



Noah
at Central

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At Noah at Central, we celebrate every victory, big and small. Whether it's a moment of joy in a client's day or a major milestone like securing stable housing, these wins are the result of incredible teamwork between our staff and clients. Each success represents perseverance, determination, and the power of community support. From the first step to the finish line, we stand together, knowing that even small achievements deserve to be honored.

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Obtaining vital documents like birth certificates and social security cards is often one of the first and most difficult

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

All Volunteer

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hurdles for many clients. "We get some clients that come and ask for their mail every day for weeks," says Angie, our Community Center Receptionist who distributes mail to almost 300 clients Monday-Thursday. "You can tell when folks aren't getting what they're hoping for—you get disappointed for them. Then the day finally comes, there's a certain envelope, and the staff, clients, and everyone just gets so excited!" These moments, though seemingly small, are an important milestone in the journey toward stability.

At Noah, we continuously create opportunities to celebrate with our clients— whether it's through spontaneous moments of joy or organized events like our Block Party. These celebrations remind us all that joy can be found in every step of the journey, and offer our clients a chance to feel seen, supported, and uplifted within our community.

AMY BROWN'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY AT NOAH

This summer, Executive Director Amy Brown celebrated her 20th anniversary with our organization!

To celebrate - she challenged our community to raise \$20,000 as part of our Summer Fundraising Challenge. Our community rallied behind her, and the \$20,000 they raised was matched by an additional \$20,000 in funding!

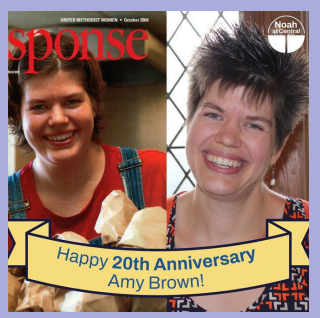
\$40,000 of impact is an extraordinary anniversary gift!
Thank you to all who participated!



Our first time competing in the **Rocket Community Challenge** was a success, thanks to the amazing support of our community! This is what we achieved together:

- Raised Online: \$86,412
- Third place finish: \$10,000
- Bonus prize: \$2,500
- **Combined Impact: \$98,912**

We look forward to sharing more of the meaningful work we'll be able to accomplish with your support, as we continue to journey alongside our clients experiencing homelessness in Detroit.





Beloved Traditions: Summer Block Party

lot, breaking down barriers and fostering deeper connections.

Board member, Jason Gilmore served as DJ again this year, keeping the party dancing and engaged all day long. Meanwhile, volunteers from Royal Oak First United Methodist Church served burgers & hot dogs off the grill, in addition to helping with setup. Health Alliance Plan (HAP) provided a hydration station.

One day each summer, we gather for a special event with our entire community — a classic block party in our downtown parking lot! This event never fails to capture the spirit of community, welcoming everyone to a space where joy, laughter, and connection thrive.

Clients, volunteers, staff, and board members come together to share in the fun and create & strengthen bonds. The day is filled with music, laughter, and friendly competition, as everyone dances, sings, and faces off in lively cornhole matches. The smell of grilled food fills the air as a palpable sense of unity fills the

Enjoying our summer as a community reminds us all of the power of the relationships we're building. One client, Chris, put it best: "It's days like this that remind me that I'm not alone". By celebrating with our community, we strengthen bonds and reinforce a foundation of trust, support, and connection that carries us through the rest of the year.



Clients dancing to the DJ's tunes



Cornhole is always a favorite at the party



Staff & volunteers paused for a group photo before the block party

Beloved Traditions: BBQ on Belle Isle

Each summer, Noah at Central invites regular volunteers, our board members, key partners, and their families to join staff for a BBQ on Belle Isle.

We were excited to welcome everyone all in one place for this event! It is rare that all of these groups are in the same place at the same time.

Staff members enjoyed introducing to their families to one another. Board members bonded with volunteers and key partners, strengthening existing relationships and building new ones.

Noah provided burgers and hot dogs, grilled on charcoal at the pavilion, and each guest brought a favorite dish to pass.

A special highlight of the day was celebrating Amy Brown's 20th anniversary with our organization. Amy was honored with heartfelt toasts and gifts, marking two decades of creating community & calling Detroit home.

We're already looking forward to next year's BBQ and the opportunity to celebrate even more milestones with all of you!

