

# EightCAP, Inc.

# Community Resource Directory



## Gratiot County 2026

... a Community Action Agency – Lori Johnson, President

**Gratiot Satellite Office**

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**Administrative Office**

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Michigan Relay Center: (800) 649-3777 (Voice and TDD)

EightCAP, Inc. is an equal opportunity employer/program.  
Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

**Online version available at**  
**[www.8cap.org](http://www.8cap.org)**

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At the time of this printing all information in the directory was accurate, but it can change at any time as we become aware of changes. For the most current version of this directory, please visit our website at [www.eightcap.org](http://www.eightcap.org).

**EightCAP, Inc. improves our community by partnering with private, government, and community organizations to deliver programs to low-income residents that alleviate the local causes of poverty and its effects. Programs offered through EightCAP are as follows:**

**COMMUNITY SERVICES** - EightCAP, Inc. Community Services assist income-eligible households with heat and utility assistance, food distributions, transportation vouchers for employment purposes or medical appointments, medical prescription copays, and various needs depending on funding availability. Community Services also offers assistance with MI Bridges, food pantry information and distributions, and referrals to other services not provided by EightCAP. The Emergency Assistance Application is located on our website, [www.eightcap.org](http://www.eightcap.org).

**HOUSING PROGRAMS** – EightCAP, Inc. Housing Programs assist low-income households with rental assistance, deposit assistance, emergency shelter (hotel/motel vouchers) and limited utility payment assistance. These services are offered through the Emergency Solutions Grant and the Emergency Shelter Program. As the Housing Assessment and Resource Agency (HARA) in the county, EightCAP registers and places homeless households on the Housing Choice Voucher Waitlist with a Homeless Preference Code.

Through the Supportive Services for Veterans Families, services can include; rental assistance, deposit assistance, emergency shelter stays, moving costs, emergency housing services, transportation assistance and limited car repair assistance. These services are available to low-income households, who have served at least one-day active duty and were discharged under any other circumstances than dishonorable.

The Rapid Rehousing Program is available to literally homeless households (some conditions may apply). This program may pay up to 18 months of rental assistance and security deposit. It is an intensive case management program where clients work to address barriers that are present and develop skills to retain housing and become self-sufficient.

The HUD Rapid Rehousing Program is an income-based program available to literally homeless households. This program provides intensive case management, as well as up to 24 months of rental assistance and security deposit.



**Commodity Food Distribution Sites, Income Guidelines, & Schedules For October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025**

**Please remain in your vehicle and safely pull your vehicle into line at the food truck. Participants will not sign for the food boxes; a representative will check you in and then place your food boxes in your trunk. DO NOT ENTER THE BUILDING. Thank you.**

The **Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)** is a food program for those 60yrs+ and fall within the income guidelines listed below. For those eligible, supplemental boxes (2) of food are delivered every other month at a site(s) in each county. Two boxes are allowed every other month (One box for each month). To apply, please call 616-228-1215.

**CSFP Guidelines**

<b>Household Size</b>	<b>Yearly</b>	<b>Monthly</b>
1	\$22,590	\$1,883
2	\$30,660	\$2,555
3	\$38,730	\$3,228
4	\$46,800	\$3,901
5	\$54,870	\$4,574
6	\$62,940	\$5,247
For Each Additional Household Member Add:	\$8,070	\$673

**CSFP Site and Schedule**

<b>Site</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Time</b>
Alma Elks Lodge 610 W. Warwick, Alma	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month for every other month starting with October, Dec, February, April, June etc	10:00 am-12:00am
Gratiot Commission on Aging 515 W Pine River, Ithaca	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month for every other month starting with October, Dec, February, April, June etc	12:30pm-2:30pm
Ionia Moose Lodge 869 E Lincoln Ave., Ionia	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month for every other month starting with October, Dec, February, April, June etc	9:30am-11:30am
Immanuel Lutheran Church 320 S Bradley, Mt. Pleasant	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month for every other month starting with October, Dec, February, April, June etc	1:00pm-2:30pm
Greenville Armory, 319 S Hillcrest, Greenville	Last Tuesday of each month for every other month starting with October, Dec, February, April, June etc	10:00am–12:00am
Grace Community Church 9920 Reed Rd., Howard City	Last Tuesday of each month for every other month starting with October, Dec, February, April, June etc	1:30pm-2:30pm

\*Holiday breaks may effect the dates listed.

# Quick Find Phone Numbers

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Use the **Quick Find Index** pages as a quick reference for phone numbers. See the Community Resource pages for further agency information.

<b>Abuse</b>	Michigan Department of Health & Human Services-MDHHS.....	(989) 875-5181
<b><u>Child/Adult</u></b>	R.I.S.E. Advocacy, Inc.....	(989) 773-0078
<b><u>Budgeting/Financial</u></b>	MSU-Extension.....	(989) 875-5233
<b><u>Clothing</u></b>	Career Closet.....	(989) 463-4171
	East Montcalm Baby Pantry .....	(989) 268-5551
	Foster Closet .....	(800) 554-4966
	Office of Human Services.....	(989) 681-4289
	Pompeii United Methodist Baby Pantry .....	(989) 838-4159
<b><u>Counseling Services/Mental Health</u></b>	Addictions Solutions Counseling Center-ASCC.....	(989) 779-9449
	Gratiot Integrated Health Network.....	(989) 463-4971
	R.I.S.E. Advocacy, Inc.....	(989) 773-0078
<b><u>Disability/Special Needs</u></b>	Build Up Michigan.....	(888) 320-8384
	Gratiot-Isabella RESD.....	(989) 875-5101
	Social Security Administration.....	(877) 405-7667
	Special Olympics Michigan .....	(989) 774-3911
<b><u>Education For Adults</u></b>	Alma College .....	(989) 463-7111
	Federal Student Aid-FAFSA.....	(800) 433-3243
	Fulton Adult & Alternative Education .....	(989) 236-5404
	Gratiot-Isabella RESD.....	(989) 875-5101
	Mid-Michigan Community College.....	(989) 773-6622
	Mid-Michigan Migrant & English Language Learners.....	(616) 794-4753
	Montcalm Community College.....	(989) 328-2111
	MSU-Extension.....	(989) 875-5233
<b><u>Emergency</u></b>	American Red Cross .....	(989) 463-3209
	Michigan Department of Health & Human Services-MDHHS .....	(489) 475-5181
	R.I.S.E. Advocacy, Inc.....	(989) 773-0078
	The Salvation Army .....	(989) 463-2864
<b><u>Employment Services</u></b>	AARP Foundation Senior Community Service Employment (SCSEP).....	(517) 224-5233
	Gratiot-Isabella RESD.....	(989) 875-5101
	Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works!.....	(989) 466-4832
	Michigan Department of Health & Human Services-MDHHS.....	(989) 875-5181

