



Good Samaritan
Family Services
Serving the Lord by reaching out to those in need

Good Samaritan Family Services Fall Newsletter

2026

From the Director

As I look across our locations and programs, I'm grateful for the growth and improvements. Yet at our core, we remain the same ministry — faithfully serving the Lord, reaching out to those in need, and doing it all with joyful, thankful hearts.

Your past and future support makes this work possible. We simply could not serve our community without the faithfulness of our partners and donors, and we are deeply grateful.

Every day, we are blessed to welcome people through our doors and share the love of Jesus in meaningful, practical ways.

If you join us for our annual Fall Fun"d" Fest, be sure to check out our beautiful new sign — and keep an eye out for a matching counterpart sign coming soon to the pantry and resale location.

Robyn Yarmak, Director

Update from our Resale Department

Over the past year, we have made several improvements to our resale department. Jolyn Clarke has joined us as supervisor, and Crystal Windish serves as furniture store manager. The stores have never looked better and are filled with treasures. Proceeds from both locations help fund the food pantry. Please stop by either location and say hello! We also purchased the furniture store building when it was listed for sale. We did not want to lose this amazing location. We are now completing necessary updates and repairs, like adding energy efficient windows, replacing rotting wood, painting, and making roof repairs to the building. Would you consider giving over and above what you give to our ministries to help cover the cost of the needed improvements? Whether you give a little or a lot, your time or your money, it is all welcome and we appreciate the heart behind it.



Jolyn Clark
at the Resale Shop



Crystal Windish at
Furniture store



Moms & Tots 25th
Anniversary party



New sign at Family Center

Moms & Tots-A Soft Place to Land for 25 years

Early 2001, as the Food Pantry was helping people, it became apparent that there was a population needing to be served. There were moms who needed support, education about pregnancy, resources, and mentoring. Members of the Good Samaritan Board visited Baptists for Life to catch a vision. On September 11, 2001, in a borrowed home, in Ellsworth, Moms & Tots began. That first year 37 families were helped. As we stepped out in faith and through amazing friends and supporters, God has brought incredible blessings along the way. We now have 500 client visits a year.

We have our own building and many more programs available for our clients and their families Through these past 25 years we have visited with over 10,000 moms and 20,000 children. Many faithful volunteers have served with love and over 300,000 diapers have been dispersed. These statistics are amazing, but what really matters is that the heart of this ministry remains the same, sharing Jesus and his love. One of our clients states it best, "Moms & Tots is so much more than a resource center. It's a soft place to land when you need one most. Beyond diapers and supplies, they hand you friendship, support and education like it's the easiest thing in the world. No shame. No judgement; just open arms, a listening ear and hearts overflowing with love for moms and babies alike."

Thank you for being a part of this vision and ministry!
Gayle Kroon, Moms & Tots Director

MOMS & TOTS

COME AND JOIN US FOR OUR

FAMILY FUN"D FEST

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

GOOD SAMARITAN FAMILY CENTER
9100 PLEASANT HILL RD
ELLSWORTH MI 49729

1:00PM - 4:00PM

Events:

Games • Bingo • Petting Zoo • Food •
Bouncy House • Crafts • Tours •
Learning Garden • Learning Playground
• Pine River Jazz Music •
Moms & Tots Partnership Opportunities
and much more!

For more information:

231-588-2200
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Moms & Tots Timeline

2001-Moms & Tots began in Little Blue House
2009-Current Building built and dedicated
2015-Willing to Wait education launched
2017-Family/Community Room added
2023-Learning Playground built
2023-Fun"d" Fest fundraiser begins
2024-Learning Garden created

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"Moms & Tots 25th Anniversary"

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