

Van Buren County Resource Guide

A guide of services provided to
residents of Van Buren County



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EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Police	Dial 911
Fire	Dial 911
Poison Control	(800) 222-1222
Van Buren County Sheriff	(269) 657-3101 or (877) 833-8114
MI State Police-Paw Paw	(269) 657-5551
MI State Police-South Haven	(269) 637-2125
Domestic Preparedness	(269) 657-7786

HELPFUL NUMBERS

Animal Control (Domestic)	(269) 621-4624
Friend of the Court	(269) 657-7734
Humane Society	(269) 637-5062
MI Road Conditions	(800) 381-8477
National Child Abuse Hotline	(800) 222-4453
Secretary of State	(888) 767-6424
Social Security Administration	
■ Kalamazoo	(866) 331-9088
■ Benton Harbor	(800) 772-1213
Van Buren County Circuit Court	(269) 657-8200
Van Buren County District Court	
■ East (Paw Paw)	(269) 657-8222
■ West (South Haven)	(269) 637-5258
Van Buren County Juvenile Court	(269) 657-8237
Van Buren County Truancy Office	(269) 539-5209

Dear Friend:

Van Buren County United Way works directly and in collaboration to fund programs that impact the lives of Van Buren County Residents in the following focus areas:

EDUCATION

Supported programs provide expanded youth educational and recreational opportunities, and work with at-risk families to ensure safe environments for all youngsters.

INCOME

We support programs that meet basic needs, such as emergency and disaster services, domestic abuse prevention and shelters, food and utility assistance, and free tax preparation services during tax season.

HEALTH

Programs connect residents to low- and no-cost health, mental health, dental, and prescription services; provide day programs for seniors; assist the disabled; and support the terminally ill and their families

If you need assistance, we hope this guidebook will help you connect with the many services available to you in Van Buren County.

If you are able to offer assistance - by supporting United Way through giving of your money, time, or services - we invite you to join us in helping make Van Buren County a community with opportunities for all.

Sincerely,

Vera E. Tanier
Executive Director
Van Buren County United Way

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HOSPITALS

Allegan General Hospital
555 Linn St., Allegan, MI 49010
(269) 673-8424

Berrien General Hospital
6418 Deans Hill Road, Berrien Center, MI 49102
(269) 471-7761

Borgess Medical Center
1521 Gull Road, Kalamazoo, MI 49048
(269) 226-7000

Borgess-Lee Memorial Hospital
420 West High St., Dowagiac, MI 49047
(269) 782-8681

Bronson LakeView Hospital
408 Hazen St., Paw Paw, MI 49079
(269) 657-3141

Bronson Methodist Hospital
601 John St., Kalamazoo, MI 49007
(269) 341-7654

Bronson Outpatient Center
451 Health Parkway, Paw Paw, MI 49079
(269) 657-8300

Community Hospital Watervliet
400 Medical Park Drive, Watervliet, MI 49098
(269) 463-3111

South Haven Community Hospital
955 South Bailey Ave., South Haven, MI 49090
(269) 637-5271

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ADULT & ALTERNATIVE ED/EMPLOYMENT *

**Contact your local school district for continuing community education and other special services.*

Adult Citizenship Education Services
(Through Hartford Public Schools)
115-B School St. -- Hartford, MI 49057
(269) 621-7143
hpsmichigan.org

Federal citizenship education center provides citizenship classes, English language classes, and is a US citizenship testing center.

Hartford Adult Education
115 School Street (in the High School) – Hartford MI 49057
(269) 621-7140
www.hartford-schools.org

Offers high school diploma completion, vocation/employment training, GED program, citizenship classes, family literacy, and English classes

Hartford Public Schools-Teen Parent Program
425 East Main (in the United Methodist Church)
Hartford, MI 49057
(269) 621-4433
www.hartford-schools.org

Provides educational services to secondary level students to complete requirements for promotion or academic credits toward graduation.

Michigan Avenue Academy
Adult and Alternative Education
600 East Michigan Ave. -- Paw Paw, MI 49079
(269) 657-8831 or www.ppps.org

Alternative high school program for parenting and pregnant teens, including on-site daycare and adult basic education classes including GED preparation classes and testing.

MSU College Assistance Migrant Program

(866) 432-9900 or msucamp.msu.edu

(MSU CAMP) is an educational program that offers individuals with migrant or seasonal farm work backgrounds a unique opportunity to begin an undergraduate program at MSU.

MSU High School Equivalency Program

(866) 432-9900

msuhep.msu.edu

(MSU HEP) is a secondary education program that offers individuals with migrant or seasonal farm work backgrounds a unique opportunity to obtain a General Educational Development certificate (GED).

