



2025

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.

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ANIMALS



Food and Care for Wildlife

www.nottinghamnaturenook.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 their operating budget. A gift of **\$5,000** will allow them to provide food for wildlife for two months. As the number of wildlife in our care increases so does the cost of caring for them.

ARTS & CULTURE



Dewitt Community Singers Milestone Composition

www.dewittcommunitysingers.net

The **DeWitt Community Singers** is an adult choir that welcomes individuals of all backgrounds and abilities to explore the joys of choral music. As they celebrate their 25th anniversary in 2025, the choir seeks a **\$2,000** gift to support the creation of an original composition for this milestone. The project will bring together current members, alumni, and local artists to create a special choral program, enriching the local community through diverse musical performances.



Showcasing Youth Talent & Donor Generosity

www.focusonlovefoundation.org

Focus On Love provides emotional learning resources to families, aiming to raise awareness about the importance of emotion regulation for children through art. The organization is seeking a **\$3,020** gift to replace its current plastic sleeve display with a visually appealing professional art gallery display unit, including picture frames and signage. This improvement will enhance the experience for more than 1,200 visitors and the display will showcase young artists' talents in a more professional setting, contributing to emotional learning and development.



Absolute Music Lansing Chamber Series Support

www.absolutemusiclansing.org

The **Absolute Music Chamber Series** offers classical and eclectic chamber music performances at Urban Beat in Old Town, providing an intimate and interactive experience between artists and audiences. The series relies on ticket sales, private gifts, and community support to cover artist fees, venue rental, and outreach programs to schools. A **\$2,500** gift will help keep the series affordable, maintain accessibility for the community, and support ongoing school outreach initiatives.

Funding Fair Wages for Theatre Artists



www.peppermintcreek.org

For 30 years, **Peppermint Creek Theatre** has been creating theatre for the greater Lansing region that addresses vital issues in our society, raises awareness, and encourages dialogue while entertaining. The theatre company is seeking **\$5,000** to support fair compensation for 15 artists over the course of three productions which include one musical and two plays.



New Equipment for Filming Local Nonprofits

www.talkingdogfilm.com

Talking Dog Film is a nonprofit, community based video production company that provides free video services to other nonprofits to help them share their missions with the public. Talking Dog Film, believes everyone's story matters and deserves to be told in a beautiful and compelling way. They are seeking **\$2,000** to replace outdated film equipment. This will allow the organization to serve other nonprofits in our region with higher quality production.



Tri-County Veterans Archives Initiatives

www.veteransarchive.org

Veterans Archives aims to capture and preserve untold Military Veterans' stories. A gift of **\$5,000** will capture the stories of 20 veterans in Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties ensuring their legacies are shared to inspire future generations. Recordings are provided to the veteran on a memory card and archived for future access.

BASIC NEEDS (NON-FOOD)



Comfort Kits for Tri-County Foster Youth

www.facebook.com/guardianangelsuitcasesforkids

The **Eaton County Foster Closet** works to lessen the trauma children experience when placed into foster care by providing Comfort Kit backpacks filled with age-appropriate items based on child development research. These kits, which cost \$50 each, include essential comfort items such as a plush animal, nightlight, fidget toy, coloring book, and personal hygiene products. The organization is seeking a **\$5,000** gift to provide 100 Comfort Kits for children entering foster care this year.

Daily Needs Program

www.goodshepherdslove.org



Good Shepherd's Love provides housing assistance, clothing, and personal care items to families in need. In 2024, they supported 40 families in crisis and served over 240 families through their pantry. A **\$5,000** gift will fund the Daily Needs Program which will stock the pantry with food, personal items and home goods to families in transition. Additionally, this grant will support the Lift Up Program which offers financial assistance for urgent bills and hotel credits for the unhoused.

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 items every 30 days to those in need. They request **\$5,000** to purchase enough personal care items for the pantry for two months - items such as toilet paper, laundry soap, shampoo, and toothbrushes, none of which are covered by assistance programs.

Building Stronger Families

<https://www.facebook.com/p/His-Healing-Hands-Urgent-Care-100069954904316/>



United Against Poverty is an initiative to help families move from crisis to stability through holistic support, community collaboration, and advocacy. Their mission is to address the root causes of poverty, connecting families with resources and fostering sustainable growth for stronger, healthier communities. This is done by volunteer advocates that guide these families. A gift of **\$5,000** would provide facilitator fees to train 10 advocates to assess needs, connect families with resources, and provide ongoing support.

