## **Micah Community Culture**

Before offering any service or program, Micah will extend dignity, friendship, and rest to our unhoused neighbors. In a safe, comfortable, low barrier space, we will provide support for basic needs and connect neighbors to the city's service agencies who will enable them to take positive steps forward to improve their lives. Our unhoused neighbors need and deserve an inviting environment, not another institution.

*"Community"* is part of our name for a reason! We will foster community in three ways - guide unhoused individuals in developing community, leadership, and service skills; rally faith communities and community members in cooperation to support the unhoused; and provide hands-on opportunities for college students to develop servant hearts and leadership skills.

*Our guiding posture is Micah 6:8:* "Act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly." Without question, our hope is for every unhoused individual to have permanent housing, to be healthy and whole, and to experience a personal faith. In the meantime: for those the system does not have the capacity to house, or who cannot maintain sobriety, or who cannot find sufficient employment to live independently, or who do not make a confession of faith: Micah will offer love and support. Above all, Love is the service provided.

\*Micah is faith informed: Our Christian faith is what leads us to do this work. As with many of OKC's homelessness services, observance of a particular faith is not required to receive services or volunteer.