Michigan Works of Berrien/Cass/Van Buren Counties

32849 Red Arrow Highway -- Paw Paw MI 49079

(269) 657-7014

www.miworks.org

Michigan Works of Berrien/Cass/Van Buren Counties

(located inside Lake Michigan College)

125 Veterans Blvd. -- South Haven, MI 49070

(269)655-0095

www.miworks.org

Michigan Works fosters high-quality employment and training programs serving employers and workers by providing support activities and a forum for information exchange for Michigan's workforce development.

National Migrant Education Hotline
Número Nacional para la Educación de los Migrantes
(800) 234-8848

Migrantes que trabajan en agricultura y sus familias pueden llamar el número nacional para la educación de los migrantes para solicitar información sobre servicios importantes como salud, alimentos, refugio, educación, y otras necesidades básicas.

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 - Transferir datos médicos
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- Buscar los servicios más apropiados para sus necesidades

Paw Paw Community Education Center
555 Cedar Street -- Paw Paw, MI 49079
(269)657-3120

www.ppps.org

Provides Early Childhood and community education programs.

South Haven Adult Education
(269) 639-0359

Offers high school diploma completion, vocation/employment training, GED program, citizenship classes, family literacy, and English classes.

Telamon Corp c/o MI Works
32849 Red Arrow Highway, Suite 200

Paw Paw, MI 49079

(269) 290-7095 Ext. 1701

(269) 615-1967

www.telamon.org

Employment, Career Coaching, Job Placement, Referrals, Specialized Training, Employer Services, Job Development, Application Assistance, Resume Building, HUD Referral Agency, Certified Pesticide Training

Van Buren Intermediate School District
701 Paw Paw St. -- Lawrence, MI 49064
(269) 674-8091
www.vbisd.org

Adult Educational and Migrant/Bilingual education programs.

Van Buren Intermediate School District
Technology Center
250 South St. -- Lawrence, MI 49064
(269) 674-8001
www.vbisd.org

Provides quality career and technical education training to high school students and adults in Van Buren County.

Volinia Outcomes School
54080 Gards Prairie Road -- Decatur, MI 49045
(269) 782-9716
www.volinia.org

An alternative school serving grades 7-12 from throughout the Cass, Van Buren and St. Joseph area. Focuses on taking struggling learners who are at-risk for dropping out or failing and making them successful.

CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT

**Department of Human Services
57150 CR 681 -- Hartford, MI 49057
(269) 621-2800**

www.michigan.gov/dhs

*Call if you suspect child abuse/neglect or
need parenting assistance programs.*

**Van Buren County Child Abuse & Neglect Council
PO Box 23 -- Paw Paw, MI 49079
(269) 427-6810**

*Committed to the prevention of child abuse and neglect through
advocacy, education, & community involvement.*

CHILDREN'S RESOURCES

**4-H Leaders Association
219 East Paw Paw St., Suite 201 -- Paw Paw, MI 49079
(269) 657-8213**

*Offers "hands-on" experiences for youth regardless of age, sex,
culture or social background, through volunteer leadership by
combining fun with practical skills that help make youth
more responsible and productive.*

**Big Brothers Big Sisters
3501 Covington -- Kalamazoo, MI 49001
(269) 382-6800**

www.bbbscommunity.org

*Creates, develops, and nurtures quality relationships between children
and mentors to guide each child to become a responsible,
socially competent, and caring adult.*

Boy Scouts of America, Southwest Michigan Council

1035 West Maple St. -- Kalamazoo, MI 49008

(269) 343-4687 or (800) 272-7962

www.bsaswmc.org

Character development, citizenship training and physical and mental fitness are all the goals of the program for both boys and girls served.

Catholic Family Services-The Ark

990 West Kilgore Road -- Kalamazoo, MI 49008

(800) 873-TEEN

www.arkforyouth.org

24/7 voluntary short-term (21-day maximum) crisis intervention shelter for youth ages 10-17 who are experiencing difficulties in their relationships or facing any variety of crises, including homelessness.

Child Care Resources

(800) 343-3470

www.workfamilysolutions.com

Provides listings of licensed child care providers.

Teen Parent/Family Literacy Program

425 East Main -- Hartford, MI

(269) 621-4433

Education and Literacy programs for adults (any age), and for pregnant and parenting teens. Assistance in obtaining a High School diploma or preparing for the GED exam. Childcare provided.

Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan

601 West Maple St. -- Kalamazoo, MI 49008

(269) 343-1516 (800) 788-4919

www.gshom.org

Builds girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place.

Great Start Collaborative of Van Buren County
490 S. Paw Paw Street -- Lawrence MI 49064
(269) 539-5205
greatstart-vanburen.org

Parent Liaison: Sherry Bennett
(269) 655-1816
vanburengreatstart@gmail.com

Supports children ages 0-5 years and their families through early care and education intervention programs within the school system. Parent groups bring families with young children together to share information and provide family networking opportunities.