<b><u>Food</u></b>	Commission on Aging (Gratiot County).....	(989) 875-5246
	EightCAP, Inc .....	(866) 754-9315
	Michigan Department of Health & Human Services-MDHHS.....	(989) 875-5181
	Mid-Michigan District Health Department-MMDHD.....	(989) 875-3681
	Office of Human Services.....	(989) 681-4289
<b><u>Furniture/ Household</u></b>	Foster Closet .....	(800) 554-4966
	Office of Human Services.....	(989) 681-4289
	Sleep in Heavenly Peace .....	(844) 432-2337
<b><u>Government (City/ County)</u></b>	County Clerk .....	(989) 875-5215
	Friend of the Court.....	(989) 875-5226
	Register of Deeds .....	(989) 875-5217
	Sheriff's Department.....	(989) 875-5211
<b><u>Health/ Medical</u></b>	Early On.....	(989) 433-2962
	Hospice of Michigan .....	(888) 247-5701
	Michigan Department of Health & Human Services-MDHHS .....	(989) 875-5181
	MIChild/Healthy Kids.....	(888) 988-6300
	Mid-Michigan District Health Department-MMDHD.....	(989) 875-3681
	Mid-Michigan Home Care & Hospice.....	(989) 463-4121
	The Salvation Army .....	(989) 463-2864
	Tri-County Home Works People Fund .....	(800) 421-8956
<b><u>Homeless/ Housing Services</u></b>	EightCAP, Inc. Housing Hotline, ext.3335 .....	(866) 754-9315
	Gratiot County Hope House.....	(989) 681-8486
	Gratiot County Local Planning Body.....	(616) 754-9315
	Gratiot Emergency Housing Corporation.....	(989) 466-0709
	Habitat for Humanity .....	(989) 463-2244
	McKinney-Vento Homeless Student Supports .....	(616) 225-6126
	Michigan Department of Health & Human Services-MDHHS .....	(989) 875-5181
	Michigan State Housing Development Authority-MSHDA .....	(517) 241-0809
	MSU-Extension.....	(989) 875-5233
	R.I.S.E. Advocacy, Inc.....	(989) 773-0078
	Tri-County Home Works People Fund .....	(800) 421-8956
	USDA Rural Development .....	(800) 944-8119
<b><u>Infant/ Child/ Teen Services</u></b>	Big Brothers/Big Sisters.....	(989) 463-3434
	Build Up Michigan Kids .....	(888) 320-8384
	Child Advocacy.....	(989) 463-1422
	Gratiot-Isabella RESD.....	(989) 875-5101
	Great Start Readiness Program-GSRP .....	(800) 227-2437
	McKinney-Vento Homeless Student Supports .....	(616) 225-6126
	Michigan Department of Health & Human Services-MDHHS .....	(989) 875-5181
	MIChild/Healthy Kids.....	(888) 988-6300
	MSU-Extension-4H .....	(989) 875-5233
<b><u>Legal</u></b>	Center for Civil Justice.....	(800) 724-7441
	Counsel & Advocacy law Line .....	(888) 783-8190
	Elder Law of Michigan .....	(866) 400-9164
	Farmworker Legal Services .....	(269) 492-7190
	Legal Services of Eastern Michigan.....	(800) 322-4512

<b><u>Legal (Cont.)</u></b>	R.I.S.E. Advocacy, Inc .....	(989) 773-0078
<b><u>Libraries</u></b>	Alma Public Library.....	(989) 463-3966
	Ashley District Library .....	(989) 847-4000
	Howe Memorial Library .....	(989) 842-3202
	Seville Township Public Library.....	(989) 833-7776
	T.A. Cutler Memorial Library.....	(989) 681-5141
	Thompson Home Public Library.....	(989) 875-4184
<b><u>Military/ Veterans</u></b>	American Red Cross of Greater Grand Rapids.....	(616) 456-8661
	Buddy-To-Buddy.....	(888) 822-8339
	Goodwill Industries.....	(231) 206-0127
	Gratiot County Department of Veterans Affairs .....	(989) 875-5258
	HUD- VASH.....	(616) 356-1746
	Michigan State University Extension.....	(888) 678-3464
	Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency .....	(800) 642-4838
	Military OneSource.....	(800) 342-9647
	Service to Soldiers Legal Assistance Referral Program.....	(517) 371-5140
	Supportive Services for Veteran Families (EightCAP, Inc.) .....	(866) 754-9315
	United States Department of Veteran Affairs (VA).....	(844) 698-2411
	Veterans Crisis Line.....	(800) 273-8255
	VFW National Home for Children.....	(800) 313-4200
<b><u>Nutrition</u></b>	Mid-Michigan District Health Department-MMDHD .....	(989) 831-5237
<b><u>Parenting</u></b>	Child Advocacy Center.....	(989) 463-1422
	Gratiot-Isabella RESD.....	(989) 875-5101
	Mid-Michigan District Health Department-MMDHD.....	(989) 875-3681
<b><u>Personal Needs</u></b>	St. Louis First United Methodist Church .....	(989) 681-3320
	This and That Store.....	(989) 862-4392
<b><u>Pregnancy Services</u></b>	Mid-Michigan District Health Department-MMDHD .....	(989) 875-3681
	Pregnancy Services of Gratiot County.....	(989) 466-2295
<b><u>Preschool</u></b>	EightCAP, Inc 0-5 Head Start .....	(866) 754-9315
	Gratiot-Isabella RESD.....	(989) 433-2962
	Great Start Readiness Program-GSRP .....	(989) 492-7707
<b><u>Schools- Public/ Charter</u></b>	Alma Public Schools.....	(989) 466-7511
	Ashley Community Schools.....	(989) 847-4000
	Breckenridge Community Schools.....	(989) 842-3182
	Fulton Schools.....	(989) 236-5130
	Gratiot-Isabella RESD.....	(989) 875-5101
	Ithaca Public Schools .....	(989) 875-3700
	St. Louis Public Schools .....	(989) 681-2500

<b><u>Senior Citizens</u></b>	AARP Foundation Senior Community Service Employment (SCSEP) .....	(517) 224-5233
	Commission on Aging (Gratiot County).....	(989) 875-5246
	Elder law of Michigan.....	(866) 400-9164
	Michigan Department of Health & Human Services-MDHHS.....	(989) 875-5181
	Mid-Michigan Home Care & Hospice.....	(989) 463-4121
	Social Security Administration .....	(877) 405-7667
<b><u>Substance Abuse</u></b>	Addiction Solutions Counseling Center.....	(989) 779-9449
	Alcoholics' Anonymous.....	(800) 821-3014
	Randy's House of Greenville.....	(616) 232-2915
<b><u>Transportation</u></b>	Dial-A-Ride/Alma Transit Center .....	(989) 463-6016
<b><u>Utility Assistance</u></b>	Assurance Wireless (free cell phone).....	(888) 321-5880
	EightCAP, Inc. (heat/utility) .....	(866) 754-9315
	Gratiot Emergency Housing Corporation.....	(989) 466-0709
	Michigan Department of Health & Human Services-MDHHS .....	(844) 464-3447
	SafeLink (free cell phone).....	(800) 773-9328
	The Salvation Army (heat/utility) .....	(989) 773-4663
	Tri-County HomeWorks People Fund (heat/utility).....	(800) 421-8956
<b><u>Volunteer Services</u></b>	Commission on Aging (Gratiot County).....	(989) 875-5246
	Michigan Department of Health & Human Services-MDHHS.....	(989) 875-5181
	United Way of Gratiot & Isabella Counties .....	(989) 463-6245



2-1-1 connects you with thousands of nonprofit and government resources in your area. Michigan 2-1-1 is an easy way to connect with help of all kinds, right in your community. Need help with food, housing, or paying bills? Need support in a family crisis or community disaster? We're here for you. Any time. All the time. Just call, text, or search online and we'll get you connected.

Phone: Dial 211 or 1-888-636-4211

Text: Your zip code to 898211

Live Chat: [HWMUW.ORG/211](http://HWMUW.ORG/211)



# Hotline Numbers

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<b>ALCOHOL/DRUG ABUSE HELPLINE &amp; TREATMENT</b>	<b>(844) 289-0879</b> <a href="http://www.drughelpline.org">www.drughelpline.org</a>
<b>BOYS &amp; GIRLS TOWN NATIONAL HOTLINE</b>	<b>(800) 448-3000</b> <a href="http://www.boystown.org">www.boystown.org</a>
<b>CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL &amp; PREVENTION INFORMATION</b>	<b>(800) 232-4636</b> <a href="http://www.cdc.gov">www.cdc.gov</a>
<b>CENTER FOR MISSING &amp; EXPLOITED CHILDREN</b>	<b>(800) 843-5678</b> <a href="http://www.missingkids.com">www.missingkids.com</a>
<b>CHILD &amp; ADULT LICENSING COMPLAINTS (ABUSE AND NEGLECT)</b>	<b>(855) 444-3911</b> <a href="http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs">www.michigan.gov/mdhhs</a>
<b>CHILD FIND OF AMERICA</b>	<b>(800) 426-5678</b> <a href="http://www.childfindofamerica.org">www.childfindofamerica.org</a>
<b>CHILD HELP USA INFORMATION CENTER</b>	<b>(800) 422-4453</b> <a href="http://www.childhelp.org">www.childhelp.org</a>
<b>CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS (MISDU OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT)</b>	<b>(877) 543-2660</b> <a href="http://www.misdu.com">www.misdu.com</a>
<b>CHILDREN'S SPECIAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES FAMILY CENTER</b>	<b>(800) 359-3722</b> <a href="http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs">www.michigan.gov/mdhhs</a>
<b>CONSUMER CREDIT COUNSELING SERVICE</b>	<b>(800) 388-2227</b> <a href="http://www.nfcc.org">www.nfcc.org</a>
<b>CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION</b>	<b>(800) 638-2772</b> <a href="http://www.cpsc.gov">www.cpsc.gov</a>
<b>DEPRESSION AFTER DELIVERY</b>	<b>(800) 944-4773</b> <a href="http://www.postpartum.net">www.postpartum.net</a>
<b>DOMESTIC VIOLENCE NATIONAL HELPLINE</b>	<b>(800) 799-7233</b> <a href="http://www.thehotline.org">www.thehotline.org</a>
<b>EIGHTCAP'S HOUSING &amp; HOMELESS HOTLINE</b>	<b>(866) 754-9315 x3335</b> <a href="http://www.eightcap.org">www.eightcap.org</a>
<b>FOOD &amp; NUTRITION PROGRAM HELPLINE (SNAP)</b>	<b>(855) 275-6424</b> <a href="http://www.fns.usda.gov">www.fns.usda.gov</a>
<b>HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE</b>	<b>(888) 373-7888</b> <a href="http://www.humantraffickinghotline.org">www.humantraffickinghotline.org</a>