Judson Love Clothing Center

www.churchlansing.com/about/lcc.html



Judson Love Clothing Center is in its 36th year of providing free new and used clothing for school-age children and teens. For families faced with inflation, job loss, health issues and other factors out of their control, a gift of clothing for their children frees up other funds to use for essentials like rent, utilities and food. A gift of **\$5,000** will be used solely to purchase new clothing for distribution to children and teens in need.

Rural Ingham Community Needs

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 gift of **\$5,000** is requested to support struggling families with transportation to doctor appointments, diapers, personal care items, and assistance to seniors that remain in their home.

Personal Needs Support Program

www.facebook.com/groups/2046961525736571



The QAT Quilters Guild members have coordinated with local community partners since 1988 to provide hand made quilts and other items of necessity to infants, at-risk youth, seniors, and the unhoused in the Lansing area. They are seeking a **\$4,000** gift to provide 650 quilts and 1500 infant blankets in a year. All funds will be used solely for product supplies.

Making More Room for Teens

www.theresalwaysroom.org



There's Always Room eases the transition for foster parents welcoming children age 0-18 into their homes. The organization provides all items a child needs when they enter foster care. Every child deserves a safe and loving home, and there's always room to help kids in foster care! A gift of **\$5,000** would support 40 Ingham county teens in foster care to receive personal care items and allow the teens to purchase an outfit tailored to their own personal style.

EDUCATION



Leslie Area Historical Society Museum

www.lesliehistorical.org

The mission of the **Leslie Area Historical Society** is to collect, preserve and display the history of the Leslie Michigan area. They do this to educate the general population, especially school children. A gift of **\$1,000** would support the purchasing of non-acidic archiving paper and supplies, as well as mannequins to display historic apparel at their local museum.



Pathways to Success

www.globalinstitutelansing.org

The Global Institute of Lansing (GIL) provides educational services to adult refugees and immigrants that enable them to earn a high school diploma in an atmosphere of peace, respect, encouragement, and inspiration. Services at GIL include transportation to classes, job opportunities, and community resources; organizing field trips to businesses, vocational centers, and colleges for career exposure; and hosting monthly mentoring gatherings. A gift of **\$4,560** would support monthly bus passes, field trips and mentoring events for the year.

U.S.C.T. Traveling Exhibition

<http://102ndusctcob.wixsite.com/102nd>



The 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, equipping students with skills in public speaking, teamwork, and research. A **\$5,000** gift will fund educational displays, historically accurate uniforms, and travel expenses for youth to participate in living history events.

FOOD



Combating Hunger in the Lansing Community

<https://www.facebook.com/all.nations.christian.church.2024>

All Nations Food Pantry of Lansing provides essential food assistance to families in need. The organization is seeking gifts to purchase a walk-in freezer, which will enable them to safely store larger quantities of perishable items like beef, poultry, and fish. This freezer will reduce spoilage, minimize waste, and allow them to stretch their food budget further, offering a wider variety of nutritious meals. A gift of **\$4,950** will fund the purchase and installation of the freezer.



Food for Holt

www.holtfoodbank.org

In 2024, **Holt Community Food Bank** provided food assistance to 2,749 people. They have been supporting the Holt/Delhi Township community members by providing those less fortunate with monthly healthy food options. They are requesting **\$5,000** to purchase a variety of food items, including meat, for distribution to those in need.



Feeding Folks in Leslie

<https://www.facebook.com/LeslieOutreachInc/>

For over 40 years, **Leslie Outreach** has been providing assistance to individuals and families in need, as well as educational opportunities and programs to help improve the general quality of life in the Greater Leslie area. They are requesting support to purchase nutritional food items for their small, rural pantry. A gift of **\$3,000** would provide 2,500 healthy meals and serve 120 people for three months.



Food Bank Support

www.southlansingministries.org

South Lansing Ministries serves the residents of South Lansing by providing basic essentials such as food and personal needs, to those experiencing financial hardship. With the increase in costs and need, they are seeking **\$5,000** to purchase healthy food items.



