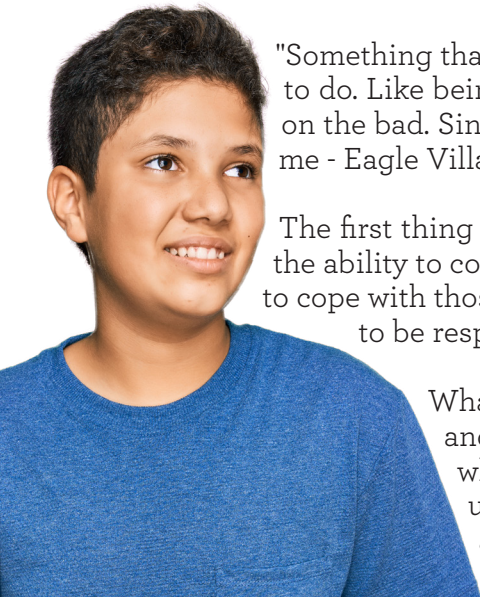




IT TAKES A VILLAGE



"Something that I thought I could never do is enjoying the things that I love to do. Like being with my family and playing football. I would always focus on the bad. Since age 7, I have been to several places that have tried to help me - Eagle Village is the only place that has helped me.

GAVIN*

The first thing Eagle Village taught me was how to love and focus on myself. Second, to gain the ability to control how I react to sudden change and bumps in the road. Then, learning how to cope with those obstacles. Lastly, realizing that the life I wanted was obtainable, but I needed to be responsible and reliable to myself and others.

What's different about Eagle Village? I just had so much support. Therapists, staff and mentors that showed me how to take care of myself and that my past and those who hurt me do not define who I am now. The only thing I didn't like... the school uniforms. HAHA! But, I now know why they are so important to wear. It puts us all on the same level so that we focus on the person and not by what they wear."

LIFE THROUGH *THEIR* EYES

**The stories are real, but the pictures and names have been changed to protect our youth.*

JAMES*

"My parents were completely unreliable and eventually their rights were terminated. I was angry and hated their failure to provide me and my siblings the life we thought we deserved. But, then I started to think that maybe I didn't deserve a "good" life because there were so many bad things happening to me. I bounced from foster family to foster family, shutting everyone out - eventually running away and making very poor choices for myself. I was lost - until I came to Eagle Village.

I have been here for about a year now, and yes, it has been a very long, difficult journey - but, the staff, therapists and my peers never gave up on me. I was shown how to love myself, and that I have the power to succeed and not follow the same path as my parents. I can choose my own path - a better path. My path now consists of befriending people I can trust, talking about my feelings, asking for help before things get out of control, and being someone that my friends and siblings can look up to.

I was also able to reconnect with a previous foster family, and Eagle Village is helping with that relationship. We have all been going to Family Legacy Weekends which has greatly helped with how we communicate with each other. I can see now that has always been a struggle - the way I communicate. Yelling, screaming and running away doesn't get you anywhere. Eagle Village gave me the power to make my own choices. I am no longer running away - I walk into new, positive opportunities."



YOU CAN HELP EAGLE VILLAGE YOUTH



COMPASSION INTO ACTION

Isabella Bank selected nineteen unique local organizations that applied to be a site for their Compassion Into Action – Community Service Day. Eagle Village was blessed with 31 volunteers who were with us the majority of the day. They dove into the work to paint walls in the Peak Lodge, assemble picnic tables, move summer items, and stain outdoor structures. We thank the volunteers from Isabella Bank who chose to come here and accomplish so much in one day that would take our staff weeks to complete.

"Volunteers have a significant impact on Eagle Village," said Eagle Village President and CEO, Cathey Prudhomme. "We are continually engaged in the upkeep and care of our facilities. When individuals dedicate their time, it demonstrates to our youth that they are valued and that their lives hold significance. It takes a village, and we are so grateful that Isabella Bank is a part of ours".



Learn more at eaglevillage.org/volunteer



FAMILIES WHO ADOPT, ROCK! THANK YOU!



In 2023, Eagle Village celebrated 27 successful adoptions!

We believe that every child deserves a nurturing, supportive and healthy family environment.

Please call 231.305.6700 if you would like more information.

Interested in helping?

- » Ask our Foster and Adoption Team how to become a foster or adoptive parent.
- » Spread the work about Eagle Village and our adoption/foster services.
- » Donate your time or resources to Eagle Village. You are welcome to join in our mission!

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE HERE



Your investment of time and resources at Eagle Village has a lasting impact on the lives of our youth.

The Eagle Fund directly impacts the youth and families we work with. It shows they are worth it, and their lives and futures are important to you.

100% of this fund supports our youth by providing a haven to heal, grow and find hope.

Please call or email if you would like to discuss giving to Eagle Village at 231 305-6511 or chyble@eaglevillage.org - or make a gift online at eaglevillage.donate.org or send a check to Eagle Village, 5044 175th Ave. Hersey, Mi 49639.