<b>MEDICAID HELPLINE (MICHIGAN)</b>	<b>(888) 367-6557</b> <a href="http://www.mihealth.org">www.mihealth.org</a>
<b>MI-RX DISCOUNT CARD</b>	<b>(800) 259-8016</b> <a href="http://www.mihealth.org">www.mihealth.org</a>
<b>MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION ON PROBLEM GAMBLING HELPLINE</b>	<b>(800) 270-7117</b> <a href="http://www.michapg.com">www.michapg.com</a>
<b>MOTHERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING (MADD)</b>	<b>(877) 623-3435</b> <a href="http://www.madd.org">www.madd.org</a>
<b>NATIONAL RUNAWAY SAFELINE</b>	<b>(800) 786-2929</b> <a href="http://www.1800runaway.org">www.1800runaway.org</a>
<b>POISON CONTROL</b>	<b>(800) 222-1222</b> <a href="http://www.poisonhelp.org">www.poisonhelp.org</a>
<b>SAFE DELIVERY OF NEWBORNS</b>	<b>(866) 733-7733</b> <a href="http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs">www.michigan.gov/mdhhs</a>
<b>SEXUAL ASSAULT HOTLINE</b>	<b>(800) 656-4673</b> <a href="http://www.rainn.org">www.rainn.org</a>
<b>SUBSTANCE ABUSE &amp; MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>(800) 662-4357</b> <a href="http://www.samhsa.gov">www.samhsa.gov</a>
<b>SUICIDE PREVENTION NATIONAL LIFELINE</b>	<b>(800) 273-8255</b> <a href="http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org">www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org</a>
<b>THE HEAT &amp; WARMTH FUND (THAW)</b>	<b>(800) 866-8429</b> <a href="http://www.thawfund.org">www.thawfund.org</a>
<b>THURSDAY'S CHILD</b>	<b>(800) 872-5437</b> <a href="http://www.thursdayschild.org">www.thursdayschild.org</a>
<b>USDA MEAT AND POULTRY HOTLINE</b>	<b>(888) 674-6854</b> <a href="http://www.usda.gov">www.usda.gov</a>
<b>USDA NATIONAL HUNGER HOTLINE</b>	<b>(866) 348-6479</b> <a href="http://www.fns.usda.gov">www.fns.usda.gov</a>
<b>VETERAN'S CRISIS LINE - VETERAN'S AFFAIRS</b>	<b>(800) 273-8255</b> <a href="http://www.veteranscrisisline.net">www.veteranscrisisline.net</a>
<b>VULNERABLE CHILDREN, ADULTS &amp; SENIORS HELPLINE</b>	<b>(855) 444-3911</b> <a href="http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs">www.michigan.gov/mdhhs</a>
<b>WE TIP HOT LINE (ANONYMOUS CRIME REPORTING HOTLINE)</b>	<b>(800) 782-7463</b> <a href="http://www.wetip.com">www.wetip.com</a>

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# Food Pantries

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## ALMA

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### **CHILD ADVOCACY BABY PANTRY**

**(800) 552-4489 or (989) 463-1422**

*525 N. State Street, Suite 4 (Wilcox Non-Profit Center), Alma, MI 48801* [www.linkforfamilies.org](http://www.linkforfamilies.org)  
Provides free diapers, wipes, formula, baby food, clothing, and other baby items which can be picked up Wednesdays from 11 am – 3 pm. Pantry is closed if Alma Public Schools are closed due to weather.

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### **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOOD PANTRY**

**(989) 463-2940**

*495 Charles Avenue, Alma, MI 48801* [www.firstpres.net](http://www.firstpres.net)  
Tuesday (except 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month) 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm, closed if Alma Schools are closed for weather. Serving Alma, Riverdale, Elm Hall and Elwell. You may receive food every other month, six times a year. Bring a picture ID, names & dates of birth for everyone in the household.

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### **THE SALVATION ARMY**

**(989) 463-2864**

*425 Republic Street, Alma, MI 48801* [www.saalma.org](http://www.saalma.org)  
Open Monday-Friday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, closed 12 pm-1 pm for lunch. No morning pantry hours the first Friday of each month as is “Free Friday”. Can come every 3 months. Serves Gratiot County residents only. Bring picture ID with current address.

## ASHLEY

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### **EAST WASHINGTON UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH**

**(989) 838-2314**

*8051 S Crapo Road, Ashley, MI 48806*  
Second Tuesday every other month (January, March, May, July, September, December).  
Registration at 4: pm, pantry hours 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm. Must be a resident of Gratiot County and provide proof of residency. Please bring your own box, basket tote, or bags to collect your items.

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### **POMPEII UNITED METHODIST CHURCH BABY PANTRY**

**(989) 838-4159**

*135 W Burton Street, Pompeii, MI 48874* [www.firstpres.net](http://www.firstpres.net)  
Baby needs from newborn to 11 or 12 years old. Baby food, formula, clothes & diapers. Pantry is open the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays from 10 am to 5 pm.

## BANNISTER

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### **BANNISTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**(989) 862-4392**

*103 E. Hanvey Street, Bannister, MI 48807*  
Pantry open the third Saturday of every month from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm. Also provides hygiene products/toiletries and donated clothing/shoes as available, if needed. Part of the Greater Lansing Hunger Network. Must be a Gratiot County resident and provide proof of residency by driver’s license or ID.

## BRECKENRIDGE

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### **UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FOOD PANTRY**

**(989) 842-3632**

*125 Third Street, PO Box 248, Breckenridge, MI 48615*  
Open Tuesday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. Breckenridge, Hemlock, Merrill, and Wheeler residents ONLY. Pick up once every 60 days. Bring state ID/Driver’s License.

## **ELSE**

### **ELSIE AREA FOOD BANK**

**(989) 388-8717**

*225 S Ovid Street, Elsie, MI 48831*

[www.elsie.org/foodbank](http://www.elsie.org/foodbank)

HOURS: 8:00 am – 9:00 am, Mondays & Wednesdays. Proof of residency required. Free Produce (unless otherwise noted) - 1st Tuesday & 3rd Thursday each month. Please a note to sign up, you MUST sign up at the United Methodist Church in Elsie, 160 W. Main St., Elsie. After being registered, then you will be able to go to the food bank for produce. Closed on holidays and when Ovid-Elsie Area Schools are closed due to weather conditions.

## **ITHACA**

### **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOOD PANTRY**

**(989) 875-4437**

*218 E Newark Street, Ithaca, MI 48847*

Hours: Wednesday 9:30 am - 11:30 am. Gratiot County residents south of Tyler Road only. You may receive food six times per year. Bring one picture identification. A bi-monthly mobile food pantry is also available to qualifying Gratiot County residents on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month in February, April, June, October, & December from 9am – 11am.

