



2024

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
FOUNDATION

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ADULT EDUCATION



Strategic Relocation and Accessibility
www.epobaby.org

Expectant Parents Organization provides support services and courses for pregnant and postpartum individuals and their families. They request **\$5,000** to relocate to a more accessible site along a public bus route in Lansing, increasing low-income student participation from 18% to at least 25% in 2024. Funds will go towards program administration, securing a new facility, and outreach marketing in their new location. \$1,000 will go directly to a scholarship fund for low-income students.



Focus On Love
Foundation

Emotion Coaching Educational Workshop for Parents
www.focusonlovefoundation.org

Focus On Love Foundation coaches children through processing complex emotions, while offering emotion coaching support, education and learning resources to parents and caregivers through the art of photography. A gift of **\$2,600** would fund two educational workshops for parents on the topic of emotion coaching which include support from a professional emotion coaching social worker, workshop materials and supplies. Focus on Love serves residents in Ingham, Eaton, and Clinton County.

ANIMAL WELFARE



Feeding Compassion: Support Farm Animal Welfare
mittenmisfits.org

Mitten Misfits Farm Sanctuary provides a forever home to over 80 (and growing!) rescued farm animals. They welcome visitors to meet the residents and learn how animals can thrive with compassion. All donations they receive go towards animal care. A gift of **\$5,000** would be used for grain, hay cubes, hay, prescription medications, and veterinary care for the animals for approximately one month.



Nottingham
Nature
Nook

Care of Wildlife
www.nnn.com

Nottingham Nature Nook is the primary wildlife rehabilitation center in the Capital Region that provides food and care for songbirds, mammals, and fawns. Food is a major expense in our operating budget. A gift of **\$5,000** will allow us to provide food for wildlife for one month. As the amount of wildlife in our care increases so does the cost of caring for them.

ARTS & CULTURE



Harp'n More Project
www.capitolharpensemble.com

Capitol Harp Ensemble offers a rare experience of learning and observing the harp in an accessible, low-cost, friendly environment with quality instruction. A gift of **\$5,000** would support marketing expenses, artist, and administration fees for presentations to 10 community partners. Previous partners include hospitals, schools, libraries, and the Ronald McDonald House.



Student Living History Program
102ndusctcob.wixsite.com/102nd

Gospel Army Black History Group is a youth led living history program. It is comprised of students from the Greater Lansing area who portray Michigan's African American Civil War regiment with the most historical accuracy possible. The group participates in reenactments, parades, presentations, and ceremonies in Michigan. A gift of **\$5,000** would support uniforms (the primary expense), traveling expenses, and authentic equipment.



2024 Event Coordinator
micharts.org

MICA serves as a catalyst for community transformation through the arts. They create spaces where people can gather and explore creative or artistic ways to make our community better. A donation of **\$5,000** will provide staffing for 10 additional gallery hours/week, 15 more gallery events, participation in 20 more community events, and the coordination of 300 MICA volunteers, reaching approximately 350,000 people throughout the region.



Pure Winds 2024 Operations
www.purewindsquintet.com

Pure Winds exists to create conversations between performers and audiences through high quality chamber concerts and engaging educational programs. The quartet performs at the Robin Theatre and in k-12 schools. They request a **\$5,000** donation to help cover the cost of operations for 2024.



We Need A Little Music
No website available

Rocking Chair Deserters Inc. provides education, enrichment, health awareness and social programs for seniors living in the tri-county area. Membership numbers at the center have declined since COVID, resulting in budget cuts for entertainment. A donation of **\$2,000** would allow the center to hire musicians, magicians, and other entertainers for the senior center.



Help Capture the Story of REACH
www.talkingdogfilm.com

Talking Dog Film, a nonprofit video production company, believes everyone's story matters and deserves to be told in a beautiful and compelling way. They have been approached by REACH Studio Art Center to capture their legacy story after serving Lansing for 20 years. A donation of **\$2,500** will cover costs such as travel for interviews and postproduction editing of the video created.



Upping Lansing's Poetry Game
www.the517poetryroom.com

The Poetry Room provides a space for people of color, and others to tell their stories. This is done through a monthly series of open mic events that include 20+ poets and 2-3 musicians. A donation of **\$5,000** will cover the cost for ten monthly events, including performer travel and lodging, sound, and other venue-related expenses.



