



2023

OPPORTUNITIES

For Your Support

We invite you to review these current community needs and consider providing either full or partial support!

For assistance or to learn more about any of these requests, contact LaToya Turner at 517-664-9857 or lturner@ourcommunity.org.



COMMUNITY
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ANIMAL WELFARE



Nottingham
Nature
Nook

Nottingham Nature Nook is the primary wildlife rehabilitation center in the region for songbirds, mammals, and fawns. They request a gift of **\$5,000** to assist with the purchase of wildlife food, which is a significant portion of its budget. As the number of animals served continues to grow, so too does the costs to feed them. Nottingham Nature Nook is funded entirely by private donations. www.nottinghamnaturenook.com

ARTS & CULTURE



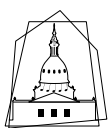
All of the Above Hip Hop offers free classes for youth in the Lansing area to learn about hip hop culture and to help build community. A gift of **\$5,000** will support instructors and administrative costs for three different 8-week sessions focusing on deejaying, creating beats, writing songs, and break-dancing skills. www.alloftheabovehiphop.org



DeWitt Community Singers aspires to diversify their choral library and expand the audience experience. Choral concerts typically feature white, male composers. A gift of **\$3,500** would help purchase choral music featuring women and composers of color and different cultural backgrounds, as well as provide accompaniment for choral performances. www.dewittcommunitysingers.net



DreamWorld Studios for the Arts provides affordable art and dance opportunities to underserved youth. They request a gift of **\$4,650** to form the Lansing City-wide Majorette Team. Dancers will be coached to perform at festivals, parades, and other events. Funds will be used for performance space and musical accompaniment as well as to purchase costumes and shoes, and to provide ten scholarships for members in need. www.facebook.com/theARTSSave



LANSING
CHILDREN'S
CHOIR

Lansing Children's Choir seeks a gift of **\$5,000** to provide a unique experience for their participants. Funds would charter a bus and provide overnight accommodations for a weekend visit to the Museum of African American History and attend worship to experience the choir at Christ Church Detroit. Following services, choir director Dr. Maki-Scharamm will conduct a masterclass with the Lansing choristers and the Community Chorus of Detroit. www.lansingchildrenschoir.org



Pure Winds is an award-winning woodwind quintet that has been performing in the Lansing area since 2017. A gift of **\$5,000** will help support their local concerts and fund educational outreach programs and masterclasses to k-12 schools.

www.purewindsquintet.com



The Poetry Room was created by Lansing Poet Laureate, Masaki Takahshi to build community and give voice to a diverse group of blossoming poets and musicians. A gift of **\$4,930** will fund 10 open mic events in the Capital Area for more than 150 people of diverse backgrounds to share their poems and stories. Funds will also be used to host two featured poet events and writing workshops. www.the517poetryroom.com

BASIC NEED ITEMS



Breadhouse Community Outreach is an outreach effort of Bethlehem Temple Church. They provide services to those in need. They request **\$5,000** to purchase practical home goods for youth who have aged out of foster care and are living on their own. Funds would purchase 10 of the following: sheets and comforters; pots, pans, and dishes; mops, brooms, vacuums, and dustpans; and air mattresses.

www.thebreadhousesouth.org/community-project/



Cardboard Prophets is a street-based outreach in Lansing with a distribution site in the Lansing Mall. They request **\$5,000** to purchase diapers, wipes, and other baby supplies, as well as laundry supplies such as detergent, bleach, and dryer sheets, for qualifying individuals throughout Ingham County. www.cardboardprophets.org



Caring Neighbor Foundation supports community members in need throughout Ingham and Eaton Counties. A gift of **\$5,000** will provide 40-60 Thanksgiving baskets, help support No Child Without a Christmas, provide children with meals when there is no school, and assist low-income families with medical expenses.

www.caring-neighbor.com



Covered by Love reports that undergarments are the least donated items to charity. A gift of **\$5,000** can provide 350 pairs of socks, underwear and undershirts, and 100 hats, gloves, and handwarmers to local school children and members of Lansing's homeless community. www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100088564253869