Hartford Community Center-His Place
15 South Maple St. -- Hartford, MI 49057
(269) 621-2020

www.hpcchartford.com

An outreach program for children, teens, and adults of Hartford to come together and enjoy a safe, nurturing environment of activities and fellowship.

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Telamon Corporation – Migrant Head Start Services

(800) 782-7831

-OR-

Bangor: (269) 926-8800

Decatur: (269) 423-6137

Keeler: (269) 424-3521

Pullman: (269) 236-5266

South Haven: (269) 463-5610

Watervliet: (269) 463-5610

*Traditional Head Start pre-school for children 2 weeks – 5 years old.
Early Head Start and Pregnant Moms programs at
Bangor, Sodus & South Haven locations.*

Tri-County Head Start

775 Hazen St. -- Paw Paw, MI 49079

(800) 792-0366

Monday thru Thursday 7:30am-5:30pm

www.tricountyhs.org

Provides a pre-school experience for both disabled and non-disabled children. Working collaboratively with local school districts and other community agencies, staff ensure children with disabilities receive the services necessary to participate fully in the program.

Van Buren County Child Abuse & Neglect (CAN) Council

PO Box 23 -- Paw Paw, MI 49079

(269) 427-6810

Committed to the prevention of child abuse and neglect through advocacy, education, and community involvement.

Van Buren Intermediate School District

701 Paw Paw St. -- Lawrence, MI 49064

(269) 674-8091

www.vbisd.org

Coordinates programs that involve families with young children, aged birth to eight years. Services range from literacy programs to home visits by family educators who share information on child development, parenting, health, safety and nutrition information, among other topics. Special education provides services to individuals with disabilities in Van Buren County, ages birth to twenty six years, by providing comprehensive educational programs and services appropriate to address individual educational needs. Migrant/Bilingual education provides academic and support services for migratory children.

Van Buren Intermediate School District

Technology Center

250 South St. -- Lawrence, MI 49064

(269) 674-8001

www.vbisd.org

Provides quality career and technical education training to high school students and adults in Van Buren County.

Van Buren Youth Camp Inc.
12370 45th St. -- Bloomingdale, MI 49026
(269) 521-3855

Vbyc.org

Youth programs provide opportunities for mental, physical, and spiritual growth in a camp environment.

WIC (Women, Infants, Children)
181 West Michigan Ave., Suite 5 -- Paw Paw, MI 49079
(269) 655-8900
www.intercare.org

WIC (Women, Infants, Children)
308 Charles St. -- Bangor, MI 49013
(269) 427-7914
www.intercare.org

Provides supplemental foods, health care referrals, and nutrition education for low-income pregnant, breastfeeding, and non-breastfeeding postpartum women, and to infants and children up to age five who are found to be at nutritional risk.

Youth Development Company / PAL
PO Box 453 -- South Haven, MI 49090
(269) 639-2489

ydcpal.com

After-School program & PAL Mentoring, Tutoring and Fine Arts opportunities for youth ages 4th-8th grade. Summer Fun in the Park provides supervised activities such as swimming, dance & crafts for children ages 4-13 for six weeks each summer M-F Noon-5pm. Programs include healthy snacks and meals.

DISABILITY/MENTAL HEALTH

ARC of Michigan
1325 South Washington -- Lansing, MI 48910
(800) 292-7851 (517) 487-5426
www.arcmi.org

Assists all persons with developmental disabilities and their families to participate fully in the life of their community.

Bronson LakeView Behavioral Health
408 Hazen St. -- Paw Paw, MI
(269) 657-7149 (800) 656-3141
www.bronsonhealth.com

Inpatient mental health services and assessments for adults age 65+.

CAUSE-Citizens Alliance to Uphold Special Education
924 Centennial Way, Suite 460 -- Lansing, MI 48917
(517) 886-9167
www.causeonline.org

A non-profit coalition providing free information, referral, support, advocacy, and workshops to parents and professionals working with children with disabilities.

Constance Brown Hearing Centers
1634 Gull Road (Medical Arts Building)
Kalamazoo, MI 49048
(269) 343-2601 (877) 343-2601
www.cbrown.org

Committed to providing personalized service and advanced technology to help each individual find the right solution to change their lives.

Department of Human Services
57150 CR 681 -- Hartford, MI 49057
(269) 621-2800
www.michigan.gov/dhs

Offers programs that assist with state disability for disabled adults.

