THE NEST

ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

Safe today. Strong tomorrow.

2026

OUR IMPACT

One year ago, The Nest Lansing began with a simple but urgent belief: Lansing could not afford to lose critical services for people experiencing homelessness.

When our community faced the potential loss of shelter and day services, we chose to act.



In less than a year, The Nest Lansing was established as an independent nonprofit organization, built a Board of Directors, raised the funding necessary to move forward, purchased and renovated a facility, transitioned critical services, and opened our doors on May 12, 2026.

What began as an effort to preserve essential services has become something much bigger; a new organization focused on helping individuals and families move from crisis toward stability.

None of it would have been possible without our donors, partners, volunteers, staff, and community.

The Nest provides safe overnight shelter for families and veterans and also essential day services for anyone in our community experiencing homelessness or housing instability.

Every day, people come through our doors looking for help. For some, it is a safe place to sleep. For others, it is a hot meal, a shower, clean clothes, an address where they can receive mail, access to healthcare, or a case manager who can help them navigate the next step.

Sometimes, it is simply having a safe place to be and someone willing to help.

200

People Served Through Our Day Center Each Day

The Nest Day Center has quickly become an essential resource for the Lansing community. Individuals experiencing homelessness or housing instability can access basic necessities and connect with services that help address the underlying barriers keeping them

OUR SERVICES INCLUDE:

- Meals and food assistance
- Showers and hygiene resources
- Laundry services
- Mail services
- Case management
- Housing navigation
- Computer Lab
- Healthcare connections
- Behavioral health resources
- Benefits and identification assistance
- Connections to other community partners and supportive services

FOOD INSECURITY

2,000
MEALS EACH MONTH

$1,500
FOOD COST EACH WEEK

Food insecurity and housing instability are deeply connected. The Nest provides approximately 2,000 meals each month, ensuring that people facing homelessness do not also have to wonder where their next meal will come from. Providing that food requires significant community support. Food costs alone cost $1,500 each week.

Our goal is not simply to feed people for today.

We want food assistance to become another pathway toward dignity, stability, and independence. That is why we are continuing to expand our food pantry model, including opportunities that allow individuals and families to select the food that best meets their needs. This approach provides greater choice and dignity while helping reduce food waste.

SAFE SHELTER. REAL STABILITY.

1,736
OVERNIGHT BEDS PER MONTH

Homelessness looks different for every person. It can be a family whose rent increased beyond what they could afford. A veteran struggling to regain stability. Someone who lost employment and quickly fell behind. A person leaving an unsafe situation. Or someone who has spent years navigating homelessness, disability, behavioral health challenges, or other significant barriers.

The Nest exists to meet people where they are.

Our overnight shelter provides safe accommodations for Families and Veterans while our team works alongside guests to identify barriers, connect them to resources, and develop a path toward permanent housing. We prioritize single dads, and families with older teens as they have the fewest options for shelter in our community. We provide 1,736 overnight beds each month for our families and veterans.

Our goal is not simply to provide a bed. Our goal is to help people move forward.



MORE THAN A SHELTER

Housing instability rarely exists in isolation. People experiencing homelessness may simultaneously be navigating healthcare needs, unemployment, transportation challenges, mental health concerns, missing identification, food insecurity, legal issues, or difficulty accessing public benefits. No single organization can solve all of those challenges.

That is why partnership is central to The Nest model.

We work alongside organizations throughout our community to bring services closer to the people who need them. Our partnerships and referrals include healthcare providers, recovery organizations, public agencies, schools, and other nonprofit and community organizations. By bringing organizations together, we can reduce duplication, close service gaps, and make it easier for individuals to receive help.

Those accomplishments belong to our entire community.

YOUR INVESTMENT AT WORK

Every contribution, large or small, becomes part of someone's opportunity to move forward.

When you support The Nest, you are not simply funding a building. You are helping provide:

- A meal to someone who is hungry
- A shower and clean clothes before a job interview
- A safe bed for someone who has nowhere else to sleep
- A case manager helping someone navigate housing
- Healthcare for someone who has gone without it
- A safe place for a family experiencing crisis
- A pathway from homelessness toward stability

Thank you. Thank you to the individuals who believed in The Nest before our doors were open.

Thank you to the foundations, businesses, government partners, churches, and organizations that invested in our mission.

Thank you to the volunteers who give their time.

Thank you to the organizations that provide services alongside us.

Thank you to our staff, who show up every day and do difficult, meaningful work.

And thank you to the Lansing community for deciding that our neighbors experiencing homelessness deserve dignity, compassion, safety, and opportunity.

You did more than help us open a shelter. **You helped build The Nest.**

HELP US BUILD WHAT COMES NEXT

The need did not end when our doors opened. Neither will our work. As we move into our next year, we are asking current supporters to continue standing with us and inviting new donors to become part of what we are building.

Your investment helps keep our Day Center open, our meals available, our shelter safe, our case managers collaborating with participants, and our organization focused on long-term sustainability and solutions.

There are many ways to help: make a financial contribution, sponsor a program, provide essential supplies, volunteer, establish a corporate partnership, or introduce The Nest to others who believe in our mission.

Together, we can do more than respond to homelessness. We can create pathways out of it.

There is more than one way to make an impact. Whether you give your time, resources, expertise, or financial support, you become part of the solution.

WAYS TO SUPPORT

DONATE ESSENTIAL ITEMS
Support guests with travel size hygiene products, new clothing, household essentials, and other high-need items.
(SEE AMAZON WISHLIST ON OUR WEBSITE.)

DONATE STOCKS OR SECURITIES
Gifts of appreciated securities may provide donors with tax advantages while supporting The Nest. Our Brokerage account is held at TriStar Bank.

IRA QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS
Eligible donors may make charitable gifts directly from an IRA.

DONOR-ADVISED FUND GIFTS
Recommend a grant to The Nest through your donor-advised fund.

PLANNED & LEGACY GIVING
Include The Nest in a will, trust, estate plan, life insurance policy, or other planned gift.

TRIBUTE & MEMORIAL GIFTS
Make a donation in honor or memory of someone special.

FOUNDATION & FAMILY FUND SUPPORT
Private, community, and family foundations can invest in specific programs, operations, or long-term initiatives.

HOST A FUNDRAISER
Businesses, schools, churches, community groups, and individuals can organize an event or campaign benefiting The Nest.

VOLUNTEER
Give the gift of time by helping with meals, donations, special projects, events, or other needs.

MAJOR & CAPITAL GIFTS
Larger investments can support facility improvements, program expansion, housing initiatives, and long-term sustainability.

Donate Today! Change starts with people like you.
Your donation helps make a real impact, one action at a time.
Together, we can do more.

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