

**Regular
Business Hours:**
Monday – Friday
10 am – 4 pm

**2023
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Executive Director

The mission of the Mustard Seed Furniture Bank of Fort Wayne is to provide basic household furnishings to families and individuals as they rebuild their lives after suffering disaster, personal tragedy or other misfortunes.

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www.mustardseedfortwayne.com

SPRING 2023

Note from Suzie...

The past couple years have been full of transition and change. One thing that has not changed is the Mustard Seed's mission, continuing to **"Furnish Help To Rebuild Lives."**

First, our Board of Directors began implementing a Strategic Plan. Then there was the experience of a pandemic, necessitating changes in processes and planning for the future of the organization. We have been busy building strength in our agency.

The pandemic caused the temporary closure of the Mirro Event Center right before our 2021 Charity Auction Event. Employees and volunteers mastered a quick transition to bring our largest event to the Mustard Seed itself! The response from our sponsors, guests and donors was amazing. In October 2022, we appreciated the help of the Mirro Event Center team once again, but now, it's time for a change of season and location.

So, on the evening of Thursday, April 20th the Mustard Seed hosts **"Shower The Seed 2023"** here at home, in our warehouse. Expect both silent and live auction items and our ever-popular "Gift Card Tree." Guests will enjoy various food stations and bar service from Club Soda. This is a great event! I invite you to make your prepaid reservation to join in the fun and support the Mustard Seed and our Beds4Kids Program.

Like so many agencies and businesses, staffing is a hurdle that continues to impede our path. At this writing, we are still interviewing for part-time positions. Two are substantially customer service to our material donors; our truck has not been "on the road" consistently since August to collect donations. We were blessed during the summer with two USF students and football players. They saw the need to stock the warehouse and a spare warehouse, allowing our mission to continue to impact lives. We welcome you to check out the job posting section in this issue and share with someone who is looking for part-time work.

Other blessings—we expanded our partner agencies in the seven counties we serve and worked creatively with volunteers and staff to stock our warehouse with generous donations from the community.

2021 had its changes, 2022 had challenges, but with an involved Board of Directors, a dedicated staff, amazing volunteers and a supportive community, our mission continues. I invite you to become an ongoing donor to the Mustard Seed. Together we can continue **"Furnishing Help To Rebuild Lives."**

Suzie Jordan, Executive Director
director@mustardseedfortwayne.com
260-459-6287 x100



UPCOMING EVENTS

MUSTARD SEED CLOSED

April 17 - 21

Mustard Seed will be closed the week of April 17th to prepare for our spring event.



"Outstanding staff! Went above and beyond!"

20TH CHARITY AUCTION EVENT

Thursday, April 20th

"Shower The Seed" Mustard Seed Charity Auction Event**

Details are included in this issue of The Sprout.

FORT WAYNE TINCAPS

Friday, May 12th

Mustard Seed is the Community Organization of the Fort Wayne TinCaps Game.

COMMUNITY COLLECTION DAY

Saturday, May 20th
9 am - Noon

This one-day event will have locally focused nonprofit agencies to join for a one-stop drop-off.

The Mustard Seed will be hosting at 3636 Illinois Road, Fort Wayne 46804

4TH ANNUAL LUMINARY SALE

November/December

4th Annual "Be The Light In A Child's Night" Luminary Sale** benefiting Beds4Kids Program.

Order online or visit the Mustard Seed to purchase outdoor holiday luminaries.

Have questions? Please let us know by calling 260-471-5802 x 100 or x 103 or visit our website.
**Sponsorships Available

Part-Time Positions At The Mustard Seed

Truck Position – Driver/Material Handling and Material Handling

Days: 3 – 4 days/week

Hours: Time of Day and/or Days Can Be Discussed

Duties Highlights:

- Working with staff and team to accept or respectfully decline material donations
- Safely process, load and secure donations for transport and unloading in to the warehouse.
- Working with the Mustard Seed team to assist donors and clients, when needed
- Driver: Requires a clean driving records, per the standards of our insurance company

Warehouse Material Handler:

Days: 2 days/week (M/T or Th/F)

Hours: 9:45 am– 4:00 pm

Duties Include:

- Working directly with donors to accept/decline material donations and process
- Assist with the selection of client's furniture, linens and kitchenware, and loading

Overview of Skills Required:

- Ability to work in a team atmosphere
- Lift 60 lbs. and bend, walk, step, climb ladder on to the truck
- Use a GPS navigational system and read a map
- Communicating in a positive way with individuals in person and/or by phone
- Ability to speak, write and read English
- Be punctual and working with people who are changing lives

A full description is available.

Candidates can mail/deliver their resume and/or contact information, work and wage history to:

Mustard Seed Furniture Bank of Fort Wayne, Inc.
Attn: Executive Director
3636 Illinois Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46804

Email to: director@mustardseedfortwayne.com

Visit our facility weekdays 11 am - 3 pm to complete an employment application; includes work/pay history and references

The Mustard Seed Furniture Bank of Fort Wayne is an Equal Opportunity Employer

IMPACT 2022

HOUSEHOLDS
SERVED



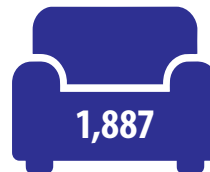
TOTAL CLIENTS
SERVED



CHILDREN
TOUCHED BY
BEDS4KIDS



HOUSEHOLDS
PROVIDING
DONATIONS



VOLUNTEER
HOURS



PARTNER
AGENCIES



HOUSEHOLDS BY ETHNICITY



SUPPORT THE SEED IN 2023:

Support The Seed Today!