Disability Network Southwest Michigan
The first stop for people with disabilities
517 East Crosstown Parkway -- Kalamazoo, MI 49001
(269) 345-1516
www.dnswm.org

*Educates and connects people with disabilities to resources while
advocating social change.*

Easter Seals Society
West Michigan Therapy Center
4065 Saladin Drive SE -- Grand Rapids, MI 49546
(616) 942-2081 (800) 75-SEALS
mi.easterseals.com

*Services children and adults with mental and physical disabilities and
other special needs. Health professionals from a variety of disciplines
work with each person to overcome obstacles to independence and to
reach their personal goals through person centered planning.*

Family Support Network
(800) 359-3722

*Links families who have children with disabilities or illnesses with other
families having the same conditions. Connects families with educational
support services appropriate to their needs.*

Leader Dogs for the Blind
1039 South Rochester Road -- Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(888) 777-5332
www.leaderdog.org

March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation
1930 West Milham, Suite A -- Portage, MI 49024
(269) 343-5586
www.marchofdimes.com

*March of Dimes researchers, volunteers, educators, outreach workers
& advocates work together to give all babies a fighting chance against
the threats to their health: prematurity, birth defects, low birth weight.*

Michigan Association for Deaf, Hearing & Speech Services
2929 Covington Court -- Lansing, MI 48912
(800) 968-7327

Sponsors programs through advocacy, education, special services including interpreter services, equipment rental, and youth programs.

Michigan Protection & Advocacy Service, Inc.
4095 Legacy Parkway, Suite 500 -- Lansing, MI 48911
(517) 487-1755 (800) 288-5923

www.mpas.org

Advocates for the physically and mentally disabled.

Michigan Rehabilitation Services
499 West Main St., Suite 1 -- Benton Harbor, MI 49022
(877) 901-9192

Michigan Rehabilitation Services
4210 South Westnedge -- Kalamazoo, MI 49079
(877) 901-9187 (269) 337-3700

mi.gov/mrs

Partners with individuals and employers to assist people with physical and mental disabilities to become employed.

Paws With A Cause
4646 South Division -- Wayland, MI 49348
(800) 253-7297

www.pawswithacause.org

Trains assistance dogs nationally for people with disabilities, which helps encourage their independence.

South Haven Drop In Center
950 South Bailey Ave. -- South Haven, MI 49090
(269) 637-7396

Drop-in center for individuals with mental disabilities who need peer support or help problem-solving.

State of MI Blind Commission-Training Center
1541 Oakland Drive -- Kalamazoo, MI 49008
(269) 337-3848

www.michigan.gov

United Cerebral Palsy Association of Michigan
4970 Northwind Drive -- East Lansing, MI 48823
(517) 203-1200

www.ucpmichigan.org

A non-profit advocacy organization that works for life without limits for people with cerebral palsy and other disabilities.

Van Buren Behavioral Education Center ISD
30 South Walnut St. -- Bangor, MI 49013
(269) 427-7961

www.vbisd.org

Offers a special education program for students with emotional impairments who cannot be effectively educated within their local school district.

Van Buren Community Mental Health Authority
801 Hazen St – Suite C – Paw Paw MI 49079
(269) 657-5574

Offers prevention, assessment, crisis intervention, treatment and support to help all people meet their own chosen life and work goals.

Van Buren Intermediate School District
701 Paw Paw St. -- Lawrence, MI 49064
(269) 674-8091

www.vbisd.org

Special education provides services to individuals with disabilities in Van Buren County, aged birth to 26 years, by providing comprehensive educational programs and services to address individual educational needs.

Van Buren Public Transit
610 David Walton Drive -- Bangor MI 49013
(269) 427-7921

Or email rides@vbco.org

Offers public transportation. Call or email for ride pick-up. Please make sure to receive a confirmation number when emailing pick-up info.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SHELTERS

Benton Harbor Emergency Homeless Shelter
645 Pipestone – Benton Harbor MI 49022
(269) 925-1131

www.bentonharboremergencyshelter.org

Provides temporary housing for families and single parents with children and assists these families in finding permanent homes.

Catholic Family Services-The Ark
990 West Kilgore Road -- Kalamazoo, MI 49008
(800) 873-TEEN (269) 343-7323

www.arkforyouth.org

24/7 voluntary short-term (14-day maximum) crisis intervention shelter for youth ages 10-17 who are experiencing difficulties in their relationships or facing any variety of crises, including homelessness.

Decatur Family Shelter
210 East Delaware -- Decatur, MI 49045
(269) 423-9450

*Provides shelter for families with children, single women.
No single men.*

Domestic Violence Coalition
303 Paw Paw St., Suite 7 -- Paw Paw, MI 49079
(269) 655-9008 After hours (888) 655-9008

Provides supportive assistance to survivors of domestic and sexual violence and works toward eliminating these crimes.

Fair Housing Center for Southwest Michigan
410 East Michigan Ave.
Kalamazoo, MI 49007
(269) 276-9100

www.fhcswm.org

Fair housing education, enforcement and advocacy.

Kalamazoo Gospel Mission Homeless Shelter
448 North Burdick St. -- Kalamazoo, MI 49007
(269) 345-2974

www.kzoogospel.org

Provides shelter for men, women and families.

