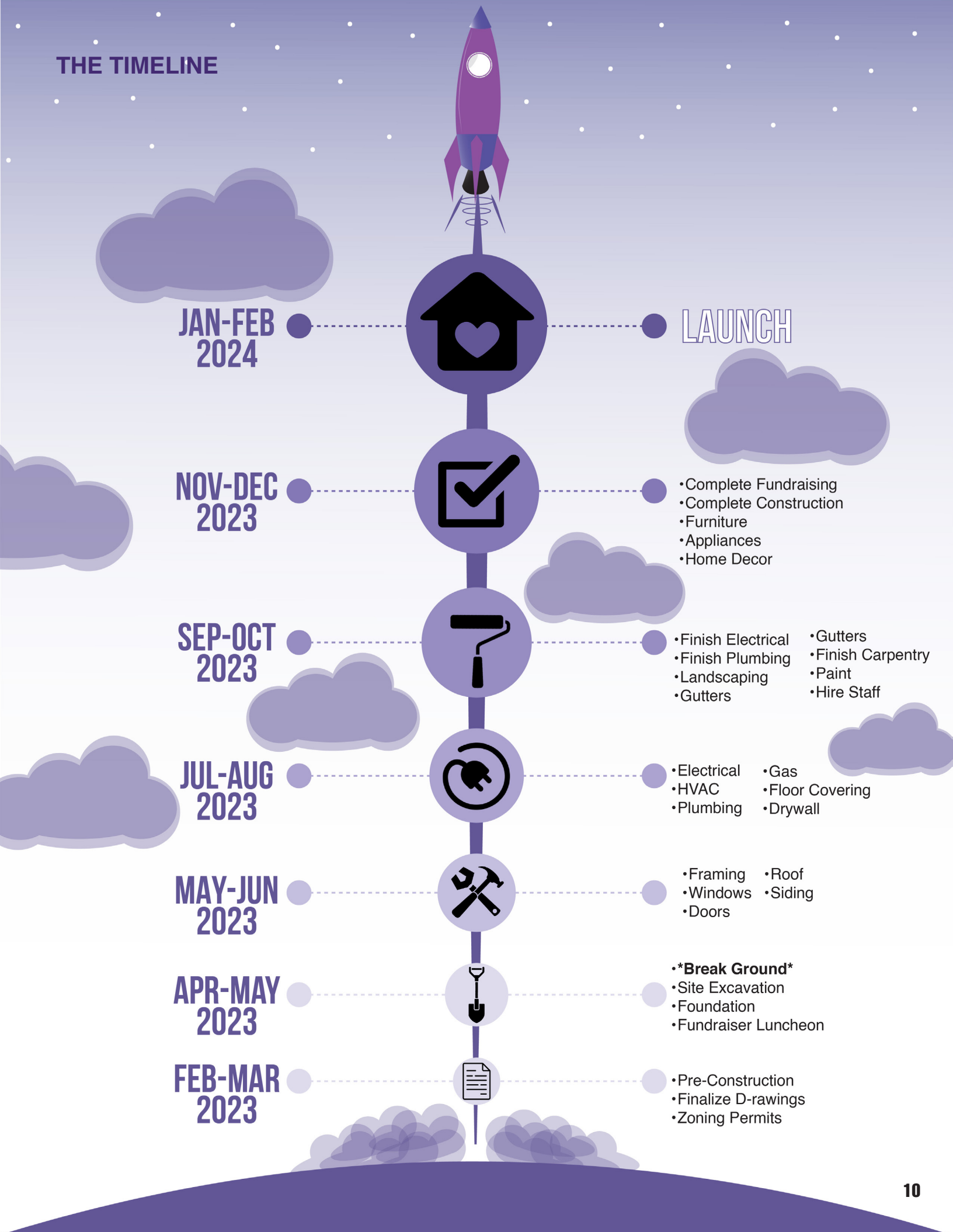
Shock Brothers Floor Covering has committed to donate all floor coverings for the facility. This includes commercial floors needed for this type of facility, as well as installation.