### **ITHACA SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST FOOD PANTRY**

**(989) 875-2149**

*935 N Pine River Street, Ithaca, MI 48847*

Fourth Monday each month, 10:30 am – noon. Date of birth for all household members. Address and income verification. Photo ID for person picking up food. Residents of Gratiot County only. May receive food once per month.

## **MIDDLETON**

### **SOUTHWEST GRATIOT COUNTY FOOD PANTRY**

**(989) 236-7759**

*New Haven Church of the Brethren, 7587 Grant Road, Middleton, MI*

Call for an appointment. Open 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4th Thursday of the month from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
Bring photo ID, Must know monthly income & names/ages of household members.

## **RIVERDALE**

### **LINCOLN ROAD UMC FOOD PANTRY**

**(989) 233-1540**

*9479 W Lincoln Rd, Riverdale, MI 48877*

Open third Thursday 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Residents of Sumner & Seville Township who meet financial guidelines receive a week's worth of food. On first visit please bring a DL/State ID & proof of address. A bi-monthly mobile food pantry is also available to qualifying Gratiot County residents on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month in February, April, June, October, & December from 9am – 10 am.

### **M-46 TABERNACLE FOOD PANTRY**

**(989) 506-4821**

*11098 Howard City-Edmore Road (M-46), Riverdale, MI 48877*

Open Tuesday 10:00 am – 11:00 am. No pantry if Vestaburg Schools closed due to weather.  
Contact Zeda Bish.

## **ST. LOUIS**

### **OFFICE OF HUMAN SERVICES (Food Pantry & Thrift Store)**

**(989) 681-4289**

*232 N Mill Street, PO Box 2, St. Louis, MI 48880*

Food Pantry open Monday-Friday 9:00 am – 11:15 Am. Food available once every 60 days for Gratiot County residents only. Need to provide proof of income and photo ID showing current address. Thrift Store open to public, Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.

## **ST. LOUIS (CONT.)**

### **ST. LOUIS CHURCH OF CHRIST FOOD PANTRY**

**(989) 681-2524**

*1075 W Monroe Road, St. Louis, MI 48880*

Food Pantry open 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month 11:30 am – 2:00 pm. Please bring your own box, basket, tote, or bags to collect your items. Photo ID, proof of income, residence, & number of people in household is required once a year and for new participants.

## **VESTABURG**

### **EAST MONTCALM BABY PANTRY**

**(989) 268-5551**

*Ferris Church of Christ, 3443 N Crystal Road, Vestaburg, MI 48891*

Hours of distribution: Tuesdays each month 10:00 am – 5:00 pm. You must live within the following boundaries: West of Warner Road and East of Stevenson Road/Wyman Road. Serving children newborn to age 5 years. Items available include baby food, formula, diapers, clothing (up to size 6), blankets, furniture (when available) and miscellaneous items.

## **CONGREGATE MEALS**

### **BANNISTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**(989) 862-4392**

*103 E. Hanvey St, Bannister, MI 48807*

January, February & March ONLY. Free soup & sandwiches, 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays.

### **COMMUNITY CAFÉ- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOOD PANTRY**

**(989) 463-2940**

*495 Charles Avenue, Alma, MI 48801*

[www.firstpres.net](http://www.firstpres.net)

Free meal available to anyone, Thursdays at 5:30 pm.

### **FIRST CHURCH OF GOD-THE SUPPER CLUB**

**(989) 681-5530 or (989) 681-5888**

*520 Olive St, St. Louis, MI 48880*

Free meal every 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday each month from 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm.

## **OTHER FOOD RESOURCES**

### **DOUBLE UP FOOD BUCKS**

**(866) 586-2796**

[www.doubleupfoodbucks.org](http://www.doubleupfoodbucks.org)

The way this program works is that anyone with food stamps can double their dollars when they shop for MI-grown fruits and vegetables at participating locations, please go to website for list of participating locations or send an email to [info@doubleupfoodbucks.org](mailto:info@doubleupfoodbucks.org)

### **FEEDING AMERICA GREATER LANSING FOOD BANK**

**(517) 853-7800**

*919 Filley St., Lansing, MI 48906*

[www.greaterlansingfoodbank.org](http://www.greaterlansingfoodbank.org)

Greater Lansing Food Bank (GLFB) is a non-profit organization that provides emergency food to individuals and families in need throughout mid-Michigan, in Ingham, Eaton, Clinton, Shiawassee, Clare, Isabella and Gratiot counties.

### **GRATIOT COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING**

**(989) 875-5246**

*515 S Pine Street, Ithaca, MI 48847*

[www.gratiotmi.com/171/Commission-on-Aging](http://www.gratiotmi.com/171/Commission-on-Aging)

Senior meals, congregate meals and home-delivered meals for people age 60 or over.

# Community Resources

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## **AARP FOUNDATION SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE EMPLOYMENT (SCSEP) (517) 224-2433**

*3185 Logan Valley Road, Traverse City, MI 49684*

[www.aarpfoundation.org/scsep](http://www.aarpfoundation.org/scsep)

Serves Michigan in its entirety with 8 different SCSEP offices throughout Michigan. SCSEP is a training and employment program for low-income, unemployed individuals, age 55 and up. Offers paid, temporary work training experience and help finding employment to older adults who meet eligibility requirements.

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## **ADDICTION SOLUTIONS COUNSELING CENTER (ASCC) (989) 779-9449**

*218 S Washington Street, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858*

[www.ascts.com](http://www.ascts.com)

Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00 am - 9:00 pm, Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

This program accepts most insurance. Outpatient Mental Health Substance Abuse Counseling as well as outpatient psychiatric care is available. Offers group, family, couple, individual and adolescent counseling treatment.

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## **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS (AA) (800) 821-3014**

*Call Community Mental Health for local listings*

[www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org)

Provides local listings for educational services for persons with alcohol, drug, or other related concerns. Services are also offered to families and friends of chemically dependent persons.

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## **AMERICAN RED CROSS (989) 463-3209**

*525 N State Street, Suite 3, Alma, MI 48801*

[www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm. Emergency Phone #: (989)324-9416. Armed Forces Emergency Services. Blood drives held year-round. Shelter, feed, and provide emotional support to victims of disasters. Disaster Services- provides immediate, disaster-related needs to people facing emergency situations such as a home fire. Health and Safety Services-Certifications available from trained Red Cross instructors for Adult, Child and Infant CPR, standard first aid, babysitter training, water safety, lifeguarding.

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**BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU MILITARY LINE****(800) 684-3222**

Has an agreement with the Department of Defense to offer its well-known consumer education and advocacy services to experiences and circumstances unique to the military. As a partner in the Department of Defense (DOD) Financial Readiness Campaign, BBB Military Line® brings BBB services to military personnel (including Reservists and National Guard), retirees, DOD civilians, and their families. Through Memoranda of Understanding with the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps, and through status as a Coast Guard Qualified Organization, BBB Military Line offers a variety of free services and consumer education to the military via local BBB outreach.

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**BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS****(989) 463-3434***525 N State Street (Wilcox Building), Suite 9, Alma, MI 48801*[www.midmichiganbbbs.org](http://www.midmichiganbbbs.org)

Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm and other times by appointment. Establishing and supporting one-on-one mentoring relationships with at risk youth in our community. Serving youth ages 5 to 14 years, and offering parental support as well as mentor training.

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**BUDDY-TO-BUDDY****(888) 822-8339**[www.buddytobuddy.org](http://www.buddytobuddy.org)

Trained Volunteer Veterans help military service members overcome the stigma around asking for help and link those who are facing challenges throughout the deployment cycle with appropriate resources that will optimize their quality of life. Volunteer Veterans are trained to help veterans and service members address issues ranging from accessing financial, employment, legal, benefit, or educational resources to identifying mental health providers for emotional, substance abuse, or relationship concerns. Services are provided to Michigan service members and veterans, members of Michigan Army National Guard, and reservists residing in Michigan

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**BUILD UP MICHIGAN****(888) 320-8384***240 S Bridge Street, Suite 250, Dewitt, MI 48820*[www.buildupmi.org](http://www.buildupmi.org)

Provides free development evaluations for children, ages 3-5 suspected of having a disability including speech and language impairment, physical impairment, visual impairment, hearing impairment, other health impairment or a developmental delay.