Kalamazoo YWCA Domestic Violence Shelter
353 East Michigan Ave. -- Kalamazoo, MI 49007
(269) 385-3587 24-Hour Hotline

www.ywcakalamazoo.org

Keystone Place Family Shelter
505 East Market St. -- Centerville, MI 49032
(269) 467-7078

Emergency shelter for families with children for a max. 30 day stay.

Next Door Shelter for Women
1217 West North St. -- Kalamazoo, MI 49006
(269) 349-2119

*Calls taken 7 days/week 3pm-10pm – or leave message and your call
will be returned within 24 hours.*

SAFE Shelter
(269) 983-4275

*Shelter for abused women and domestic violence survivors
and their children.*

Salvation Army Shelter
(269) 927-0404

www.salvationarmy.org

Provides shelter for men at least 18 years of age.

Sylvia's Place Domestic Violence Shelter
sylviasplace.com
(269) 673-8700

*Shelter for all who are fleeing domestic violence in their homes,
including their children. Offers residential and non-residential support
services based on survivor needs..*

Three Rivers Domestic Violence Shelter
www.dasasmi.org -- (800) 828-2023

Serves Van Buren, Cass and St. Joseph Counties at multiple locations.

EMERGENCY & DISASTER SERVICES

American Red Cross
301 North Center St. -- Hartford, MI 49057
(269) 621-6456
www.redcross.org

Provides relief to victims of disaster and is the leading provider of first aid and CPR education and training, life guarding, swim, and water safety education and training in the country.

Services to Armed Forces
(877) 272-7337

Provides emergency services to military families.

Child and Family Services
2450 M-139, Suite A
Benton Harbor, MI 49023
(888) 237-1891 or (269) 925-1725
www.cfsswmi.org

Crisis Intervention Center is a residential shelter that provides a safe environment for children 9-17 who are experiencing significant life trauma. West Michigan Guardianship provides guardianship and services to severely mentally ill, developmentally disabled, and elderly citizens who cannot make financial, legal or health decisions.

Department of Human Services
57150 CR 681
Hartford, MI 49057
(269) 621-2800
www.michigan.gov/dhs

Offers programs that assist low-income people with cash assistance, food assistance, housing and shelter costs, state disability for disabled adults, medical coverage for low-income families, child care assistance, burials, utilities, and other services.

Southwest Michigan Community Action Agency
185 East Main St., Suite 200 -- Benton Harbor, MI 49022
(269) 925-9077
www.smcaa.com

Provides weatherization program, home repairs, volunteer programs, outreach, and shelter referral for homeless, housing programs, emergency food, migrant services, emergency utility & rent assistance.

Southwest Michigan Community Action Agency
(Satellite Office)
155 North Paw Paw St. -- Lawrence, MI
(269) 674-7175 (800) 968-3905
www.smcaa.com

Emergency food, migrant services, emergency utility & rent assistance.

The Salvation Army
233 Michigan St. -- Benton Harbor, MI 49022
(269) 927-1353
www.salvationarmy.org

Assists with food, clothing, prisoner re-entry programs, and utilities.

FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

Adoption Associates Inc.
(800) 677-2367
www.adoptassoc.com

Assistance with adoption serving West Michigan.

American Cancer Society
1400 West Milham -- Portage, MI 49024
(269) 349-8719
www.cancer.org

Bethany Christian Services
6687 Seeco Drive -- Kalamazoo, MI 49009
(269) 372-8800 (800) BETHANY
www.bethany.org

Offers services for adoption, foster care, and counseling.

Child Care Resources
(800) 343-3470

www.workfamilysolutions.com

Provides listings of licensed child care providers.

Family Adoption Consultants (FAC)
45100 Sterritt, Ste. 203 -- Utica, MI 48317
(586) 726-2988
www.facadopt.org

Hartford Community Center-Learning Center
2400 West Main -- Hartford, MI 49057
(269) 621-2020
www.hpcchartford.com

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www.hpcchartford.com

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Michigan Prisoner Re-Entry Initiative
499 West Main St. -- Benton Harbor, MI 49022
(800) 533-5800 Ext.1138
www.michigan.gov/corrections

Goal is to promote public safety by increasing the success rates of prisoners transitioning from prison to the community. The vision of the MPRI is that every prisoner released from prison will have the tools needed to succeed in the community.

Pokagon Tribal Social Services
58620 Sink Road -- Dowagiac, MI 49047
(269) 782-4300 (888) 376-9988
www.pokagon.com

*Provides education, social services, housing and a variety of services
for members of the Potawatomi tribe.*

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Assists with food, clothing, prisoner re-entry programs, and utilities.

