

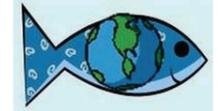
2021 Opportunities for YOUR support



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 Cindy Hales at 517-664-9851 or chales@ourcommunity.org.




New Wheelchairs to Increase Park Accessibility
Friends of Ingham County Parks is a group of citizens committed to supporting select improvements within the Ingham County Parks system. We are seeking support to increase the number of wheelchairs available at the parks to increase accessibility for senior citizens and those with varying degrees of ability. **A gift of \$5000 will purchase 21 new wheelchairs to improve accessibility of visitors to the parks.**



Graphing Calculators for Refugee Students
Global Learning Institute provides educational services to adult refugees that enable them to earn a high school diploma. Our students have limited experience in using a graphing calculator, needed for upper-level high school math and college entrance exams. **A gift of \$5000 will provide a graphing calculator to 50 adult refugees in our program studying for their high school diploma.**



New Chip Scanners for Area Law Enforcement
The Ingham County Animal Shelter Fund (ICASF) raises funds to support the care of animals at the Shelter. Law enforcement often responds to calls of a loose animal. To prevent animals from being transferred to the shelter, ICASF wants to equip law enforcement with universal scanners. **A gift of \$4000 will purchase 26 scanners to enable lost and found microchipped animals to be quickly reunited with their owners.**



Creating Virtual Learning Opportunities
Institute for Quality & Innovation provides highly regarded training and programs to develop the next generation of transformational leaders. We are committed to provide an option to in-person instruction and are seeking resources to convert 6 full-day courses to a virtual platform. **A gift of \$5000 will help complete the re-design and testing of the new on-line training.**



Technology Access Program (TAP)
Closing the Digital Gap
 TAP addresses the technology needs of older adults in the Lansing area by providing Internet access and computer literacy training. Technology skills are increasingly essential for tele-health, learning opportunities, and employment. **A grant of \$5,000 will assist 20 Lansing area older adults, 50+ years of age, with technology training and internet access for one year.**



Basic Needs for Eaton County Children
Eaton Clothing and Furniture Center (ECFC) provides good, clean clothing and furniture, donated by the public, to those in need at no cost. In 2019 less than half of Eaton County third graders were proficient in reading. Every child visiting ECFC will now be able to select a book of their choice. **A gift of \$5000 will purchase 650 high-interest children and teen books to serve our school-aged clients for five months.**



Personal Care Items for Clients
LMTS Community Outreach Services provides a safe and welcoming center that reduces barriers and provides services that support life needs and encourage self-sufficiency. We would like to be able to provide personal grooming and toiletry items on a more consistent basis. This will help ease financial strain for our clients. **A gift of \$5000 will provide personal items for approximately 500 people for one year.**



Online Gallery to support local Visual Artists
MICA Art Gallery has been showcasing the talent of Lansing area visual artists since 1984. MICA is planning to create an online art gallery, to expand the reach of these artists while generating additional income. This will help enable them to continue to work and stay in our community. **A gift of \$5000 will support the design, creation and promotion of an eCommerce gallery as a new revenue stream for local artists.**



Y-PIF Award (Youth Passing It Forward)
ePIFanyNow seeks to create a revolution of positive transformational experiences through exponential acts of kindness. In 2015, we started the Y-PIF™ Award (Youth Passing It Forward) honoring youth who are passing kindness forward and making a difference in their communities. **A gift of \$5,000 will cover promotion of the award program and provide financial support to the winning project and school of a young person changing the world for the better.**



Building Skills through Food Production
Friends of East Olive provides programming to improve the health and well-being of Olive and Victor Township communities. Special-needs adults have a desire, need, and ability to learn skills to improve their quality of life, health, and job-readiness. Changes to government services have extremely limited access to these programs in rural areas. **A gift of \$5000 will purchase materials for a hoop house, produce stand, and raised beds to support 25-50 disabled adults.**



Shoes and Boots Vouchers
The Old Newsboy Association of Greater Lansing provides footwear to needy children in Ingham, Eaton, and Clinton counties. Each qualifying student receives a \$50 voucher for the purchase of a pair of shoes or boots. **A gift of \$5,000 will provide provide 100 needy students with a pair of shoes or boots.**

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Personal Care Items for Clients in Eaton County

Helping Hands of Eaton County

is a food pantry providing families in need with a supply of food and personal care items at no cost. When faced with difficult financial choices, families often forgo personal care items such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, razors, hygiene products, and laundry detergent. **A gift of \$5,000 will provide personal care items to 1,500 individuals one time during a year.**