Ishi Odamtten Foundation
Care. Cure. Educate

Ishi Odamtten Foundation aims to support homeless shelters with food and other items needed to fight hunger. They seek **\$5,000** to purchase non-perishable food, baby formula, diapers and wipes, and personal hygiene items to donate to Lansing area homeless shelters. www.ishiodamttenfoundation.org



Love Clothing Center
531 Glendale, Lansing, MI 48910
Ph: 517/882-5961 Fax: 517/882-5987

Judson Love Clothing Center has provided new and gently used clothing to school-aged children and youth for over 30 years. A gift of **\$5,000** will purchase 20 sets of children's clothing and 9 sets of clothes for teens. The sets include 3 pairs of pants, 2 shirts, 1 sweatshirt, 7 sets of underwear and socks, and 1 piece of outerwear. <http://www.churchlansing.com/about/lcc.html>



LMTS Community Outreach Services provides services for basic life needs and encourages self-sufficiency. Their request of **\$5,000** will be used to purchase backpacks and school supplies for children on the South Side. Funds will also help purchase nutritious and culturally appropriate food for the Carol Ramsey Community Feeding, which service around 100 people on the fourth Saturday of the month. www.lmtsoutreach.org



Mason Area Community Services coordinates local resources to maximize outreach to those in need. A gift of **\$5,000** will help to fill a gap by establishing a clothing and diaper bank for the struggling and underserved in the Mason area. Funds will be used to purchase inventory such as diapers, personal care items, and basic clothing items. www.masoncommunityservices.org



Punks with Lunch Lansing works to inspire, motivate, and grow community involvement to support our most vulnerable neighbors through distribution of essential items. A gift of **\$5,000** will purchase important items for transient people in the Lansing area. These include backpacks to carry belongings, laundry cards and bus tokens, underwear, and seasonal weather items. www.punkswithlunchlansing.org



South Lansing Community Development Association engages stakeholders to develop and implement programs that improve community health and quality of life in South Lansing. This includes an urban farm that donates 3,000 pounds of food each year to local pantries and refugee communities. They request a gift of **\$4,660** to upgrade their irrigation system and install motorized side walls and shade cloths in their greenhouse to help regulate temperatures throughout the four seasons. www.southlansing.org



Southside Community Kitchen provides nourishing meals to the hungry people of Lansing in a caring and dignified environment. A gift of **\$5,000** will help purchase items needed to prepare, serve, and clean up from over 9,500 meals provided each year. www.southsidecommunitykitchen.org



STREETS 517 Ministries strives to serve the urban and underserved youth of Lansing through intentional relationship building. A gift of **\$5,000** provides meals for 30 Lansing area high school students, every Monday night for 42 weeks/year. Funds will also be used to purchase pantry items for students whose families are food insecure. www.streets517.com



T.W.I.G.S To Work in Grateful Service provides everyday services for individuals and families struggling with a cancer diagnosis. Services include errands, yard work, housecleaning, and rides to medical appointments. A gift of **\$5,000** will be used to provide yard work for approximately 30 families and roughly 15-20 house cleanings. www.twigsinc.org

EDUCATION



Buddy's PALS Pet Assisted Learning brings highly trained dogs and their handlers into educational settings throughout the Capital Region, providing comfort and assisting kids with learning. They request **\$4,800** to purchase trading cards that feature each support dog, to be used as incentive items for the children who participate in the program. www.buddyspals.net



Global Institute of Lansing provides educational services to adult refugees that enable them to earn a high school diploma in an atmosphere of peace, respect, encouragement, and inspiration. A gift of **\$5,000** will support 5 refugees through their high school completion program, as well as purchase materials for an Academic English course. www.globalinstitutelansing.org



Mission Menstruation works to hold higher education institutions accountable for providing equal access to period products. Their advocacy led to MSU making 200 on-campus period product dispensers free of charge. They request a gift of **\$5,000** to support their work and to host a conference focused on the importance of health advocacy. www.missionmenstruation.com