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**CAREER CLOSET****(989) 463-4171***150 W Center Street, PO Box 771, Alma, MI 48801*[www.womensresourcecentergratiot.com](http://www.womensresourcecentergratiot.com)

Hours: Tuesday 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm; Thursday 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm. Offering gently worn, professional clothing at no cost to women interested in entering the job market or advancing their careers.

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**CENTER FOR CIVIL JUSTICE****(800) 724-7441**[www.cj-mi.org](http://www.cj-mi.org)

Free legal assistance to low-income persons if the problem affects a number of low-income persons. Deals with problems with Michigan's welfare system, health, childcare, work, nutrition and subsidized housing programs. The attorneys will provide workshops and trainings on many topics to agencies. The center also helps clients understand and speak out on legislative and policy issues that affect them. For poverty law and public benefits log on to [www.mplp.org](http://www.mplp.org). To determine whether you are eligible for food stamps, log on to [www.foodstampshelp.org](http://www.foodstampshelp.org) or call (800) 481-4989.

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**CHILD ADVOCACY****(800) 552-4489 or (989) 463-1422***525 N State Street, Suite 4, Alma, MI 48801*[www.linkforfamilies.org](http://www.linkforfamilies.org)

Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. Services available in Gratiot County: baby pantry, parenting classes, child abuse and neglect (CAN) prevention education, substance abuse coalition, and suicide prevention training.

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**COMMISSION ON AGING (GRATIOT COUNTY)****(989) 875-5246***515 S Pine River Street, Ithaca, MI 48847*[www.gratiotmi.com/171/Commission-on-Aging](http://www.gratiotmi.com/171/Commission-on-Aging)

Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. Assistance for seniors 60 years and over including case management, personal care, respite care, homemaking, home chore service, minor home repair, home-delivered meals, Senior Gratiot Newspaper, Food With Friends Program, Medicare-Medicaid Assistance Program, and referrals, help for prescriptions and utilities (when funds are available). Volunteer services available for transportation to appointments. Caregiver training. For information on the Foster Grandparent/Senior Companion Programs call the Isabella County Commission on Aging at (989) 772-0748.

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**COMMUNITY SERVICES OF SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST****(989) 875-2149***939 N Pine River, Ithaca, MI 48847*

Tuesdays 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. Clothing, shoes, bedding, and layettes available to Gratiot County residents based on need. Agency referrals preferred.

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**COUNSEL & ADVOCACY LAW LINE****(888) 783-8190**[www.lakeshorelegalaid.org](http://www.lakeshorelegalaid.org)

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, Wednesdays 9:00 am – 6:00 pm and Fridays 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. An attorney-staffed telephone advice, brief service, pro se and referral system serving low income and senior people throughout much of Michigan. You will speak directly with an attorney, but the wait time may be long. Many court forms available on website.

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**DIAL-A-RIDE (ALMA TRANSIT CENTER-ATC)****(989) 463-6016***Dial-A-Ride and Bus Depot: 1105 Willow Run Drive, Alma, MI 48801*[www.ci.alma.mi.us/1/307/dart.asp](http://www.ci.alma.mi.us/1/307/dart.asp)

**ZONE 1 – City of Alma:** Daily 6:15am – 8:00pm Weekdays, 6:15am – 7:00am must be set prior business day. Last call for pick-ups 6:30pm. Adult \$2, junior \$1.50, senior & reduced fare \$1, gold card is free.

**ZONE 2 – City of St. Louis & Pine River Township:** Daily 9:00am – 6:00pm. Last call for pick-ups 5:00pm. Adult & junior \$3 (round trip \$5), senior & reduced fare \$1.50, gold card \$1.

**ZONE 3 – 10 Mile Radius of Alma:** Available 9:00am – 5:00pm Weekdays. 24 hr. notice required.

**Additional Routes:** To & From 65<sup>th</sup> District Court & DHHS Offices, Weekdays, Depart Alma 9:45am, 11:45am, & 3:15pm. Depart Ithaca 10:00am, 12:00pm, & 3:30-4:00pm. Adult & junior \$4 (round trip \$7), senior & reduced fare \$2, gold card \$1.50.

**A-LINE:** Fixed route with 14 designated points throughout the city of Alma. Adults & juniors \$1, reduced fare is 50 cents. Call or go online for more information.

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**EARLY ON (Gratiot-Isabella RESD)****(989) 433-2962 ext. 43120***Luce Road Early Childhood Learning Center, 6265 N Luce Road, Alma, MI 48801*[www.1800earlyon.org](http://www.1800earlyon.org)*Westgate Elementary, 840 W Cheesman Road, St. Louis, MI 48880*

Coordination of services for children 0-3 years of age with special needs, and developmental delays. Services include in-home evaluations, referring families for specialized care, and acting as a service coordinator. There are no income restrictions for eligibility. Local playgroups are available to the community. Call for more information.

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**EIGHTCAP, INC.****(866) 754-9315***525 N State Street, Suite 2, Alma, MI 48801*[www.eightcap.org](http://www.eightcap.org)

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**Administrative Offices****(866) 754-9315 or (616) 754-9315***5827 Orleans Rd., Orleans, MI 48865*

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**Self-Sufficiency Services****(616)754-9315**

**Community Services: (616)754-9315 ext. 1309 or ext. 3321**(call for more information)

- Heat/utility assistance when funding is available
- Referrals to food banks, legal services, etc.
- Computer Access Station- Use this FREE service to discover other helpful information that goes beyond EightCAP Community Services range of assistance.
- TEFAP & CSFP Commodity Programs available

Clients will be seen by appointment only for heat/utility assistance. For heat/utility assistance, an Emergency Assistance Application must be filled out and submitted to the mailing address above. The application can be found on our website, [www.eightcap.org](http://www.eightcap.org).

**Homeless & Housing Assistance Programs:**

*Call the Housing Hotline at (866) 754-9315 ext. 3335 to do a pre-screen if you are literally homeless, have a court ordered eviction notice, or at risk of becoming homeless, and are in need of homeless/housing assistance.* Services available may include: Rental/Deposit Assistance, Motel Vouchers; MSHDA Vouchers; Mortgage Assistance.

**Weatherization****(616) 754-9315 ext. 3420**

- Free program helping to lower your fuel costs and make your home more energy efficient
- Services offered: water heater insulation blanket, low-flow shower head, wall/ceiling/floor insulation/ventilation, caulking, glass replacement, door sweeps, and weather stripping
- Proof of household income for the last 3 months
- Call for an appointment

**0-5 Head Start****(616) 754-9315 ext. 3369**

A federally funded child development program serving pregnant women, infants, toddlers, and children thru age 5 years. Participants must meet specific income and eligibility criteria.

**ELDER LAW OF MICHIGAN****(866) 400-9164**[www.elderlawofmi.org](http://www.elderlawofmi.org)

Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Free legal advice and information over the phone for senior citizens and people with disabilities. To access the Michigan Pension Rights Project, call the Legal Hotline for Michigan Seniors and specify that you have a pension-related problem. Housing in foreclosure, etc.

**FARMWORKER LEGAL SERVICES****(269) 492-7190**

3030 S 9th Street, Suite 1A, Kalamazoo, MI 49009

[www.farmworkerlaw.org](http://www.farmworkerlaw.org)

Farm Worker Legal Services is a division of Legal Services of South Central Michigan, providing free civil legal assistance to low-income persons, including migrant and seasonal farm workers. FLS represents and assists migrant and seasonal farm workers with legal problems in the areas of employment, benefits, housing, education and immigration.

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**FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA) - FREE APPLICATION****(800) 433-3243**[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

Information by phone: Monday-Friday 8:00 am – 11:00 pm, Sat &amp; Sun 11:00 am – 5:00 pm.

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**FRIEND OF THE COURT****(989) 875-5226***214 E Center Street, #1, Ithaca, MI 48847*[www.gratiotmi.com/384/Friend-of-the-Court](http://www.gratiotmi.com/384/Friend-of-the-Court)

Monday-Friday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm.

