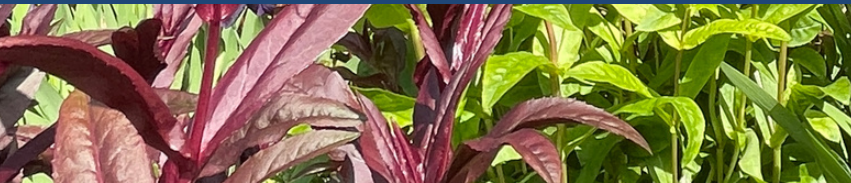


SPRING  SUMMER 2026

ALPHA HOUSE

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK



John Larsen, President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Ann Arbor Stake, welcomes IHN members at the Gratitude Dinner

Our Thriving Congregational Network

Alpha House is extremely grateful for the strong support and dedication of the 30+ Interfaith Hospitality Network congregations that continue to provide volunteers, home cooked meals, donations of food staples and supplies, and moral support. In the last six months alone, congregations and organizations delivered 35 brunches and 165 meals. To help Alpha House express its gratitude, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints hosted a Gratitude Dinner at their Saline church on March 8, 2026 to honor IHN congregations and strengthen the collaboration. We thank our hosts for their generosity!

Alpha House Expansion: New Shelter Opened and Dedicated in Honor of Wendell 'Del' Dunbar

In partnership with Trinity Health Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, the State of Michigan, and private foundations, Alpha House opened a second shelter in late 2025 on the campus of Trinity Health. When fully occupied, this shelter will house 30 families at any given time. At this location, each family is provided a private room with an adjoining bathroom. One wing is occupied, and we are working to open the second wing. Alpha House has dedicated this new shelter in honor of Wendell 'Del' Dunbar, respected community leader and longtime advocate for unhoused individuals and families. A private naming ceremony took place on February 20, 2026. Alpha House now has the capacity to serve over 150 families annually.



*Left to right: **Judy Dow Rumelhart**, Towsley Foundation Trustee & Honorary Chair Emeritus, **Del Dunbar**, Towsley Foundation Trustee, and **Sr. Yvonne Gellise**, RSM, Founder, Washtenaw Housing Alliance*

Shout out to Zingerman's!

A special thanks to Zingerman's Community of Businesses for recent in-kind donations of ZingTrain workshops and trainings for our leadership staff and for featuring Alpha House in the March-April 2026 Edition of Zingerman's News' Non-Profit Spotlight!

Your support makes an impact!

In just the last six months, we have served 135 families, providing much-needed housing and security to 262 children and 175 parents & guardians. We couldn't do this without you!

Miracle Gift from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Arrives



A portion of the damaged roof of Alpha House West

In early spring 2026, just as the aging, leaking roof at Alpha House West on Jackson Road finally gave way, literally letting in daylight in one office, an impeccably timed, transformational gift arrived from the Northeast Area of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. That “just-in-time” support is now funding a full roof replacement for the 12,000 sq. ft. shelter, along with major upgrades across both shelter locations, including security, technology, furnishings and much more. A huge thanks to the Ann Arbor Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for championing Alpha House’s immediate capital needs. What started as a partial collapse has become a complete renewal, a true miracle! We thank all of our congregational partners for keeping everyone at Alpha House safe, well fed, and dry!

Winter Warming Program 2025-26 Served Over 35 Families

For the second year in a row, the lower level of Alpha House West, utilized during the rest of the year as a play and learn space for children and youth, was converted during the winter months into an emergency “Winter Amnesty Program.” This allowed unhoused families to have dinner, sleep peacefully at night in a warm, safe environment, shower and do laundry, and have breakfast before leaving for a nearby daytime warming center or work. While the need was critical and Alpha House’s response swift, this led to overcrowding, and conversations are underway to find alternatives for next winter.



The basement of Alpha House West during the 2025-2026 Winter Amnesty Program

*Welcoming
New Staff*



Alpha House recently hired two new staff members! Pictured left to right are Communications Associate Lee Solo and Hospitality Coordinator Kelly Weaver. Welcome!

Save the Date

31st Annual Gimme Shelter Fundraising Event – Ypsilanti Freight House

Come celebrate with us on Wednesday, October 14th from 6-9pm. We continue to be amazed by the generosity of the individuals, businesses, corporations and congregations of Washtenaw County. This event will be a special celebration of our collective work! For tickets and sponsorship information, head to <https://www.alphahouse-ihn.org/gimmeshelter26>