EVENTS



Casa De Rosado Galeria and Cultural Center is a gallery and cultural center showcasing and preserving Chicanx, Indigenix, and Latinx cultures. A gift of **\$5,000** will help support their printing and advertising costs for annual programs, such as the Cesar Chavez exhibit, Fiesta Monarca, and Folklrico. A portion of the funds will be used to support other operational expenses for the organization. www.casaderosado.org



Lansing 5:01 provides networking and social opportunities for young professionals in the Lansing area through its Grand River Connection program. These events help create community, particularly for transplants to our region, which encourages them to stay in the area. They request a gift of **\$5,000** to fund venue fees and activity costs for their monthly events. www.lansing501.com



Lansing Area Safety Council has been promoting safety of all types in the Lansing area since 1939. Their particular focus is child, school, home, community, and workplace safety. They seek a gift of **\$4,875** to host a Community Resource & Safety Day on August 12, 2023. The event will give families free access to local resources that impact their wellbeing such as first responders, human service providers, and neighborhood organizations. www.safetycouncil.org



OurSpace517 works to activate corridors throughout the Capital region with high-quality, free, and accessible programs that are rooted in the celebration of culture and the promotion of holistic wellness. Based on the success of their Juneteenth festival in REO Town, they are expanding to other areas with two, four-day festivals: 517 Wellness and 517 Financial Wellness. A gift of **\$5,000** will cover the cost of staging for the two events. www.ourspace517.com



Progressive Empowerment Education Resources Services (PEERS) is a nonprofit that has organized an annual Juneteenth event in Lansing for over 30 years. The event, which focuses on raising awareness of Juneteenth history among students and young adults, includes essay contests, a parade, a Negro League ballgame, cultural dance, music, and art. A gift of **\$5,000** will support the promotion and implementation of PEERS Juneteenth activities. www.peerservice.org

FOOD PANTRY



Beacon of Hope Family Center is an outreach of First Baptist Church of St. Johns and offers the only food pantry in Clinton County that is accessible five days/week. In 2022 they served 280 unique households. A gift of **\$5,000** will enhance their food offerings by providing 10 months of milk and 9 months of cheese for distribution. www.stjohnsfbc.com/beacon.html



Elsie Area Food Pantry provides free food to families in need in the Elsie area. A gift of **\$2,790** will purchase a 4x8 letterboard sign for the building to announce monthly Produce/dates and times, as well as emergency numbers for assistance. The sign will help promote their services to more people in need. [www.https://www.facebook.com/Elsie-Area-Foodbank-111983006848492](https://www.facebook.com/Elsie-Area-Foodbank-111983006848492)



Helping Hands of Eaton County is a food pantry serving Eaton County. They provide a seven-day supply of food and personal care items every 30 days to those in need. They request **\$5,000** to help purchase personal care items such as toothpaste, shampoo, toilet paper, and laundry detergent. These items cannot be purchased using SNAP benefits. www.helpinghandsfoodpantry.org



Okemos Community Food Pantry is an outreach of the Okemos Community Church. They seek **\$5,000** to purchase a 4-month supply of personal care items for food insecure families in the 48864 zip code. Although critical to a person's physical and mental wellbeing, personal hygiene items are generally not covered by SNAP benefits. www.okemoschurch.org/missions/occ-food-pantry

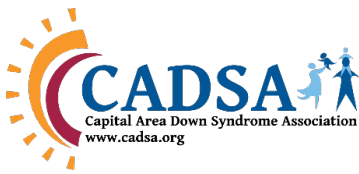
Rural Family Services of Ingham County

Rural Family Services of Ingham County is a coalition of food banks located in rural Ingham County. Their mission is to render help to families in need. They request a gift of **\$5,000** to provide temporary emergency rent and utility assistance in rural areas, with a goal to prevent evictions and utility shutoffs. *No website available*



South Lansing Ministries serves the residents of South Lansing by providing food, creating opportunity, and building community. A gift of **\$5,000** will help purchase non-edible items such as toilet paper, dish soap, laundry soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, and feminine hygiene products for distribution through their pantry. www.southlansingministries.org