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**FULTON ADULT & ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION****(989) 236-5404***129 E George Street, Middleton, MI 48856*[www.fultonpirates.net](http://www.fultonpirates.net)

Adult alternative education classes offered in Middleton and Alma. Providing opportunities for students 16 years and over to earn their High School Diploma. Provides free personalized tutoring for Mid-Michigan residents desiring to improve their reading, writing, spelling and math. Online classes also available.

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**GOODWILL INDUSTRIES****(231) 206-0127**[www.dwcassard.org](http://www.dwcassard.org)

Has a Veterans Workforce Investment Program that addresses the unique needs of veterans seeking employment. Serving; Clare, Gladwin, Ionia, Isabella, Mecosta, Montcalm and Osceola Counties. Goodwill assists eligible veterans in a variety of areas relating to job training, placement, and retention with an emphasis on green career fields. Those who have been dishonorably discharged cannot participate.

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**GRATIOT COUNTY CLERK****(989) 875-5215***214 E Center Street, Suite 16, Ithaca, MI 48847*[www.gratiotmi.com](http://www.gratiotmi.com)

Hours Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm. Provides copies of and assistance with birth, death, and marriage certificates, doing business as (DBA), notary public applications, Concealed Pistol License, filing military discharge papers, civil and criminal court matters and elections.

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**GRATIOT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS****(989) 875-5258***214 E Center Street, PO Box 68, Ithaca, MI 48847*[www.gratiotmi.com](http://www.gratiotmi.com)

Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 4:00 pm, closed 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm. Provide assistance to veterans and their dependents to access benefits provided to veterans by county, state, and federal agencies, primarily the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. Services may include: Veteran and spouse burial benefits, Government headstones or markers, Veterans Relief Fund for emergency assistance, VA compensation, VA pensions, medical assistance, VA Home Loans, and military records request. In addition, we also prepare requests for medals, assist with appeals to VA decisions, and assist in coordination with other human service agencies on behalf of the veteran, surviving spouse or dependents. All services provided by Gratiot County Dept. of Veterans Affairs are free of charge.

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**GRATIOT COUNTY HOPE HOUSE****(989) 681-8486***1001 W. Washington St., Saint Louis, MI 48880*[www.gchopehouse.org](http://www.gchopehouse.org)*(housed within the St. Louis Church of the Nazarene)*

Seasonal cold-weather shelter, open from late fall to early spring. Those interested in receiving shelter should call the **housing hotline # (989) 948-0404** to schedule an intake before coming to the shelter.

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**GRATIOT COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT****24-Hour (non-emergency) (989) 875-5211***226 E Center Street, Ithaca, MI 48847*

Administration (989) 875-5214

[www.gratiotmi.com](http://www.gratiotmi.com)

**GRATIOT EMERGENCY HOUSING CORPORATION****(989) 466-0709***PO Box 611, Alma, MI 48801*[www.gratiotemergencyhousingcorporation.com](http://www.gratiotemergencyhousingcorporation.com)

Provides assistance with emergency housing situations to low-income families including repairs, rent, security deposits, shut-off notices, utilities and propane. Lending up to \$300. Pay forward \$10/month. No emergency shelter.

**GRATIOT INTEGRATED HEALTH NETWORK****(989) 463-4971***608 Wright Avenue, Alma, MI 48801*[www.gihn-mi.org](http://www.gihn-mi.org)

After hours & weekends (989) 463-4971 or 1-800-622-5583

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm (evenings by appointment)

Participates with Medicaid, Medicare, sliding fee determined by ability to pay. 24-hour mental health emergency services; Primary Care Services; family support and respite care; counseling and support groups; psychiatric services; mental health hospital care; infant mental health; outreach services for children, adults and geriatrics; case management or support coordination; Club House program; vocational/employment services; and community living support and skill building for developmentally disabled adults.

**GRATIOT/ISABELLA LOCAL PLANNING BODY****(616) 754-9315 ext. 3364**

The Local Planning Body for Gratiot & Isabella Counties exists to identify and address the short, and long-term housing and shelter needs of low-income households. Membership is made up of community-based individuals and organizations operating within Gratiot & Isabella Counties who have a dedicated interest in addressing and alleviating the causes of homelessness. The Housing Assessment Resource Agency (HARA) for the counties is EightCAP and can be reached at (616)754-9315 ext. 3364. If you would like to speak to the Local Planning Body Chair, this information can be obtained through the HARA.

**GRATIOT-ISABELLA REGIONAL EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT (RESD)****(989) 875-5101***Mahoney Center: 1131 E Center Street, PO Box 310, Ithaca, MI 48847*[www.giresd.net](http://www.giresd.net)

Gratiot-Isabella RESD (Intermediate School District) Early Childhood serves children birth to 5 years old; including special education evaluations, speech and language therapy, occupational and physical therapy, and special education preschool programs. Also provides educational services to special, non-school populations and employment services to employers, employees, & the unemployed.

**GREAT LAKES BAY MICHIGAN WORKS!****(989) 466-4832***GTEC Building: 327 E Center Street, Alma, MI 48801*[www.michiganworks.com](http://www.michiganworks.com)

Hours of operation: Monday-Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm. Services are open to everyone. Specialized services may be available to dislocated workers, displaced homemakers, unemployed or underemployed adults and youth. Services available: job search preparation and skills, resume writing, applications, interviewing, labor market information, Pure Michigan Talent Connect [www.mitalent.org](http://www.mitalent.org), career assessment, occupational training and employment related support services. Business services available for employers include customized recruitment strategies, access to competitive employer grants and employee retention services.

**GREAT START READINESS PROGRAM****(800) 227-2437 or (989) 492-7707**

Offers preschool programs for four-year-old children who may be “at risk” of school failure as well as family involvement/parent education components. Call this number or your local elementary school to request a preschool registration.

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY (CLINTON-GRATIOT)****(989) 463-2244***501 Gratiot Avenue, Alma MI 48801*[www.habitatclinton.org](http://www.habitatclinton.org)

Provides decent, affordable housing for needy families who are willing to partner with Habitat by contributing sweat equity hours toward building the house and are able to repay a 7-30 year mortgage. They must have had a one-year residency in Gratiot County.

## **HOME IMPROVEMENTS AND STRUCTURAL ALTERATIONS (HISA)**

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[www.prosthetics.va.gov/HISA2.asp](http://www.prosthetics.va.gov/HISA2.asp)

Under the Home Improvements and Structural Alterations (HISA) program Veterans with service-connected disabilities or Veterans with non-service-connected disabilities may receive assistance for any home improvement necessary for the continuation of treatment or for disability access to the home and essential lavatory and sanitary facilities. A HISA grant is available to Veterans who have received a medical determination indicating that improvements and structural alterations are necessary or appropriate for the effective and economical treatment of his/her disability. A Veteran may receive both a HISA grant and either a Special Home Adaptation (SHA) grant or a Special Adapted Housing (SAH) grant.

## **HOSPICE OF MICHIGAN**

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**(888) 247-5701**

*Call for local area information, 24/7.*

[www.hom.org](http://www.hom.org)

Hospice of Michigan provides comprehensive, compassionate comfort care to people with acute chronic illness and support to their loved ones, regardless of age, diagnosis, or ability to pay.

## **HUD-VASH**

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**(616) 356-1746**

[www.va.gov/homeless/hud-vash.asp](http://www.va.gov/homeless/hud-vash.asp)

Veterans housing voucher program with HUD and the VA.

## **LEGAL SERVICES OF EASTERN MICHIGAN**

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**(800) 322-4512**

*320 S Washington, Third Floor, Saginaw, MI 48607*

[www.lsem-mi.org](http://www.lsem-mi.org)

Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm; evenings 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays each month 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm. A non-profit law firm that provides free legal assistance and advice in civil matters to eligible low-income people, such as housing, DHHS, and SSA denials, consumer, family law, bankruptcy, garnishment and more. Representation is not guaranteed. Divorce kits and clinics are also available.

## **LIONS CLUB**

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**(989) 463-6477 or (989) 875-3688**

*Alma/Breckenridge/Ithaca/St. Louis School districts*

*Contact Ray Knapp*

Furnishes glasses for anyone in need, repairs hearing aids, diabetes program and free camp for sight-impaired children. Provides funding for various community projects.