Tri-County Veterans Archives
www.veteransarchives.org

The Tri-County **Veterans Archives** project aims to capture and preserve untold Military Veterans' stories in Ingham, Eaton, and Clinton counties. A gift of **\$5,000** will support 20 audio recorded narratives from people of color and other underrepresented Veteran groups. Recordings are provided to the veteran on a memory card and archived for future access.

BASIC NEED ITEMS

(NON-FOOD ITEMS)



Diaper Bank

www.cardboardprophets.org

Cardboard Prophets is a street-based outreach in Lansing with a distribution site in the Lansing Mall. Their focus is on people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. 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.



Child's Christmas

www.caring-neighbor.com

Caring Neighbor Foundation creates a culture of caring, by organizing and funding Thanksgiving baskets, Christmas gifts for children and fundraisers for the local food pantry. They request **\$5,000** to purchase Christmas gifts for children in need and household items needed for the family. These specifically include items that cannot be purchased with a Bridge card such as cleaning supplies and personal hygiene items.



Covered by Love

'We've got you covered'

Working Undercover Undergarment Initiative

www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100088564253869

Covered by Love focuses on serving at-risk youth, seniors and the unhoused with the basic needs that are often forgotten. Undergarments are amongst the least donated items to charity. Covered by Love packs 100s of bags with underwear, socks, thermals, t-shirts, handwarmers, hats, gloves, snacks, and information on community resources. A gift of **\$5,000** would support 200 bags filled with these basic need items.



Personal Care Support

www.elsieareafoodpantry.com

Elsie Area Food Pantry serves 300 families and nearly 900 individuals. Most clients receive support with SNAP benefits which helps them with food items. A large void for many of these families is struggling to provide personal items for themselves. A gift of **\$5,000** would allow us to provide items such as detergent, soaps, toiletries, and other personal care needs.



Kickz for Kidz

www.footprintsofmichigan.org

Footprints of Michigan is committed to making a tangible difference in the lives of children in our community. Through our Back-to-School Event, we aim to provide essential footwear to students from kindergarten to 6th grade, empowering them to start the school year with confidence and dignity. A gift of **\$5,000** will purchase approximately 150 pairs of footwear for the event.



Good Shepherd Community Blessings

www.goodshepherdslove.org

Good Sheperds Love offers free assistance to those in need. A gift of **\$5,000** will purchase 6 pallets of home goods for families, as well as restock pantry shelves with personal care, kitchen, and bathroom necessities. Extra funds will help provide 21 days of room credits for the homeless community in Eaton Rapids.



Personal Needs Program

www.helpinghandsfoodpantry.org

Helping Hands of Eaton County is a food pantry serving Mid-Michigan families. They provide a seven-day supply of food and personal hygiene products every 30 days to those in need. They request **\$5,000** to purchase a three-month supply of items such as toilet paper, laundry soap, shampoo, and toothbrushes, none of which are covered by assistance programs.



Essential Care for Infants and Toddlers

www.facebook.com/holtkidshappy

Holt Kids is passionate about supporting families in the Holt community. Helping over a hundred families in the last year, Holt Kids plans on hosting multiple basic need giveaways to support families in need with small children. A gift of **\$5,000** would support the purchase of diapers, formula, car seats and other newborn essentials.



Love Clothing Center

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

Judson Love Clothing Center

www.churchlansing.com/about/lcc.html

Judson Love Clothing Center is in its 35th year of providing free new and used clothing for school-age children and teens. We aim to relieve clothing inequity and help children and teens thrive in their school environment. A gift of **\$5,000** will be used solely to purchase new clothing for distribution to children and teens in need. There are no administrative costs.



Community in Action 2024
www.masoncommunityservices.org

Mason Community Services coordinates with local partners to provide a helping hand to the underserved in the Mason area. They are committed to collaboration...not duplication. A donation of **\$5,000** is requested to support struggling families with transportation to doctor appointments, laundry services, diapers, personal care items, and tutoring services for elementary age children.



Support for Lansing Unhoused Community
www.punkswithlunchlansing.org

Punks with Lunch Lansing is requesting **\$5,000** in program support for first-aid supplies, backpacks, laundry cards, and a storage unit to temporarily store the belongings of unhoused Lansing residents. Our dedicated staff works with LPD social workers, PATH, and other community partners to coordinate and salvage unhoused resident's belongings when camps are cleared out. Those belongings are then stored to be reunited with their owners.



