

BUILDING  
COMMUNITY  
AS WE BUILD...

# SHECHEM

At Hope Street

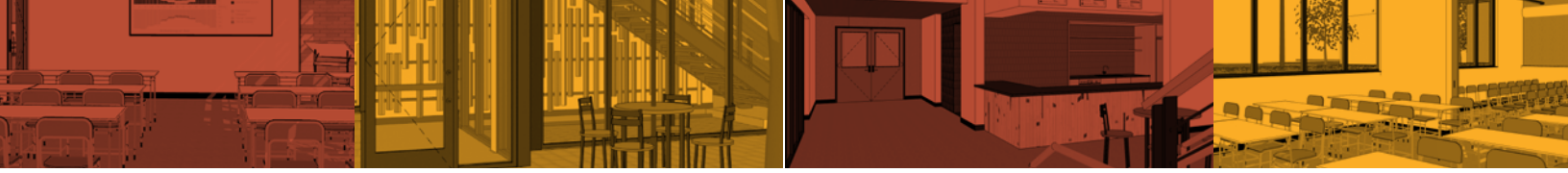
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## PAUSE & CELEBRATE

YOU have gotten us so far. We have raised over \$1.5 million in funds towards Shechem, \$325,000 of which came in the last 3 months of the year. It has been so encouraging to see how many people are energized to do this work. Over the last year you joined us at events, by sharing stories to your friends and by coming down here and spending time with our community.



YOUR EFFORTS ARE  
WHAT HAVE MADE  
OUR GROWTH  
POSSIBLE...



# DESPITE THE COLD WEATHER, DUFFEK CONSTRUCTION IS STILL HARD AT WORK

- Our walls are up and an elevator shaft and gym exist
- We have a second floor
- We are beginning to build the parapet walls on the roof
- We are bringing in the structural beams for the inner walls of the second floor
- Then, we are finishing the roof over the front of the building
- Soon, we will pour the concrete floor over the gravel on the first floor



**THE BUILDING SHOULD BE FULLY ENCLOSED BY EARLY FEBRUARY. STAY TUNED FOR MORE UPDATES ON THE BUILDING PROGRESS.**



In recent weeks, Mark, a Hope Street member, has been able to work over at the construction site, cleaning up and preparing the space for the builders. It's such a good example of people putting something into space and getting something out of it. He is investing time and energy, getting paid and seeing a space he will be able to use come to life. We are so grateful for the number of people "putting in" to this project.

## LOOKING FORWARD

This summer Shechem's doors will open and the anticipation is growing. It has been life-giving to see the details come together- having a schedule created, membership solidified, and rental space and partnership forms created. Now we get to pick out furnishings and plan a grand opening. In all of that, it's easy to get caught up in the process of creating, planning and fundraising and in turn forgetting why we are doing all of this. Taking a look at what is currently happening at Hope Street is a good reminder.

A member recently came into the office for help. She has a family and works and is often caught up in balancing it all. She came down with news of getting into

nursing school. We were excited about the prospect of her doing something for herself but she was worried about the financial aspect, especially since she still has tens of thousands of dollars in student loans from her first go around. She had been searching for scholarships and kept finding her way onto scamming websites that needed you to pay in order to "apply" for a scholarship. As staff, we've always had the capability to meet people where they are at, so after an hour or so of research, she had a page of leads.

One member has had trouble sorting through anger and grief, and moving forward. We set him up with a counselor and have regularly spent time listening. He has begun letting things go and being okay with where he is at. A third member just had a baby and needed

supplies, despite not having income. We gave her what we had and connected her to resources to find what we did not. Other members helped watch her children during delivery. **All three members got their different needs met.**

Hope Street is a place for all to land and to be, regardless of our backgrounds or current needs. We give people a place to build relationships, gain support and work towards healing and achieving goals. Shechem at Hope Street is allowing more people into this, providing opportunity to experience transformation.

**AT THE END OF THIS ALL, WE WILL HAVE A COMMUNITY CENTER WHERE ALL ARE WELCOME TO EXPERIENCE REFUGE, GOD'S GRACE, AND COMMUNITY.**

## PLEASE JOIN US IN THIS ADVENTURE THIS YEAR

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| 1 > Follow us on social media | 2 > Show up (come to our events)  |
| @greenhouseforpeople          | 3 > Take the time (read our emails, prayers and stories, and share the message) |
| HopeStreet_GFP                | 4 > Pray! (we value this so much)   |
| @greenhouseforpeople          | 5 > Give when you can (and encourage others to)                                 |
| Hope Street Ministry          |   |

SIMPLY WALK ALONGSIDE US AS WE CONTINUE TO BUILD SHECHEM AT HOPE STREET



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