



IT TAKES A VILLAGE

STARTING A BLESSING

“Sometimes our light goes out but is blown again into flame by an encounter with another human being. Each of us owes the deepest thanks to those who have rekindled this inner light.” – Albert Schweitzer

When I first came here, one of our youth, Trisha was 17. She was going to turn 18 in a few months and was seriously pursuing adoption. I asked her about her wish to be adopted since she could be independent at 18 and had great ability to make her way in the world. She took my breath away by saying, “finding a family to adopt me, isn’t for me, it’s for the children I hope to have someday, I want them to have grandparents.” I was so struck by her thinking forward so thoughtfully. She wanted her children to have the full family experience that she didn’t have. **She started a blessing.**

That is what Trisha was doing, she didn’t have anyone start this for her, but she was determined to start the blessing of grandparents. I think that the chances are that her children will do this for their children. I believe that every day Eagle Village staff start a blessing in the lives of each youth that will change the generational blessings in their families. A blessing may start with kindness, patience, or showing our youth that they are valued. It is the day in and day out effort.

Just think of all the ripples, all the lives our youth will touch with what they learn here. I also think of the ripples our volunteers and donors start with the blessing of their time or their gifts that support our work. Your gift to the Eagle Fund will help us start a blessing in the lives of each youth.

Please give a gift at
eaglevillage.org, or
scan the QR code.



- Carol Hyble, Vice President of Advancement

NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH

In the State of Michigan, there are approximately 10,000 children who are in the foster care system. Children enter foster care when their parents are not able to keep them safe from significant abuse and/or neglect. Eagle Village works with these children and families to ensure a child does not remain in foster care long-term.

According to Eagle Village Foster Care & Adoption Coordinator, Kathy Lockhart, when children enter foster care, “The 1st goal is to reunify the child with their parents. If that is not possible and the child becomes eligible for adoption, the foster family can be considered as a forever placement for the child.” She added, “We encourage families who are interested in adopting to consider Foster Care to Adopt.”

Every year, approximately 2,100 children become eligible for adoption through the Michigan foster care system. Families who are interested in learning more about adoption can contact:

Kathy Lockhart, Foster Care & Adoption Coordinator
1-231-305-6700 | klockhart@eaglevillage.org

Scan the QR code to learn more about our Foster Care & Adoption team and services.



EAGLE FUND UPDATE

With your gifts to the Eagle Fund, we’ve been able to accomplish many projects so far this year. Here are a few of them:

- Update sensory rooms in the houses
- New windows for houses
- Re-pave driveways at two of the houses
- Purchase new mattresses
- School updates - while our youth were on summer break, we deep cleaned, painted, and put in new desks making this a welcoming place where our youth want to **SOAR**.

Safety, **O**pen to growth, **A**ccept responsibility, **R**espect.



One of our therapists painted this mural on the school wall!



EAGLES PRIDE A FORMAL EVENT

It was an elegant affair for our Eagle Village youth during the annual Eagle’s Pride celebration. It’s a moment for our kids to showcase their beauty on the inside as well as the outside. Our young ladies and gentlemen were given the opportunity to select their own formal wear, shoes and hairstyles - graciously provided by volunteers and donors.

The afternoon included boutonnieres and corsages for the youth, plus - games, a social hour with appetizers, and a photoshoot. A formal, multi-course dinner with a lesson on etiquette concluded the afternoon.



WE INVITE YOU TO VISIT

Friends Friday is a chance to learn more about Eagle Village and our 55-year history. Join us for an exclusive tour of our 681-acre campus! You will learn about our history, current services and how we help children and families reach their full potential. Bring a friend and join us the third Friday of the month.

Serve Saturdays are the first Saturdays of the month. We have a scheduled project or several projects based on needs, weather and volunteer availability. Whether it be an hour or six, teamwork gets the job accomplished and lasting friendships develop. And lunch is always served.

To RSVP, contact:

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Upcoming Dates:

- Serve Saturday: December 2nd
- Friends Friday: December 15th



AUTUMN ADVENTURES

From caramel apples to bike rides through the tree-lined roads, our youth and staff were able to celebrate the colorful fall season in many ways. Here’s a quick recap of the Autumn Adventures we’ve had so far!

Skill and Team Building



Pumpkin Painting at the ALC Building



Eagle Village at the Reed City Trick-or-Treat.



Staff celebrating and making Halloween fun for our youth.

