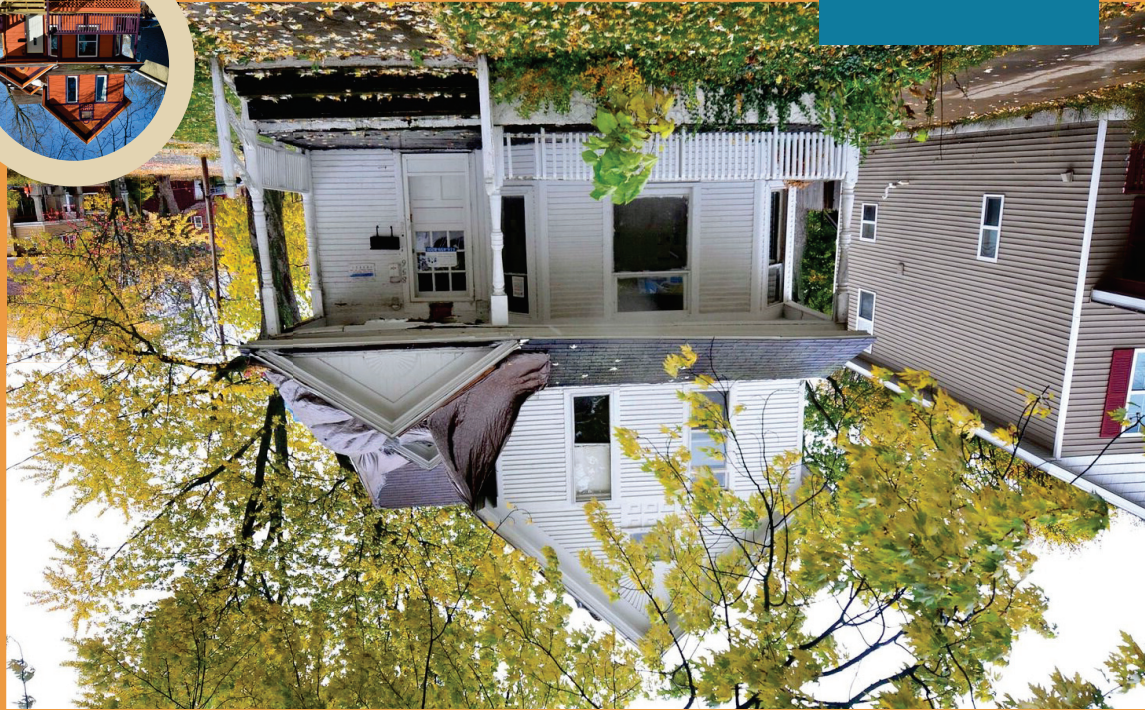


# 2016 Annual Report



## Letter from Our Executive Director

Dear friends of Well House,

2016 was an incredible year for our organization. Most importantly, we moved 134 people off the streets since 2013 – 97 adults and 37 children. Over 90 percent of those folks have not become homeless again. As you likely know, we prioritize applicants who have been denied other housing options.

We are so proud of this work. You helped make it possible. 35 of our tenants have received employment through our farm or on our housing rehabs. These opportunities have increased the income of our tenants, and provided a sense of meaning and purpose.

Well House isn't simply a nonprofit, it is a movement. A movement that believes that the solution to homelessness is housing. A highlight in 2016 was the visit we organized with Dr. Sam Tsemberis, founder of the Housing First Model. Hundreds of community members came to one of several events we planned with our community partners.

We still have so much work to do! We have received 547 applications, which means we have turned away far more people than we have housed due to lack of capacity. We will re-double our efforts in 2017. We can't wait to continue this critical and effective work with you. We can end homelessness in Grand Rapids!

*-Tami Vandenberg*



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## Staff and Board

- Tami Vandenberg, Executive Director
- Erin Crison, Chief Operating Officer
- Travis VanLuyk, Director of Construction & Maintenance
- Mario Leon, Development Coordinator
- Jodi Smith, Housing Specialist & Outreach Coordinator
- Jean Olds, Housing Specialist
- Sam Dells, Building & Maintenance Specialist
- Gwen Nathan, Receptionist
- Andrew Miller, Tenant Crew Leader
- Danny McGee, Director of Sustainability
- David Patillo, House Parent
- Alec Beattie, Farmer