Community Meals for ALL

www.southsidecommunitykitchen.org

The **Southside Community Kitchen** serves a well balanced mid-day meal each week Monday - Thursday to all who come hungry. Their open door creates a safe space for people of all stages and ages to enjoy a meal in the company of others. In 2024 we served 16,500 meals. A gift of **\$5,000** would help meet the dietary requirements of our international refugee population, as well as, provide a vegetarian option.

HEALTH



Perinatal Classes

www.nextgenfamilyservices.org

Next Generation Family Services provides equitable access to prenatal, birth, and postpartum resources; as well as lactation education and empowerment. A gift of **\$5,000** will provide free classes to 10 greater Lansing area families during the perinatal period, including safe sleep, car seat safety, starting solid foods, babywearing, and more.



Fuel the Cure Program

www.pureheartsofmichigan.com

Pure Hearts of Michigan provides compassionate and immediate support while restoring the lives broken by circumstance, changing lives one HEART at a time. The organization provides fuel cards and essential services to cancer patients and those in crisis. A gift of **\$5,000** will support the Fuel the Cure program alleviating transportation expenses to treatment.

Program Cost Assistance for Cancer Patients

www.twigsinc.org



TWIGS- To Work In Grateful Service strives to relieve cancer patients of everyday burdens so that they can concentrate on healing and spending time with loved ones. Services include transportation to appointments, yard care and housekeeping. A gift of **\$5,000** would cover roughly 140 house cleanings, 32 lawn mowings, and 10 snow plows.

MENTAL WELLNESS



Therapeutic Riding Arena

www.elevateeat.org

Elevate Equine Assisted Therapy is dedicated to fostering personal growth, resilience, and well-being by connecting individuals with horses. The organization is seeking a **\$5,000** grant to help fund the conversion of a grass arena to a sand therapeutic riding arena. This will improve safety, enhance horse longevity, and increase functionality in all weather conditions.



Giving Paws Program Support

www.givinghappypaws.org

Giving Paws is dedicated to supporting the community with trained support dogs and programs that ensure the care of animals. They are seeking a **\$5,000** grant to host two specialized trainings and background checks for volunteers. This is essential for continuing impactful community programs and ensuring the well-being of both animals and people in need.



Mentoring Program

www.petalspinecones.com

Petals & Pinecones believes in the importance of having a support system. They mentor young girls well into adulthood focused on developing and improving self-worth, self-image and self-esteem. A gift of **\$5,000** would provide supportive materials and food for their monthly meetings.

SENIOR SUPPORT



2025 No Senior Without Christmas Essentials

www.noseniorwithoutchristmas.org

No Senior Without Christmas (NSWC) is dedicated to bringing holiday joy to seniors in need by providing gifts, essential items, and companionship during the holiday season. A **\$5,000** gift will provide holiday care packages for 400 seniors in need, providing essentials like blankets, toiletries, and non-perishable food, along with small gifts to brighten their holiday season ensuring that no senior in our community feels forgotten or alone during this special time of year.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



After-School Program Pillar Support

www.buildingtventyone.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. B21 is seeking a **\$5,000** gift to support after-school enrichment programs for 250 students in grades 6-12, including transportation for Holt Public School students and healthy snacks for over 50 members, ensuring no barriers to participation.



I'll Be Your Rock Saves Lives

www.illbeyourrock.org

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

Film Skool

<https://www.lansingcatalyst.org/>



Lansing Community Catalyst Corp has a mission to empower underserved communities in Greater Lansing by bridging resources, education, and connections that promote both physical well-being and social engagement. Lansing Catalyst seeks **\$5,000** to fund One-day Film Skool Programs, offering hands-on media training for 50+ participants. Students will use professional film equipment, explore careers in directing, editing, sound, and more, and produce a 3-5 min video. Funds support instructors, equipment, and scholarships for underserved youth interested in creative career paths.

Youth Empowerment Printing Program

<https://www.youthbuildercommunitydc.org/>



Youth Builder Community Development Corp empowers the youth (12-18) with hands-on training, mentorship, and business education to build online businesses. We provide skills, resources, and support to foster financial independence, break economic barriers, and create lasting career opportunities in entrepreneurship. A gift of **\$5,000** would support the launch of a youth-led printing business course in which students will learn how to create and run their own e-commerce shop. Funding will cover electronic and printing equipment, as well as printing materials for this new program.