Van Buren County Tax Coalition

A service of

Van Buren County United Way (269) 657-2410

Free Seasonal Tax Preparation (January-April only)

*by trained tax preparers for low-moderate- income residents of Van
Buren County, especially those who may qualify for State and Federal
tax credits (whether they owe tax or not).*

Van Buren County United Way
181 West Michigan Ave., Suite 4 -- Paw Paw, MI 49079
(269) 657-2410
www.vbcuw.org

A community umbrella organization that supports area non-profits through networking opportunities, collaboration initiatives and fundraising to make Van Buren County a better place to live and work.

We Care In The Name of Christ
(located in Church of Christ)
214 South Walnut St. -- Bangor, MI 49013
(269) 427-9581
M-T-Th-F 9:30-Noon

We Care In The Name of Christ
06321 Blue Star Highway -- South Haven, MI 49090
(269) 637-4342
M-F 9:30-Noon

Ecumenical Ministry linking families in need with appropriate church and community resources.

FOOD/CLOTHING

Angel Food Ministries

www.angelfoodministries.com

A non-profit dedicated to providing grocery relief and financial support through the opportunity to buy food at significant discounts. Each month's menu consists of high quality fresh, frozen and packaged food.

The food relief program is open to all -- there are no restrictions, conditions or forms to fill out.

Orders and distribution are handled by church host sites.

Check the website to find a host site near you.

Food Stamps (EBT) accepted.

Bangor Church of Christ

214 Walnut St., PO Box 146 -- Bangor, MI 49013

(269) 427-8503

Food and Personal care items Tuesdays by appointment

With Referral from We Care: (269) 427-8503

Bloomington Christian Church

208 East Pine St. -- Bloomington, MI 49026

(269) 521-4233 or (269) 251-0256

Emergency food available by appt. for Bloomington area residents.

Church of Nazarene

72133 CR 388 -- South Haven, MI 49090

(269) 637-8941

Personal Care Pantry Mondays 10am-Noon

With referral from We Care (269) 637-4342

Coloma United Methodist Church

144 S. Church St. -- Coloma MI 49038

(269) 468-6062

Food pantry Tuesday and Friday Noon-2pm.

Closed on Snow Days.

Decatur Human Services

Food Pantry-Township Hall: 103 East Delaware

Clothing Center: 208 East Delaware

Decatur, MI 49045

(269) 423-6474

Monday thru Friday 9am-Noon depending upon availability.

Decatur and Hamilton township residents only.

Eleanor's Pantry

221 Drew Street -- Paw Paw, MI 49079

(269) 415-0444

Food pantry serving Paw Paw and Lawton residents.

Open M & F 10am- 1pm and T-W-Th 3-6pm

First Congregational Church

12 Charles St. -- Bangor, MI 49013

(269) 427-5146

Food bank Tuesdays & Fridays 10am-Noon

With referral from We Care (269) 427-8503.

First Congregational Church UCC

651 Phoenix St. -- South Haven, MI 49090

(269) 637-3804

Food bank M-W-F 10am-Noon

With referral from We Care (269) 637-4342.

Gobles-Kendall Area Ministerial Association

210 E. Exchange St. -- Gobles, MI 49055

Contact Sheila Baker (269) 628-4882

Food Pantry available for residents north of M-43 in Bloomingdale,

Breedsville, Grand Junction and Kendall

Wed. 10-11:30am or by appointment

**Goodwill Industries of Southwestern Michigan, Inc. 309 East
Michigan Ave. -- Paw Paw, MI 49079
(269) 657-3534
www.goodwillswmi.org**

**Goodwill Industries of Southwestern Michigan, Inc.
2700 North Pitcher St. -- Kalamazoo, MI
(269) 382-0490
www.goodwillswmi.org**

*A non-profit which provides employment, education, and training
services to people in their community.*

**Hartford United Methodist Church
425 East Main St. -- Hartford, MI 49057
(269) 621-4103**

*Food pantry available Saturdays 9am-Noon once per month to Hartford
and Keeler Township residents.*

**Lakeshore Family Thrift Shop
Walker Plaza -- South Haven, MI 49090
(269) 637-5330**

*Clothing / furniture available at low prices, or free with vouchers
provided by We Care (269) 637-4342.*

**Lawrence United Methodist Church
122 South Exchange St. -- Lawrence, MI 49064
(269) 674-8381**

*Food Pantry Wednesdays 9:30am-Noon and 6-7pm
Free Community Meal (everyone welcome) every Wednesday 6pm*

**Matthew 25 Ministries
25407 6th St. -- Gobles, MI 49055
(269)628-0340**

*Clothing / household items free to low-income families.
Thursday 10am-5pm*

Lily of the Valley Church

M-140 Hwy – Covert MI 49043

(269)764-8111

*Food pantry Tuesday and Friday Noon-2pm for Covert residents
With referral from We Care (269) 637-4342*

Mattawan Community Food Pantry

23680 Front St. -- Mattawan, MI 49071

(269) 668-3263

*Food available 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month 10am-Noon or by
appointment for Mattawan residents.*

