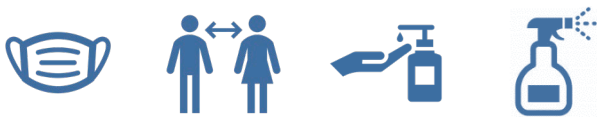


UPDATE

COVID-19 Pandemic

EFPN has taken precautions in response to the COVID-19 pandemic for the health and safety of our clients and volunteers. These precautions include curb-side or drive-thru food assistance, outdoor mobile food pantries, no-contact registration, wellness screening, and protocols for facial coverings, social distancing and sanitization.



May 2020 Flood

With the generous support of the community, EFPN has been working hard to provide food assistance to individuals and families recovering from the May 2020 flood. EFPN has also provided food to the flood distributions centers and various organizations providing meals.

Do you or someone you know need food assistance? Please call 2-1-1 or 989-486-9393.

Food can be donated at our no-contact drop box at 503 S. Saginaw in Midland (drop box is outside the Cambridge Street entrance).

December 2020

Food Pantry Network News

Midland County Emergency Food Pantry Network
Our Vision: "Always Food in Every Home"

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

Hunters Help the Hungry

EFPN looks forward to hunting season every year and the generous support of hunters with deer donations. Protein can be costly and ground venison helps clients create balanced meal options. EFPN also partners with the Chippewa Nature Center for deer donations as part of its annual cull hunt. The deer is made into ground venison by licensed processors with funds donated to EFPN. Please call 989-835-9601 for more information on how to donate your deer or support this program.

Grocers Make a Difference



These local grocers help stop hunger and the EFPN with their unique outreach programs. Family Fare's scan campaign, Kroger's Community Rewards, and Meijer's Simply Give program help EFPN with much needed funds and gift certificates to buy food items that are not donated or in short supply.

Program Spotlight

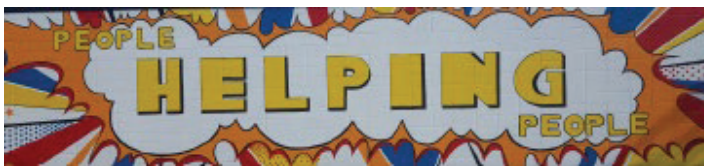
BACKPACK BUDDIES

The Backpack Buddies program continued through the end of the 2019-2020 school year even with school closings during the "Stay Home, Stay Safe" order. When students returned to school this fall for the 2020-2021 school year, the Backpack Buddies program was again offered at 11 elementary schools and 5 preschools in Midland County to students who receive free or reduced-price lunch. Each pack contains food items for weekend meals with fresh fruit added once per month, and costs approximately \$3.25. More than 750 students were enrolled in the program in 2019-2020 and over 70 volunteers help sort, stuff and deliver the packs. This program would not be possible without all of the support from the staff and volunteers at the schools, the districts' administrations, the grounds team at Midland Public Schools, the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, and the financial support of many donors. Please call 989-486-9393 for enrollment information or to support this program.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

The Thanksgiving Food Basket giveaway hosted by Aldersgate United Methodist Church was held November 23, 2020.

Due to the pandemic, the food was ordered from the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan. Monetary donations are needed to help cover the expense of the food and gift certificates for turkeys and other fresh food items. Please make checks payable to Midland County EFPN, P.O. Box 2521, Midland, MI 48641-2521, and designate donations as Thanksgiving Baskets.



The Difference You Make **Reflections**

- ❖ A mom and her three young children were provided an emergency food box after relocating to Midland from out of state due to domestic violence.
- ❖ A woman was provided nutritional supplements while undergoing chemotherapy treatment. She found out last month she was cancer-free.
- ❖ Individuals struggling with reduced work hours or job loss due to the pandemic or recovering from the flood were provided food assistance for the first time.

Holiday Giving OPPORTUNITIES

Reverse Advent Calendar

Count down to the holidays with a twist on the traditional advent calendar. Add one non-perishable food item to a box every day in December and then donate the box to EFPN. Make it a challenge with the list at www.midlandcountyeftpn.org or create your own!

Donations as Gifts

Struggling to find a gift for a friend or family member? Consider a donation to the EFPN. Donations can be made in honor of or in memory of a loved one. There is no better way to celebrate the holidays than to help EFPN fulfill its mission of '*always food in every home*'.

Thank you to all of our supporters who have brightened the lives of people who are in need of food.

We wish you all the best this holiday season and in the coming year.

How to Donate

You can also mail monetary donations to:
MCEFPN
P.O. Box 2521
Midland, MI 48641-2521

Working Together to Stop Hunger on Facebook THANK YOU

Tonya Coty's Birthday Fundraisers
Jennifer Lowe's Birthday Fundraiser
Veronica Keys' Birthday Fundraiser
Jennifer Bogel's Giving Tuesday Fundraiser
Tonya Coty's Giving Tuesday Fundraiser
Julia Kepler's STOP Hunger Challenge
Christine Bailey's Raising Money for a Cause I Care About Fundraiser
Jeff Kienbaum's Birthday Fundraiser
Natasha Navarro's Fundraiser
Amie Anderson Munger's Birthday Fundraiser
Amy Nicholl's Birthday Fundraiser
Nancy Whiting's Birthday Fundraiser
Thomas M. Wilberding's Fundraiser
Tóchair O'Neill's Birthday Fundraiser
Jessica Corcoran-Lacy's Birthday Fundraiser
Andrew Fanco's Fundraiser
Michael Arnold's Birthday Fundraiser
Greg Niedzielski's Birthday Fundraiser
Sue Bishop McKean's Birthday Fundraiser
Ella Bella's Birthday Fundraiser
Heather's Birthday Fundraiser by Pinkie Marion
Cathy Hogue's Birthday Fundraiser
Mitchell Vosburg's Birthday Fundraiser
Megan Crouch's Birthday Fundraiser
Barbara E. Sumi's Birthday Fundraiser
Kyle Gilstad's Birthday Fundraiser

