

Winter Newsletter



We have a lot to be **THANKFUL** for



Thousands of pounds of food was donated from partners of Orchards across metro Detroit to help us provide our families with a Thanksgiving meal. Our

friends at Jewish Vocational Services and Orchards Youth Board spent time separating and packing baskets so that on Monday, November 25 we were able to give out over 600 food baskets.



Our sponsor Kroger, provided us with gift cards and 411 Therapy and the Southfield Police Department donated turkeys for our families. Orchards Board Members came together and provided more food baskets than ever before so that no family would go without this Thanksgiving. We are so thankful for the continued support from our community partners, sponsors, volunteers and Board Members. Our hearts were very full this Thanksgiving, we couldn't do it without all of you!

It Was a Holiday Around the World!!

On Saturday, December 14th the halls of Orchards brought in a little piece of the holidays from all over the globe. With the help of our amazing holiday committee and sponsors, we were able to give the families of Orchards a fun and safe space to kick off the holidays while they learned a little something too! Our friends at Hyundai donated 1,000 coats so all of our kids were able to leave with a brand new coat for the winter. We appreciate all of the Board Members who came out to celebrate the holidays with us!





Our dear friends at Serra Subaru hosted their annual holiday party for our families out in Genesee County. It was a fun night of dinner and presents with Santa! Thank you so much to everyone over at Serra Subaru!

Over at the Franklin Village Boutique, many of our Board Members and Orchards supporters got their holiday shopping done while giving back to the O! Thank you to Terri and her wonderful staff at Franklin Village Boutique who donated 15% of their sales that day to Orchards.

Shop with a Hero



Thank you to the Southfield and Sterling Heights Police departments for teaming up with Orchards and taking kids in their community Christmas shopping. You made the difference of a lifetime for our kids this holiday season.

The holidays can be an extremely difficult time for our kids in care. We thank you all from the bottom of our heart for doing your part in helping restore the the magic of the holidays to a child in need. Thank you to our incredible staff and all of our Toy Drive and Sponsor a Family donors.

Roses are Red, Violets are Blue. A Kids Camp Adventure Depends on YOU!

Now until February 14th, Orchards is raising funds to send our kids to camp! Many of our kids are recovering from the trauma of child abuse or neglect. This time away from crisis facilitates the opportunity for our kids to be kids, ultimately restoring childhood! Since 2006, Orchards Summer Adventures Program has given over 3,000 children summer camp oppotunires free of charge. To donate today please visit [our website](#) or call Renee Holmes at (248) 530-5351.





Human Trafficking Awareness Month

January is Human Trafficking Awareness month. Tuesday, January 28th from 6-8pm Orchards is hosting a very important training with guest speaker Attorney Danielle Kalil who specializes in human trafficking awareness. The more we know the more we can help make it stop! RSVP to smarks@orchards.org.

Don't Forget!!



"I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear."
-MLK

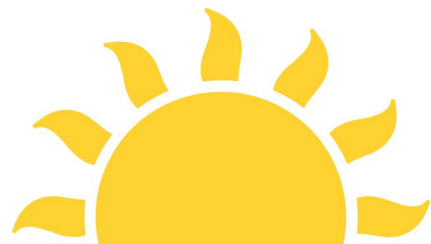
We are closed on MLK Day **Monday, January 20th**. We take this time to reflect on the wise moving words and mission of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



Our annual Gerald L. Levin "Champions for Children" Signature Event is on **Friday, May 15th** at the Sound Board. Make sure to save the date and keep an eye out for your sponsorship package and invitation!



Dreaming of sunnier days and warmer weather already! Clocks go back on **Sunday, March 8th**. The countdown is on!



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