Peace Lutheran Church

06321 Blue Star Highway -- South Haven, MI 49090

(269) 637-4104

*Baby pantry Monday thru Friday 8am-3pm
With referral from We Care (269) 637-4342.*

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

201 South Walnut St. -- Bangor, MI 49013

(269) 427-7514

*Food pantry Thursdays 1-4 pm.
Clothing available at thrift shop downtown Friday afternoon
and on Saturday. Must be residents of Bangor, Grand Junction,
Bloomington, Breedsville area.*

Seventh Day Adventist Church

57825 65 1/2 St. -- Hartford, MI 49057

(269) 628-2789

Call for Food bank appt - Hartford residents only.

Seventh Day Adventist Church

60261 M-43 -- Bangor, MI 49013

(269) 214-7909

*Clothing available from 1-4 pm on Wednesday
With Referral from We Care (269) 427-9581
Please drop off donations after 10 am on Wednesdays.*

Southwest Michigan Community Action Agency
155 North Paw Paw St. -- Lawrence, MI 49064
(800) 968-3905 (269) 674-7175

www.smcaa.com

*Emergency food, heat, utilities assistance and furniture
available M-F 9-11am and 1-3pm with a referral from DHS.*

St. John Bosco Church
23830 Front Ave. -- Mattawan, MI 49071
(269) 668-3312

*Emergency services and food assistance available to Mattawan
residents. Please call for appointment.*

We Care In The Name of Christ - Bangor Area
214 Walnut St. -- Bangor, MI 49013
(269) 427-9581

M,T,Th,F – 9:30am-Noon

We Care In The Name of Christ – South Haven Area
06321 Blue Star Highway -- South Haven, MI 49090
(269) 637-4342

M-F – 9:30am-Noon

*We Care coordinates food, personal care, baby items,
clothing, furniture, and medical supplies provided by area
Churches and Food pantries.*

WIC (Women, Infants, Children)
209 West Michigan Ave. -- Paw Paw, MI 49079
(269) 655-8900

WIC (Women, Infants, Children)
308 Charles St. -- Bangor, MI 49013
(269) 427-7914

www.fns.usda.gov/wic

*Provides supplemental foods, health care referrals, and nutrition
education for low-income pregnant, breastfeeding,
and non-breastfeeding postpartum women, and to infants
and children up to age five who are found to be at nutritional risk.*

HIV & SEXUAL DISEASE TESTING

Alternatives Pregnancy Care Center
4200 West Michigan Ave. -- Kalamazoo, MI 49006
(269) 345-1740

www.pregnancychoices.com
Offers HIV testing and information about STD's.

CARES
629 Pioneer St. -- Kalamazoo, MI 49008
(269) 381-2437 or (800) 944-2437
www.caresswm.org

CARES
185 E. Main, Suite 604 -- Benton Harbor, MI 49023
(800) 663-2437
www.caresswm.org
Provides medical case management to maximize quality of life for those living with HIV; prevention education to minimize the transmission of the virus. Free HIV testing & information about STD's.

Planned Parenthood
4201 West Michigan Ave.
Kalamazoo, MI 49006
(800) 559-9093 or (269) 372-1200
www.plannedparenthood.org
Offers services and information about abortion, birth control, pregnancy, relationships, sex, STDs, fertility, sexual orientation and women's health.

Van Buren District Public Health Department
Human Services-West Building
57418 CR 681 -- Hartford, MI 49057
(269) 621-3143

Van Buren District Public Health Department
Human Services-East Building
801 Hazen St. -- Paw Paw, MI 49079
(269) 657-5574
www.vbcassdhd.org

HOSPICE & RESIDENTIAL CARE

Borgess Visiting Nurse & Hospice
348 North Burdick St. -- Kalamazoo, MI 49007
(269) 343-1396 (800) 343-1396
www.borgess.com

*Provides individuals and families with compassionate, quality,
innovative and cost-effective home care, hospice and related services.*

Bronson Home Care
505 Hazen Street, Suite 102 -- Paw Paw, MI 49079
(269) 657-2800
www.bronsonhealth.com

*Bronson Home Health Care brings high-tech treatments,
once available only in the hospital, to your home.*

Bronson Nursing and Rehabilitation Center
99 Walker St. -- Lawton, MI 49065
(269) 624-4311
www.bronsonhealth.com

A not-for-profit, 115-bed, skilled nursing center.

Friends Who Care INC
532 Dyckman Ave. -- South Haven, MI 49090
(269) 639-7323
www.friendswhocare.com

Provides quality medical home care service.

Gently With Care Home Health Service
315 Center St -- South Haven, MI 49090
(269) 637-5920

Offers home health care services.