Keeping Underserved Youth In Science Greer Community Learning Center

promotes life-long learning and well-being in underserved families with emphasis on at-risk youth. During Covid we changed to an all virtual format further isolating youth and their families. With the re-opening of schools, the Saturday morning program will return to face-to-face. **A gift of \$5000 will provide transportation and healthy breakfasts for 12 under-served youth for 12 weeks of fun science experiences in the community.**



Inpatient Toy Delivery Program

The Bottomless Toy Chest is devoted to delivering art projects, crafts and interactive toys to hospitalized pediatric cancer patients. Every pediatric oncology patient who comes to Sparrow Hospital benefits from our Inpatient Toy Program. Children are always presented with options empowering them to make the decision. **A gift of \$2500 will provide approximately 160 toys to lift the spirits of young cancer patients at Sparrow Hospital.**



Towar Woods Reforestation and Education Project

Towar Community Concerns Committee (TC3)

is coordinating a multi-year reforestation of Towar Woods Land Preserve. Volunteers are working to remove invasive species and replant the area with native species. Temporary fencing is needed to protect the saplings from deer. **A gift of \$1360 will support these reforestation efforts and ensure the area will be protected and enjoyed by residents for years to come.**



Clothing for Children

Judson Love Clothing Center

provides school clothing for Lansing area children in need. The Center is 100% volunteer, with space provided by Judson Church. Funds raised go solely to purchase clothing. **A gift of \$5000 will provide a set of clothing valued at an average of \$150.00 for 34 children/teens, alleviating stress for families and raising student self-esteem.**



Arts and Culture Festival

Lansing 5:01 strives to retain and attract young professionals in the Lansing region by connecting them to the community's emerging quality of life opportunities. A larger talent pool in the region bolsters the local economy and strengthens our community. **A gift of \$5,000 will help fund Lansing 5:01's largest event, the Annual Arts and Culture Festival, engaging over 2,500 individuals and connecting talent to the region.**



Read by Three Support Program

Vermontville Township Public Library

provides modern library resources to the community. To support the Read by Three law, we will supply books accompanied by audio to assist readers with word recognition and comprehension. We will also offer tutoring for children at risk. **A gift of \$4975 would purchase 50 Wonderbooks with audio and 47 Playaway Book backs to support children learning to read.**



Mother and Baby Free Store

Willow Tree Family Center's

mission is to grow strong, empowered families through support, education and access to resources. In fall 2020, we opened the Mother & Baby Free Store to provide no-cost mother and baby care items to at-risk families. The demand has been overwhelmingly positive and beyond the store's physical capacity. **A \$5,000 gift will expand our store by providing additional shelving, racks, scheduling software, and signage.**



Feeding of Wildlife Mammals

Nottingham Nature Nook

is the only licensed wildlife sanctuary for mammals and songbirds in Clinton and Ingham counties. We are funded 100% by donations. In 2020, the number of animals we cared for doubled from the previous year. As the number of wildlife in our care goes up, so too does the cost of food. **A gift of \$5,000 will provide food and supplements for injured or orphaned wildlife for 4 months.**



Outdoor Learning Space

Okemos Public Montessori (OPM) PTO

is a group of volunteers dedicated to promoting the well-being of our children. Funds are being raised to create an Outdoor Learning Space for students to learn in a safe and natural environment. **A gift of \$5,000 will provide native Michigan shrubs and flowers, as well as wooden picnic tables to create an outdoor learning space.**



Instruments for Young Musicians

The Windwalker Underground Gallery

provides a venue for professional artists and a space for educating and mentoring young artists in the Charlotte area. We offer a free six-week lessons for guitar or ukulele, but many who want to participate cannot afford an instrument. **A gift of \$2200 will provide 10 new, high-quality instruments, built for younger students, that we will loan in our free music program.**



Pathway to Citizenship Help Desk

Woven Vessels International Ministry

addresses critical and specific needs of the low income, disadvantaged, underserved, and newcomers in our area. Pathway to Citizenship Help Desk will assist immigrants in preparing for the new citizenship exam. **A grant of \$4,800 will allow at least 100 immigrants pathway to citizenship within 3 years by providing study materials, test registrations, a Zoom study room, and valued volunteers.**

STREETS 517

Monday night Meals for Youth

STREETS 517 serves the urban and underserved youth of Lansing. Hunger is a growing reality for many of the students who come to STREETS. Before Monday evening group meetings, we provide students with a free meal. **A gift of \$4200 will provide weekly dinner for 45 Lansing area high school students as well as emergency groceries or hygiene items as these needs arise.**

Thank you for your consideration of these requests for support.



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