## **MCKINNEY VENTO HOMELESS STUDENT SUPPORTS**

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**(616) 225-6126**

*621 New Street, P.O. 367, Stanton, MI 48888*

Working with the students, families, and schools in Gratiot, Ionia, Isabella, & Montcalm Counties to provide support, safety and success to students and their families experiencing homelessness. Working with agencies, churches and organizations to accomplish stability and school success for these students. “Leading, collaborating and serving to create education without Boundaries.”

## **MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (MDHHS)**

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**(844) 464-3447**

*201 Commerce Drive, Ithaca, MI 48847*

[www.michigan.gov/mibridges](http://www.michigan.gov/mibridges)

Food assistance (TANF/SNAP), medical assistance/Medicaid, cash assistance/FIP, child day care funding, State Emergency Relief for shelter and utilities please call (844)464-3447. For crisis prevention services, delinquency services, child foster home licensing, foster care placement, employment services, and volunteer services please call (989)875-5181. You can fill out applications at [www.michigan.gov/mibridges](http://www.michigan.gov/mibridges).

**Adult/Child Protective Services**

**(855) 444-3911**

This number is available 24 hours a day 7 days a week to report any incident of suspected child or adult abuse or neglect.

**MICHIGAN LEGAL HELP**

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Free and accurate legal information for simple civil legal matters.

[www.michiganlegalhelp.org](http://www.michiganlegalhelp.org)

**MICHIGAN STATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (MSHDA)**

**(517) 241-0809**

*735 E Michigan Avenue, PO Box 30044, Lansing, MI 48909*

[www.michigan.gov/mshda](http://www.michigan.gov/mshda)

Call to obtain number of local agents. Provides financial and technical assistance through public & private partnerships to create and preserve safe/decent/affordable housing. Rental assistance and homeless solutions Housing Choice Voucher program (Section 8) applications.

**MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION OFFICE**

**(989) 875-5233**

*219 N State Street, Alma, MI 48801*

[www.msue.msu.edu](http://www.msue.msu.edu)

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm. Email address: [msue.gratiot@county.msu.edu](mailto:msue.gratiot@county.msu.edu)

Services offered: family resource management, food and nutrition planning, parenting education, 4-H, and budgeting skills. Provides information concerning agriculture.

**MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS AGENCY**

**(800) 642-4838**

[www.michiganveterans.com](http://www.michiganveterans.com)

Serves as the central coordinating point for Michigan veterans, connecting those who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces, and their families, to services and benefits throughout the state. The agency works to identify and break down barriers veterans face in employment, education, health care and quality of life, making Michigan a great place for veterans and their families to call home. The agency aggregates veteran's services currently found in 14 state agencies as well as hundreds of community-based veteran programs to create a no wrong door access to benefits and services.

**MICHILD/HEALTHY KIDS**

**(888) 988-6300**

[www.healthcare4mi.com](http://www.healthcare4mi.com)

Provides health insurance for uninsured children of Michigan's working families. Covers regular check-ups, shots, emergency dental care, pharmacy, hospital care, prenatal care and delivery, vision, hearing, mental health and substance abuse services for a \$10 monthly fee. Go to [www.michigan.gov/mibridges](http://www.michigan.gov/mibridges) to apply online or to print paper application:

- Click on Health
- Click on MICHild Health Insurance Program
- Click on Application for Health Coverage
- Click on Apply by Paper (if need paper application)
- Print your document(s)

**MID-MICHIGAN DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

**(989) 875-3681**

*151 Commerce Dr., Ithaca, MI 48847-1627 Fax: (989) 875-3747*

[www.mmdhd.org](http://www.mmdhd.org)

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm (Closed 12:00 pm – 12:30 pm), for an appointment or more information call (989) 831-5237.

Provides a variety of preventive health services to individuals & families in the community such as:

**Health Insurance Options**

- Application and enrollment assistance provided for MICHild or the Healthy Kids program, Maternity Outpatient Medical Services (M.O.M.S.), and Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS), MIBridges.

- To learn more about these programs or to see if you qualify for any of them, please call (989) 875-3681, ext. 1004.

### **Communicable Disease Control Programs**

- Testing, education, prevention and treatment services to control communicable diseases within the community (HIV, TB).

### **Family Planning**

- Provides confidential care to men and women in need of contraception, health, and pregnancy services.
- Offers preventative screenings and examinations for women.
- Provides birth control options.
- Charges for services and supplies are based on income.

### **Immunization Clinics**

- Immunizations will be available for children eight weeks of age through adulthood.

### **Hearing and Vision Screening Clinic**

- Provides hearing and vision screenings for preschool and school-age children.
- Referrals are made to health care providers if needed- for more information, call (989) 875-1027.

### **Women, Infants and Children (WIC)**

- For pregnant women, children under five years and breastfeeding mothers.
- Must have Medicaid or meet income guidelines and be considered a nutritional risk.
- Clients will receive an EBT card for specific food redeemable at local grocery stores.

### **Pathways to Better Health**

- Free service that connects qualifying mid-Michigan individuals and families to community programs and services to better their health and their lives.
- Assists with managing multiple chronic medical issues and makes referrals for:
  - Family doctors and specialists
  - Counseling services
  - Medication assistance
  - Health insurance
  - Nutrition education
  - Community services
  - Clothing, food, housing or transportation assistance
  - Health condition education and management
  - And so much more!
- Community Health Worker with specialized training comes to your home.
- To be eligible to participate, you must be:
  - 18 or older
  - Have two or more chronic health conditions
  - Live in Clinton, Gratiot, or Montcalm counties
- Program goals:
  - Improve participants' health
  - Increase participants' utilization of primary care services

### **Environmental Health Division (EH)**

- Sewage Disposal/Water Well Programs
- Campground Inspections
- Child and Adult Care Facility Inspections (day care, foster care, children's camps, and all social service licensed facilities to assure safe food and water)
- Disease Outbreak Investigations
- Food Safety
- General Environmental Health
- Groundwater Quality Control

- Home Loan Evaluations (inspects water supply, sewage system, and other environmental parameters for home mortgage loans)
- On-Site Wastewater Treatment and Disposal
- Public Swimming Pool Inspections
- Unsanitary Conditions Investigation

**MID-MICHIGAN HOME CARE & HOSPICE****(989) 463-4121 or After Hours (800) 862-5002***175 E Warwick Drive, Suite C, Alma, MI 48801*[www.midmichigan.org](http://www.midmichigan.org)

Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm. Store open until 6:00 pm. Some of the services provided include: Home nursing, Hospice, home medical equipment such as oxygen, wheelchairs, walkers and hospital beds, help with medications, management of chronic symptoms, such as pain or nausea, help with personal hygiene, activities of daily living, household duties and errands, grief support, family counseling and support groups, physical, occupational and speech therapy, and Lifeline personal emergency response devices. Covers Gratiot, Isabella, & Montcalm Counties. Offices in Alma & Mt. Pleasant.

**MID-MICHIGAN MIGRANT & ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS****(616) 794-4753***Operated by Belding Area Schools, 1975 Orchard Street, Belding, MI 48809*[www.bas-k12.org](http://www.bas-k12.org)

The program provides supplemental educational services for eligible migrant students and for English Language Learners (EL) in 18 school districts covering most of Montcalm, Ionia, Clinton, and Gratiot Counties. The primary purpose of the program is to provide direct instructional services to eligible students, including a Parent Liaison/Community Liaison who helps to provide a communication link between home and school. The program also operates a 30-day summer school for eligible migrant and EL students in the four counties. Transportation provided to the schools in Belding & St. Johns from the four-county area.

**MILITARY ONESOURCE****(800) 342-9647**[www.militaryonesource.mil](http://www.militaryonesource.mil)

This service is provided by the Department of Defense at no cost to active duty, Guard and Reserve (regardless of activation status) and their families. It is a virtual extension of installation services.

**MONTCALM COMMUNITY COLLEGE****(989) 328-2111***2800 College Drive, Sidney, MI 48885*[www.montcalm.edu](http://www.montcalm.edu)

Offers Associates Degrees and Certificates in Liberal Arts and Occupational Programs. Job training programs are offered to meet the needs of the changing economy. Provides educational opportunities via credit and non-credit classes, both online and in a traditional classroom setting. In addition to the main campus in Sidney, the college has learning centers in Ionia, Greenville, and Howard City. On-site workplace training can also be arranged. A pool, gym and fitness center, including a climbing wall, is available for a minimal cost on the main campus in Sidney.