SKILLED TRADES VOLUNTEERS

Peacemakers has many volunteers skilled in building trades who have expressed willingness to volunteer their time and talent to the project. This will help us reduce cost and create opportunities for individuals to be part of something bigger than themselves.

THE TIMELINE



THE FINANCES

OVERALL FUNDRAISING GOAL

Total: \$1,340,000

This includes the construction of the house, along with first year operating funds and ½ of second year and ¼ of year three.

CURRENT COMMITMENTS

Lumber Commitment:
\$200,000

Floor Covering Commitment:
\$60,000

Skilled Trades Commitment:
\$40,000

Cash Raised to Date:
\$175,000

Total Raised to Date:
\$545,000

GOALS FOR LAUNCH

Total Pre-Launch Expenses: \$870,000

Includes construction and one time pre-launch expenses.

Cash Currently Needed to Build: \$215,000

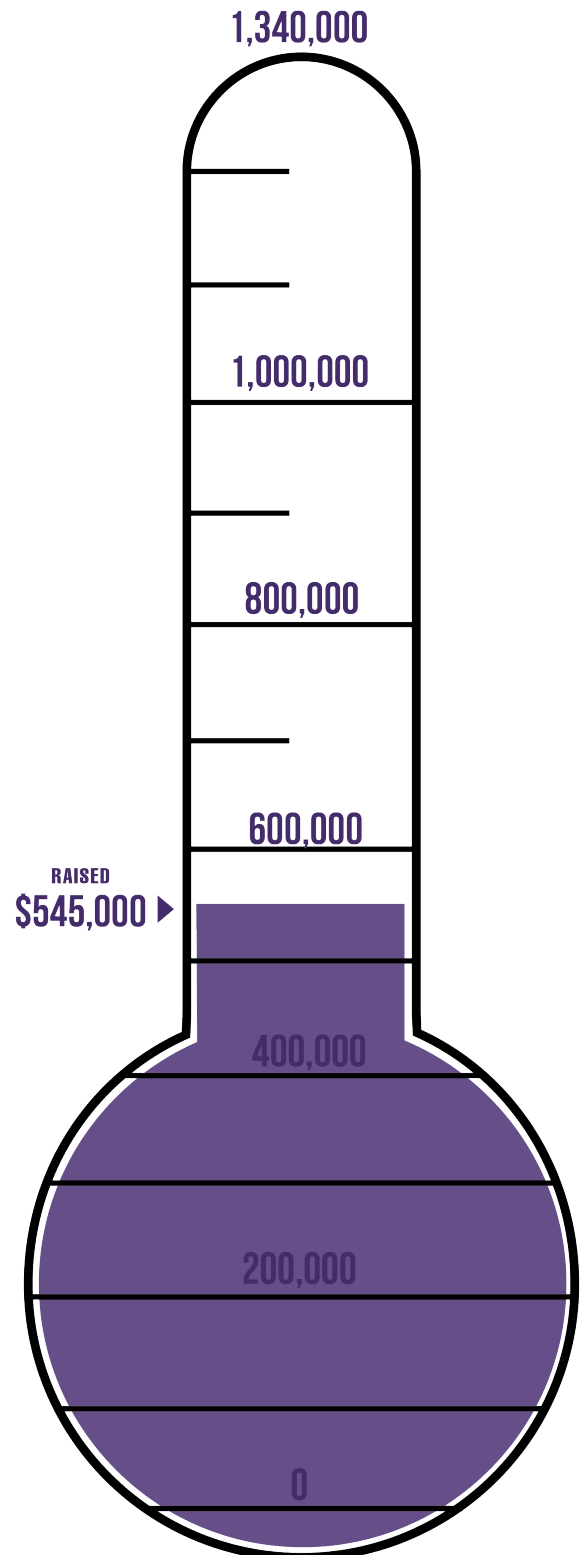
This is on top of the cash we have raised to date.