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You can also support EFPN when you shop on AmazonSmile: smile.amazon.com



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**P.O. Box 2521
Midland, MI 48641-2521**

www.midlandcountyeypn.org
989-486-9393

Midland County EFPN Locations

Please call before delivering food & supplies to pantries

Bullock Creek Outreach Pantry

at Messiah Lutheran Church
1550 S. Poseyville Rd. (corner of Gordonville Rd.) • 835-7143

Coleman Railway Family Center

4839 N. Coleman Schools Drive • 465-2079

EFPN Warehouse

503 S. Saginaw Rd. • 486-9393

HELP Pantry

at Memorial Presbyterian Church
1310 Ashman St. (use Reardon St. entrance) • 835-6759

North Midland Family Center Pantry

2601 E. Shearer Rd. • 689-7770

SAMS Food Pantry

hosted by St. John's Episcopal Church at
503 S. Saginaw Rd. • 631-2260

Sanford Food Pantry

at Sanford United Methodist Church
2560 N. West River Rd. • 687-5353

Wheeler Road Church of Christ Pantry

123 E. Wheeler Rd. • 835-8559

West Midland Family Center Pantry

4011 W. Isabella Rd. • 832-3256

**If you know of anyone in need of food, please have
them call 989-486-9393**

WE NEED YOU

Volunteers are the heartbeat of Midland County EFPN. We simply could not achieve our mission of

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without your devoted efforts. We are truly grateful for your gifts of time, talents and caring hearts.

Some of our regular volunteers have been unable to help due to the pandemic. Many different types of jobs are available throughout the year. If you are interested in being added to our volunteer distribution list, please contact EFPN at 989-486-9393.



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THANK YOU

Local Businesses, Churches and Organizations for Food and Monetary Donations

2012 Midland Norseman	DuPont
Ace Hardware	Eastman's Forgotten Ciders
Aldersgate United Methodist Church	Edenville Methodist Church
Allied Health	Emmanuel Lutheran Church of Leeland
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church	Faith United Methodist Church
Ayre-Rhinehart Realtors	Family Fare
Baird Private Wealth Management	Feeny Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram
Bank of America	First Baptist Church
B'bites	Floyd Arbor #206, Gleaner Life Insurance Society
Benevity Community Impact Fund	Friends @ Baird
Bethany Bible Church Find the Helpers	Food Bank of Eastern Michigan
Bethlehem Baptist Church #1	Founders Brewing Company
Blessed Sacrament Church	Gavin & Associates
Bonfire Funds Inc.	GoodCoin Foundation
Calvary Baptist Church	Granite Construction
Central Michigan Central Labor Council	Hemlock Semiconductor
Chapel Lane Presbyterian Church	The H Hotel
Chemical Bank	Hidden Harvest
Chippewa Nature Center	Homer United Methodist Church
Church of Christ	Humana
Church World Service	Humane Society of Midland County
Cintas	Immanuel Lutheran Church
City of Midland	Islamic Center of Midland
Cleft of the Rock	James R. and Anita Horne Jenkins Family Foundation
Community of Christ	Just Girls Boutique
Corteva Agriscience	Kroger
Detroit Lions Charities	LaLonde's Market
Dow Chemical Employees' Credit Union	Lapelle's Flowers and Gifts
Dow High School Music Boosters	Lubrizol Foundation
Dow IT Service Management	M.c.a.r.s.p.
Ducks Unlimited	

Meijer Corporation
Members First Credit Union
Memorial Presbyterian Church
Meridian Church of God
Messiah Lutheran Church
Michigan Baseball Foundation
Midland Area Community Foundation
Midland Area Interfaith Friends and Youth
Midland Center for the Arts
Midland Chemical Company
Midland Civitan Club
Midland County 4-H Auction
Midland County Fairgrounds
Midland County Gobblers
Midland Democratic Party
Midland High School
Mid-Michigan Medical Center Emergency
Department
Midland National Guard
Midland Police Department
Midland Public Schools
Midland RC Modelers Club
Midland Rotary Foundation
Miracle Workers
Mu Alpha Omega Chapter
Oakland County California Community
Old Oak Trails Estates
Ort Port Foods
Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church
Pfizer Foundation Matching Gift
Plymouth Elementary Fitness Group
Psi Iota Xi
RE/MAX of Midland

Rhema International Ministries
Rifle Association
Saginaw Carbon
Saginaw County Agricultural Society
Saint John's Episcopal Church
Sanford Community of Christ
Sanford Hardware
Sanford Moose Lodge
Sanford United Methodist Church
Sigal Law Firm
SRA of Kansas
St. Brigid of Kildare Catholic Church and Student
Council
St. John's Lutheran Church
St. Paul Lutheran Church
Stutzman's Butcher Shop
The Studio for Hair
Tri-City (MI) Chapter of the Links, Incorporated
Trinity Lutheran Church and Youth Group
Trip Advisor LLC
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Midland
United Church of Christ
United Way of Midland County
University of Minnesota Midland Alumni Group
Wheeler Road Church of Christ
Wilson Miller Funeral Home
Wolverine Pipe Line Company
Zehnder's of Frankenmuth
Zonta Club

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