You can make your donation with the enclosed remittance envelope with details of our "Furnishing Futures Gift Club" or donate via PayPal at our website:
www.mustardseedfortwayne.com



SCAN CODE WITH YOUR SMARTPHONE CAMERA

All donations support our locally funded non-profit and are tax deductible.

If you wish to keep your donation private, simply mark the "anonymous" box, and we will send you an acknowledgement of your gift.

Fundraise with Facebook



Host a Facebook fundraiser to support our mission or Beds4Kids Program. 100% of each donation from friends, family, coworkers and more can help support our agency. A great way to celebrate a birthday or anniversary!

You are also welcome to like us on Facebook!

Become A Volunteer



Share your time and talent with the Mustard Seed. Individuals and groups (large and small) are welcome. Just give us a call at 260-471-5802 x103 and we will be happy to answer your questions!

Giving Opportunities Through Thrivent



THRIVENT
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If you are a client or member of Thrivent, you can support the Mustard Seed through their Choice Program. Ask your Thrivent Advisor for more details.



Needs of the Seed

Items That Can Be Utilized:

- Bedroom Furniture
- Living Room Furniture
- Dining Tables & Chairs
- Home Decor Items
- Bed Linens & Blankets (bed size)
- Bath and Kitchen Towels
- Basic Kitchen Items
- Monetary Donations

Items need to be clean, in working order and free of rips, tears, stains, cigarette burns and animal hair.

Other Items the Mustard Seed Utilizes:

- Forever Stamps
- Reams of White Paper (8.5"x11" 20 lb. paper)
- Black Sharpie Markers
- 3/4" Blue or Green Painters Tape
- 3"x3" Pop-up Post-It Notes

Items We Do Not Accept:

- Baby Items
- Holiday Items
- Clothes
- Exercise Items
- Reclining/Sleeper Sofas
- Reclining/Sleeper Love Seats
- Entertainment Electronics
- Entertainment Centers
- Major Appliances
- Medical Items
- Computers
- Desks



"Thank you so much! Mustard Seed has helped me get my kids back in my home and create a home for us to live in comfortably."

The Mustard Seed accepts planned gifts in the form of:

- Bequests
- Life Insurance Policies
- Charitable Gift Annuities
- Charitable Remainder Trusts
- Retirement Assets
- IRA Distributions
- Stocks and Bonds

We recommend you discuss your planned gift options to the Mustard Seed with your financial planner and/or attorney, to ensure that your family's financial security and tax benefits/positions are understood.

CATASTROPHIC SITUATIONS

In 2022, an update to a form asks clients to check the various catastrophic situations they are facing, allowing us to see the impact of our mission first-hand.

Children Without Beds



182

Disabilities



82

Under Employed



93

Leaving Homeless Shelter



122

Military Veteran



14

Suffered A Fire



27

Domestic Violence



69

Completion Of Substance Abuse Program



62

Leaving Incarceration



42

Senior Citizen (Over 65)



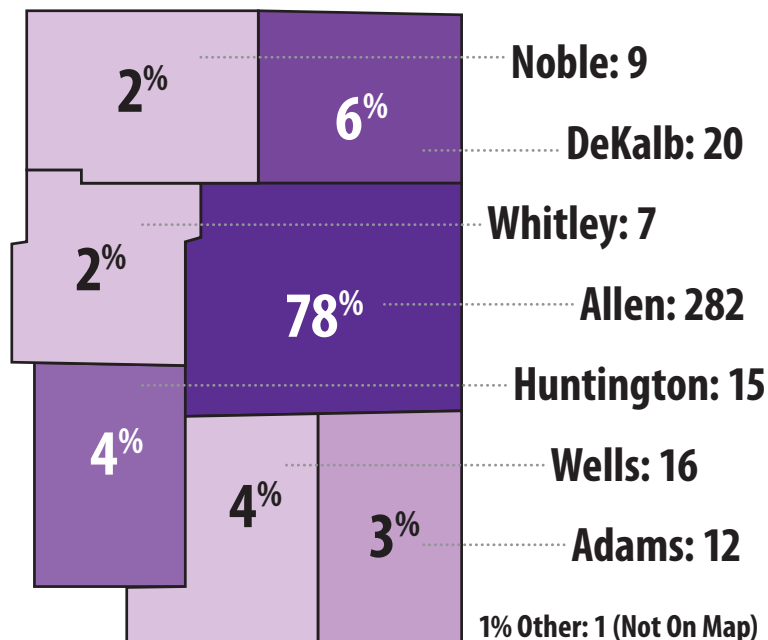
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Aging Out Of Foster Care



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FURNISHED HOMES BY COUNTY





**Sprouting Our
Largest Event In
The Spring!**

Want to join in the fun?
Mustard Seed Furniture Bank's
20th Annual Charity Auction Event

Shower the Seed
on Thursday, April 20th, 2023
at the Mustard Seed Furniture Bank.

Live and Silent Auction,
with Food and Drink

Drop us an email or give us a call to ensure you're on the invitation mailing list.

director@mustardseedfortwayne.com 260-471-5802 x100

Or you are welcome to check the special events box on the remittance envelope.

Watch our website for more details!

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