Personal Needs
southlansingministries.org

South Lansing Ministries assists anyone in need of food and personal need items. This includes items that cannot be purchased with a Bridge card such as laundry or dish soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, feminine hygiene products, and diapers. A donation of **\$5,000** will help purchase these items at discount stores for free distribution through the South Lansing Ministries pantry.



Supporting Emergency Senior Needs
www.noseniorwithoutchristmas.org

Tri-County TRIAD's No Senior Without Christmas, and its Special Emergency Needs Fund, aims to fulfill basic needs and spread the joy of the holiday season throughout the year. Currently serving over 400 seniors, the organization needs your support. A gift of **\$5,000** will support the purchase of non-perishable food and personal items to meet the emergency needs of seniors living in the tri-county region.

ENVIRONMENT



Harris Nature Center Fossil Dig
www.hncfoundation.org

Harris Nature Center Foundation has a mission of providing a source of funding for special projects to enhance the facilities and programs for the Harris Nature Center. A gift of **\$5,000** would support renovation of the fossil dig area in the nature exploration portion of the Nature Center. The dig includes specimens from Michigan's fossil history. Visiting amateur paleontologists can dig for fossils and use interpretive signs and fact cards to identify what they find.

FOOD



Holt Community Food Bank
www.holtfoodbank.org

Holt Community Food Bank has been helping our community members by providing those less fortunate with healthy food options for 22 years. In the past year, the number of clients they serve has grown to 150 families each month. They are requesting **\$5,000** to purchase a variety of food items, including meat, for distribution to those in need.



Food For Thought
www.facebook.com/LeslieOutreachInc

Leslie Outreach Inc. provides assistance to individuals and families in need, as well as educational opportunities and programs to help improve the general quality of life of the Greater Leslie area. They are requesting support to purchase food items for their small, rural pantry. A donation of **\$3,000** to provide food to over 1,000 people in need over a four-month period.



Feeding the Hungry
www.southsidecommunitykitchen.org

Southside Community Kitchen provides well-balanced, nourishing meals to the hungry people of Lansing in a caring, dignified environment. A gift of **\$5,000** will be used to purchase food items and serving supplies like napkins, take-out containers, and utensils needed to provide meals four days a week to those who are hungry.



Expanding Opportunities for Individuals with Down Syndrome
www.cadsa.org

Capital Area Down Syndrome Association supports people with Down Syndrome and their families by providing resources, education, therapy, and awareness. One way they provide support is with classes that are welcoming of and adapted to people with Down Syndrome. A gift of **\$5,000** would allow for expansion of programs such as music therapy and other health focused activities.

Clinton County Senior Center

Facility Repairs
www.facebook.com/p/Clinton-County-Senior-Center-100083316753848

Clinton County Senior Center is a local gathering space for the senior citizens of Clinton County. Seniors are offered the opportunity to share a weekly meal, socialize and play games with other seniors. The building is also a designated heating and cooling center for the County. The parking lot is in need of repair for safety and a gift of **\$5,000** would help toward a paving contractor for their project quote of \$12,000.



Case Management
<https://unitedagainstpoverty.org>

His Healing Hands Urgent Care Center is requesting a gift of **\$5,000** to expand its service and provide holistic support to individuals in need. The funds will be used to provide training to different organizations working with a client so that they can communicate about progress and needs.



BIPOC Lactation Support Grant
www.nextgenfamilyservices.org

Next Generation Family Services provides prenatal, birth, and postpartum lactation support services to families regardless of ability to pay. A gift of **\$5,000** will provide life-saving lactation support to 18 BIPOC families, including follow up visits. Some of the funds will be used to increase outreach, partnerships, and continuity of care services among BIPOC families.



Program Cost Support
www.southsidecommunitykitchen.org

T.W.I.G.S. To Work In Grateful Service strives to lift burdens on cancer patients and their families by providing everyday tasks while they are in treatment. They provide rides to appointments, yard care, house cleaning, and errand runs, allowing cancer patients to concentrate on healing and spending time with loved ones. A gift of **\$5,000** will help provide housecleaning or yard service to approximately 125 cancer patients.

MENTAL WELLNESS



Equine Activity Materials
www.equineawmidmichigan.com

Equine Assisted Wellness of Mid-Michigan's mission is to improve the well-being and quality of life of our Clinton County community through Equine Assisted Services, fostering mental health and personal learning and growth. We are in need of safety helmets for participants, boots for participants who cannot afford them, arena obstacles and activity supplies, and print materials for participants. A gift of **\$3,000** would support necessary equipment to expand participation.