HEALTH/HEALTH-RELATED



Capital Area Down Syndrome Association supports people with Down Syndrome and their families by providing resources, education, therapy, and awareness. A gift of **\$5,000** would help fund 6 months of music therapy and bucket drumming classes, three months of TheraPLAY yoga and Gymclusion programs. www.cadsa.org



Friends of Ingham County Parks is a group of volunteers who help plan and secure funding for select improvements within Ingham County Parks. Nearly 2 million people visit the parks each year, many with mobility issues. A gift of **\$4,820** will purchase 11 wheelchairs with different size seats and two all-terrain wheelchairs so people of all abilities can visit Ingham County parks. https://parks.ingham.org/friends_of_ingham_county/index.php



Next Generation Family Services provides equitable resources and support to empower and education families about lactation. They request **\$5,000** to purchase lactation supplies to provide to clients at no cost. Supplies include items such as hand pumps, nursing bras, replacement parts for pumps, etc. A portion of the funds will be used to print outreach materials and purchase new tablets for charting. <https://lactationservice.com/>



One Wish Foundation was formed to support families with the financial burden of infertility. A gift of **\$5,000** will provide help to two families this year with mounting costs associated to fertility treatments or adoption. Funds are awarded using an application process twice a year and are distributed directly to the fertility clinic or adoption agency. www.theonewishfoundation.org



Third Circle empowers communities to take care of their children by facilitating access to integrative healthcare and provide experiences in growing healthy food. They request a gift of **\$5,000** to provide Osteopathic Manual Therapy to un/under-insured families with children. Funds will cover physician stipends for services provided at Cristo Rey Community Center and The Davies Project. <https://thirdcirclemi.com/>

MENTAL HEALTH



Eastside Community Action Center provides basic needs and supports the well-being of Lansing residents in need. A gift of **\$5,000** will help support their C.O.P.E. program which aids vulnerable individuals who are “re-entering” society from incarceration, substance abuse facilities, etc. Services include counseling and assistance in navigating social assistance programs. www.ecaclansing.org

“Friends of Chrystal”

Friends of Chrystal works to promote diversity, problem-solving, and open discussions to help those struggling with suicidal ideation. They request a gift of **\$2,500** to further develop their website to provide greater virtual communication options for those who cannot participate in their services face-to-face. www.friendsofchrystal.com



Heroes Haven works to reduce suicide ideation and complex PTS in first responders and veterans. They are expanding their efforts to satellite locations across the Capital Region. A gift of **\$5,000** will purchase items needed for this expansion, including a transport trailer, portable whiteboards, projector and sound system, and 25 substance recovery workbooks. www.miheroeshaven.com



ICHANGE provides trauma-informed mental health services to clients, regardless of their ability to pay. This growing need has put a burden on the organization’s operating budget. They request a gift of **\$4,967** to purchase workbooks and assessment tools for their clients, as well as to help with ever increasing costs of internet and phone services. www.ichangesolutions.org



Sport Psychology Solutions conducts personal interviews with student athletes in the tri-county region to promote positive mental health. Interviews are shared via social media to help negate toxic content. A gift of **\$5,000** will support 100 individual student athlete interviews in Eaton and Clinton counties by funding production and travel expenses. www.thespsedge.org



Tri-County Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) is a community partnership of law enforcement, behavioral health professionals, persons with lived experiences and advocacy for improving community response to behavioral health crises. CIT seeks **\$5,000** to support additional training opportunities for 911 dispatchers. Funds will also support sending the CIT Coordinator to a 40-hour train-the-trainer workshop. www.tricountycit.com



The Village Lansing works to eliminate youth violence through prevention, intervention, and support. They request a gift of **\$5,000** to support "Village Talk Club", a podcast hosted by high school students for their peers to discuss life challenges they face. Your gift will be used to fund stipends for three podcast hosts and provide snacks for those participating in the podcasts. www.thevillagelansing.org