**OFFICE OF HUMAN SERVICES****(989) 681-4289***232 N Mill Street, PO Box 2, St. Louis, MI 48880*

Hours: Monday- Friday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. Provides food to those in need in Gratiot County. Provides clothing and furniture (when available) for a donation. Donations of all types accepted. Can pick up & deliver furniture.

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*Children's Hospital of Michigan Regional Poison Control Center*

Twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Call for any possible poisoning concerns.

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**PREGNANCY SERVICES OF GRATIOT COUNTY****(989) 466-2295**

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*322 E Downie St., PO Box 74, Alma, MI 48801*

[www.pregnancyservicesgratiot.com](http://www.pregnancyservicesgratiot.com)

Office hours: Monday - Thursday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Services available: free pregnancy tests, abstinence information, adoption information, H.E.A.R.T. (Healing Effects of Abortion Related Trauma), sexual health, parenting classes, playgroups, marriage and premarital relationship strengthening sessions, and referrals for sonograms and STI's (STDs), if needed. Help with maternity, baby clothing, and baby equipment is also available.

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**REGISTER OF DEEDS****(989) 875-5217**

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*214 E Center Street, PO Box 5, Ithaca, MI 48847*

[www.gratiotmi.com](http://www.gratiotmi.com)

Monday-Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm. Holds land records including but not limited to: Land ownership files and surveys, Warranty Deeds, Quit Claim Deeds, Land Contracts, Mortgages, Releases, Powers of Attorney, Liens, Oil & Gas Leases, etc.

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**R.I.S.E. ADVOCACY, INC. (Domestic Violence Services)****(989) 773-0078**

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*PO Box 743, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48804*

[www.riseadvocacy.org](http://www.riseadvocacy.org)

Serves Clare, Gratiot, & Isabella Counties. All Services are free and confidential.

**24-Hour Crisis Line: (844) 349-6177-** Our confidential line is available to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault for support, referrals, safety planning and to discuss their options with trained responders.

**Emergency Shelter Services-** Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence are provided safety and access to all agency services during their stay in emergency shelter.

**Legal Advocacy-** Helps clients with paperwork and support in obtaining a personal protection order (PPO) against abuser, provides court accompaniment, explains the court process, and provides appropriate referrals.

**Counseling-** Specialists in sexual assault, domestic violence and child counseling are available to primary and secondary survivors.

**Support Groups-** Offered for domestic & sexual violence victims, facilitated by specialized counselors.

**Outreach Advocacy-** Offered to former residents or survivors who are not in need of immediate shelter but are interested in case management assistance.

**Sexual Assault Response-** Trained advocates are available to provide support throughout the process of a sexual assault medical exam and offer follow-up services.

**Community Engagement Presentations-** RISE Services and domestic violence information can be presented to organizations and community groups.

**Volunteer Opportunities-** Community members can volunteer individually or as a group. Some volunteers opt to answer crisis line calls and internet with clients, others prefer office work, sorting donations, or even working with our staff at events. For more information, visit our website at [www.riseadvocacy.org](http://www.riseadvocacy.org).

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**SERVICE TO SOLDIERS LEGAL ASSISTANCE REFERRAL PROGRAM****(517) 371-5140**

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Service to Soldiers Legal Assistance Referral Program through Cooley Law School helps service men and women resolve legal problems they face upon return from deployment by matching them with volunteer attorneys across Michigan. Contact-Heather Spielmaker.

Volunteers build beds for children ages 2-17 years old. You must apply through the website listed.

**SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION****www.ssa.gov***1940 Sweeney Street, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858***(877) 405-7667***730 Water Tower Road, Big Rapids, MI 49307***(800) 772-1213***3045 Knapp Street NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525***(877) 319-5710**

Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, Wednesday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.

Administers the Social Insurance programs for retirees, adults/children with disabilities, widows & widowers for retirement, disability, and survivor's benefits.

**SPECIAL OLYMPICS MICHIGAN****(989) 774-3911***Central Michigan University, East Campus Drive, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48859*[www.somi.org](http://www.somi.org)

Area 7–Clare, Gladwin, Gratiot, & Isabella Counties. Year-round sports training and competition is provided to children and adults with intellectual disabilities. The minimum age for competition is 8 years-old but training opportunities for young athletes (ages 2 years to 7 years) are also available.

**THE SALVATION ARMY****(989) 463-2864***425 Republic Street, Alma, MI 48801*[www.saalma.org](http://www.saalma.org)

Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm; closed 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm. Shelter for fire victims, utilities and discretionary fund for prescription assistance (when available), Christmas assistance, food pantry, and distribution of commodities. Building is available for use by the community.

**THIS AND THAT STORE (BANNISTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH)****(989) 862-4392***103 E. Hanvey Street, Bannister, MI 48807*

Open 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month between 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm. Personal hygiene and cleaning supplies.

**TRI-COUNTY HOMEWORKS PEOPLE FUND****(800) 421-8956 ext. 1272***7973 E Grand River Avenue, Portland, MI 48875*[www.homeworks.org](http://www.homeworks.org)

Provides coverage to certain areas of Gratiot County. The mission is the accumulation and disbursement of funds for charitable purposes for the benefit of people in the Tri-County Electric service area. This shall be accomplished by disbursement of funds to individuals and organizations for food, shelter, clothing, health, and other humane needs for programs or services that benefit a significant segment of a community. See website for more details.

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS (VA)****(844) 698-2311**[www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)

Serves as the central coordinating point for Michigan veterans, connecting those who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces, and their families, to services and benefits throughout the state. The agency works to identify and break down barriers veterans face in employment, education, health care and quality of life, making Michigan a great place for veterans and their families to call home. The agency aggregates

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Veteran services are currently found in 14 state agencies as well as hundreds of community-based veteran programs to create no wrong door access to benefits and services.

**UNITED WAY OF GRATIOT & ISABELLA COUNTIES****(989) 463-6245**

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525 N State Street, Suite 1, Alma, MI 48801

[www.UWGIC.org](http://www.UWGIC.org)

Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm (call for an appointment). Community fundraiser to support non-profit agencies in Gratiot & Isabella Counties.

**USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT****(800) 944-8119 or (989) 673-8173**

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1075 Cleaver Road, Caro, MI 48723

[www.rd.usda.gov/mi](http://www.rd.usda.gov/mi)

Finances direct home loans in rural areas for modest housing to households at or below 80% of the adjusted median income. Provides guaranteed loans to eligible low and moderate income rural residents for moderately priced housing. Issues loans and grants to very-low income rural homeowners to improve or modernize their home; make their home decent, safe and sanitary; remove health and safety hazards; or to repair or remodel their dwelling to make it more accessible and usable for household members with a disability.

**VETERANS CRISIS LINE****(800) 273-8255, press 1**

[www.veteranscrisisline.net](http://www.veteranscrisisline.net)

The Veterans Crisis Line connects Veterans in crisis and their families and friends with qualified, caring, Department of Veterans Affairs responders through a confidential toll-free hotline, online chat, or text. Veterans and their loved ones can call 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1, chat online, or send a text message to 838255 to receive confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Support for deaf and hard of hearing individuals is available.

**OTHER HELPFUL RESOURCES****SPAY NEUTER EXPRESS****(616) 897-8865**

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11610 Fulton Street E, Lowell, MI 49331

[www.spayneuterexpress.com](http://www.spayneuterexpress.com)

Spay Neuter Express is a team of 3 doctors, many veterinary assistants and technicians, office staff, 2 mobile surgical units with multiple brick and mortar locations. Our goal each and every day is to provide you with excellent service at a very fair and responsible cost. We work with families with individual pets, as well as rescuers, shelters and humane societies. We are privately funded and do not use tax dollars to provide our services. We value our pets as part of the family and realize that our clients feel the same way. Each pet is treated with care and respect. Services offered include low cost/high quality spay/neuter, vaccinations, routine testing, parasite control, and microchips.

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