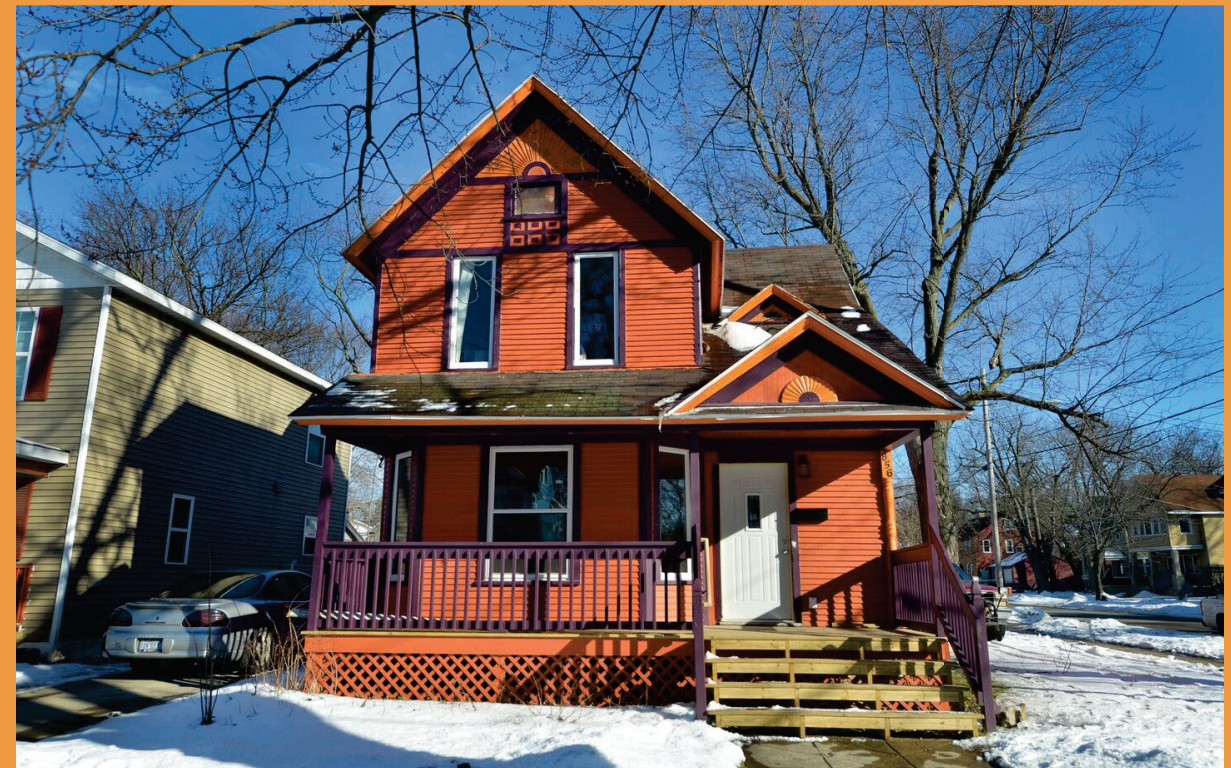
- 2016 Board of Directors:
- Audrey Chapman, Board Chair
  - Development & Administration Coordinator, Planned Parenthood of West & Northern Michigan
  - Caillin Kelly, Board Vice Chair
  - Owner, Creston Brewery
  - Austin Dean, Board Treasurer
  - Co-Founder & CEO, Collective Metrics
  - Operations Director, Smart Garden
  - Derek DeVries, Board Secretary
  - Digital Strategist, Lambert, Edwards & Associates
  - Brent Geers
  - Estate Planning Attorney/Owner, Geers Law



- Matt O'Connor
- Director of Investments, 616 Development
- Lisa J. Rios Partner, Edward Jones
- Theodore Janga-Ngaima Ndwallie II
- Musician, Composer & Music Teacher
- Elsa Kerr
- Retired Marketing/Communications Professional
- Denavvia Mojet, Political Campaign Consultant
- Toresa Blakely, CPLC, In Life Now Enterprises, Owner
- Bryant Mitchell, Sunday Dinner, A Real Estate Company

*And thank you to our many donors  
and volunteers!*

## Geneva House After Renovation







# Our Impact in 2016 by the Numbers



## Purchased and Completed New Homes

Purchased 2 new houses for restoration, and also completed work on 2 more homes, bringing our total number of homes owned to 13, with 8 lots for food growing



## Grew 941 lbs of Organic Food

470 lbs given to Wellhouse tenants      210 lbs shared with neighbors  
61 lbs distributed at events      200 lbs preserved for future use

## Life Changing Housing and Employment



Housed an additional 60 people bringing our total # of people housed from 2013-2016 to 134



Employed 35 tenants who earned income working 6,704 hours



## Financial Information