Paws on the Ground Support
www.givinghappypaws.org

Giving Paws serves our community with trained support dogs and ensures human handlers have background checks; support dogs have up to date medical records, licensing, and training. Currently our Dog Pack Volunteers (human/dog teams) support at MSU, children's day camps, library programs, assisted living facilities, special needs adult group, and community events. Giving Paws requests **\$5,000** to support their program operation fees.



KCS Angels: Continuing Our Growth!
www.kcsangels.com

KCS Angels serves the developmentally disabled and mentally challenged in the Capital Region operating a Day Program. They are a Certified Autism Care Center. KCS Angels also provides outings to enrich their clients' experience by engaging in public life around the Capital Region. A gift of **\$4,500** will help fund the additional staffing and transportation costs associated with these special outings.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



After School Program Expansion
<https://buildingtwentyone.org>

Building Twentyone (B21) is committed to giving students the opportunity to develop life changing values, while coaching them to find their passion and purpose. It takes only 21 days to form a habit, and the most influential habits are formed before the age of 21. Building Twentyone is requesting funds to expand after-school programming. A gift of **\$4,475** would purchase Digital Media and Arts supplies such as Cricut Makers, Button Makers, Digital Software and Digital Media equipment (Cameras, Lights, Stands).



Empowerment Catalyst: Igniting Youth Potential
www.dantimlinslegacyorganizationinc.com

Dan Timlins Legacy Organization Inc. inspires & educates youth through mentoring, tutoring, character-building, innovative thinking, entrepreneurship, and personal protection. We support underfunded youth by utilizing martial arts as a vehicle for their personal and holistic development. A gift of **\$5,000** will support 4 students in a 6-month course consisting of 2 martial arts classes and 1 leadership class all held weekly.



Opportunities for Greater Lansing Homeschoolers
www.dicemichigan.org

Diverse And Inclusive Collaborative Education Inc (DICE) provides a membership opportunity to Greater Lansing area homeschoolers through enrichment classes, fairs, field trips, and community support. Recouping after covid, the group reformed as DICE in 2022 currently serving 160 homeschooling families and is growing rapidly. A gift of **\$4,980** would bolster our goal of improving access to our community through technology expansion, subsidizing fixed costs to keep membership fees low, and providing additional STEAM opportunities.



Empower Youth 2024
www.gardenofhopescholarship.org

Garden of Hope Scholarship mentors youth with a strong focus on STEAM education, community engagement, and addressing pressing challenges like poverty and disaster response. A gift of **\$5,000** would support the "Empower Youth 2024" initiative targeting kids aged 12-17 facing economic challenges and limited access to educational resources. The "Empower Youth 2024" project anticipates impacting at least 100 youth directly through comprehensive youth development.



Empowering LGBTQ+ Youth in Rural Areas
www.illbeyourrock.org

I'll Be Your Rock provides LGBTQ+ youth support in rural areas. We bring resources, advocacy, awareness, and inclusion to small communities that many of our LGBTQ+ call home to end suicide and self-harm and to empower all queer youth. A gift of **\$5,000** will fund monthly support meetings, Pride activities, and emergency needs for the youth they serve.



IQhub Community Classroom Furnishings
www.ighub.org

IQhub is an educational center for agricultural history, innovation, and exploration. It is filled with educational and interactive exhibits that take guests through the history of agriculture. The IQhub recently built out a community classroom as collaborative learning is now at the forefront of STEM classrooms to support today's teaching methods. The IQhub's educational lessons are aligned with the MI Science Standards helping teachers meet their benchmarks. A gift of **\$5,000** would support mobile tables and chairs to help equip their new space with modern furniture.



Exploration Days
www.southsidecommunitycoalition.com

Southside Community Coalition provides educational programs, job training, health programs and recreational opportunities for youth, families, and seniors. Exploration Days is an MSU pre-college program to introduce youth to the college experience, including development of time management, leadership, teamwork, and other critical skills. A gift of **\$5,000** will cover the fees and associated expenses by giving 20 youth this important experience.



STREETS Learning
www.streets517.com

STREETS 517 Ministries offers a range of services to Lansing's urban teens to help them discover their purpose. Their Lunch & Learn program covers topics such as mental health, career choices, etc. STREETS 517 also provides tutors and emergency food and hygiene items as needed. A gift of **\$5,000** will provide lunches, tutors, and supplies for the pantry.