Cash Currently Needed to Launch: \$340,000

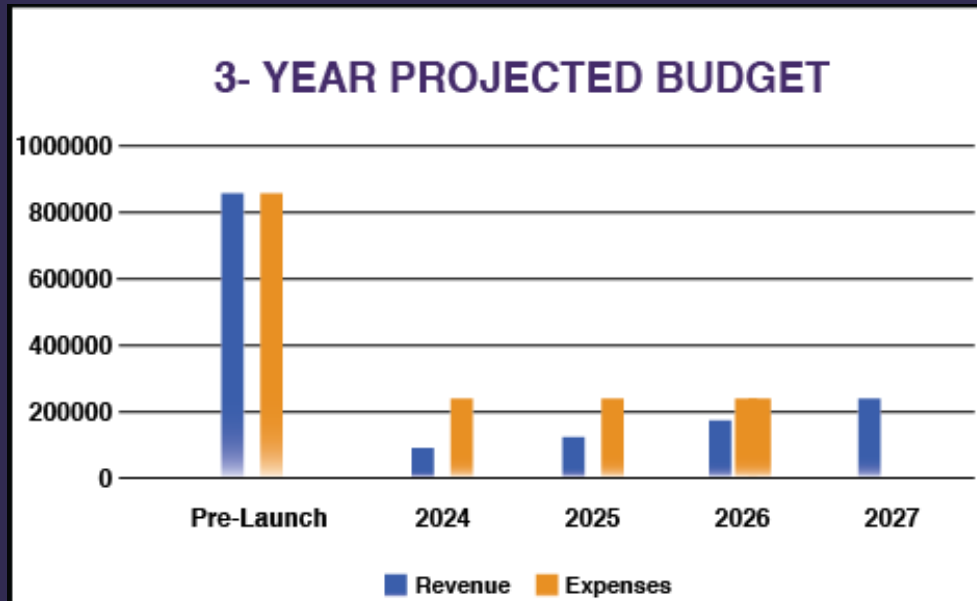
Includes cash to build and one-time expenses.

3-Yr Commitments to Launch: \$410,000

Includes commitments in addition to cash needed to launch.



PATH TO SUSTAINABILITY



ANNUAL FUNDRAISERS



Peacemakers will continue to host it's annual Mercy House Fundraiser Luncheon to sustain it's operation. With our past success of the Luncheon, we trust this is a viable way to keep the Mercy House operating while improving the quality of life of the women who find themselves in our care.

DEVELOP PEACEMAKERS FUNDRAISING STRATEGY

- Increase and develop Peacemakers Volunteer Opportunities.
- Partner with local churches and organizations.
- Increase direct mail program.
- Develop marketing opportunities.
- Create new special events.

THE OPPORTUNITY

PRAY

We believe in the power of prayer. Please consider starting a prayer chain or prayer team with your church or other group.



GIVE

We are incredibly grateful for any gift. We know that God multiplies the fishes and loaves! Please consider making a commitment to support Mercy House over the next three years as we grow to sustainability. A cutout card is provided at the end of this document to fill out and send in. You can support Mercy House online through a special gift or recurring gift at www.peacemakersinternational.org/donations.



VOLUNTEER

There are several ways you can give of your time and talent to help the women of Mercy House whether it is helping with a skilled trade, building labor, administrative responsibilities, or helping fundraising efforts, you can make a significant impact. Please call or email us today!

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BECOME A MERCY HOUSE PARTNER TODAY!

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Make Online Donations

Make checks payable to:
Peacemakers Mercy House
PO Box 518, Fraser MI 48026

Please consider a 3-Year commitment to support Mercy House's ongoing sustainability. We have provided a cutout form below for you to fill out and mail in with your support. In order to give online you can go to:
www.peacemakersinternational.org/donations



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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Date: _____

Please check boxes that apply

☐ Monthly ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$200

☐ Yearly ☐ \$500 ☐ \$1000 ☐ \$5000

☐ Special Gift ☐ Other: _____

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