Hospice at Home-South Haven
05055 Blue Star Highway
South Haven, MI 49090
(269) 637-3825

www.hospiceathomecares.org

Offers a wide range of nursing, medical, social and grief support services which are designed to enable the client to live in the comfort and privacy of his or her own home.

Hospice Care of Southwest Michigan
801 North Hazen St, Suite A -- Paw Paw, MI 49079
(269) 657-7300

www.hospiceswmi.org

Supports individuals and their caregivers during chronic or terminal illness with individualized medical, emotional, spiritual, and personal care; compassionate care for those coping with illness, dying, and loss.

Lifespan Visiting Nurse Services
166 East Goodale Ave.
Battle Creek, MI 49037
(269) 660-3600

www.lifespan4u.org

Provides family-like care for patients by offering healthcare services and equipment for all phases of illness and recuperation right at home

HOUSING - FORECLOSURE ASSISTANCE

**There are two main agencies that offer help
in preventing the foreclosure process for those individuals
living in Van Buren County**

**For complete information and assistance please log on to:
<http://www.hud.gov/local/mi/homeownership/foreclosure.cfm>**

**Southwest MI Community Action Agency (SMCAA)
57150 CR 681 – Hartford MI 49057
(269) 621-2800**

-OR-

**155 N. Paw Paw Street – Lawrence MI 49064
(269) 674-7175**

**Kalamazoo Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc.
Building D
Suite 205
777 Riverview Drive
Benton Harbor MI 49022
(269) 277-5830**

HOUSING

Department of Human Services (DHS)

57150 CR 681 -- Hartford, MI 49057

(269) 621-2800

www.michigan.gov/dhs

Offers programs that assist with housing and shelter costs.

Habitat for Humanity-Eastern VBC

PO Box 215 -- Paw Paw, MI 49079

(269) 657-8801

www.habitatmichigan.org

Habitat for Humanity-South Haven Area

225 Broadway Suite 7 -- South Haven, MI

(269) 639-2670

www.southhavenhabitat.org

*Provides decent, affordable homes to low-income families and utilizes
"sweat equity" and no-interest mortgages.*

Southwest Michigan Community Action Agency

155 North Paw Paw St. -- Lawrence, MI 49064

(269) 674-7175

www.smcaa.com

*Call for income-based housing availability and homeless prevention
and Rapid Re-housing assistance.*

LEGAL SERVICES

Farmworker Legal Services

3030 South 9th St, Suite 1A – Kalamazoo MI 49009-6273

(269) 492-7190 (800) 968-4046

www.farmworkerlaw.org

Offers legal services to low-income migrant and seasonal farm workers throughout Michigan.

Immigration Assistance Program of the Diocese of Kalamazoo

215 S. Westnedge -- Kalamazoo, MI 49007

(269) 385-1019

www.dioceseofkalamazoo.org/immigration

The mission of the Immigration Assistance Program is to provide the immigrant population with low-cost, competent legal representation in their immigration matters.

Legal Aid of Western Michigan

201 West Kalamazoo, Ave. -- Kalamazoo, MI 49007

(800) 819-0773 (888) 783-8190

www.legalaidwestmich.org

Secures justice and protects the rights of persons unable to obtain and pay for legal services by the provision of legal assistance and council to such persons.

Michigan Migrant Legal Assistance Project-MMLAP

1104 Fuller Ave NE -- Grand Rapids, MI 49503

(800) 418-3390

www.mmlap.com

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Almena Township	269-668-6910
Antwerp Township	269-668-2615
Arlington Township (Supervisor)	269-674-8420
Bangor Township	269-427-8965
Bloomington Township	269-521-3800
Columbia Township	269-434-6227
Covert Township	269-764-8986
Decatur Township (Supervisor)	269-423-7134
Geneva Township	269-427-7607
Hamilton Township	269-423-7852
Hartford Township	269-621-4658
Keeler Township	269-621-6481
Lawrence Township	269-674-8833
Paw Paw Township	269-657-4340
Pine Grove Township (Supervisor)	269-628-4769
Porter Township	269-624-4022
South Haven Charter Township	269-637-3305
Waverly Township	269-657-6847
Village of Bloomington	269-521-3222
Village of Breedsville	269-427-7281
Village of Decatur	269-423-6114
Village of Lawrence	269-674-8161
Village of Lawton	269-624-6407
Village of Mattawan	269-668-2128
Village of Paw Paw	269-657-3148
City of Bangor	269-427-5831
City of Gobles	269-628-2246
City of Hartford	269-621-2477
City of South Haven	269-637-0700

MEDICAL & DENTAL CARE

Alternatives Pregnancy Care Center
4200 West Michigan Ave. -- Kalamazoo, MI 49006
(269) 345-1740

www.pregnancychoices.com

Provides free pregnancy testing, information about STD's, abortion alternatives, adoption, HIV screening and free clothing for pregnant women and babies.

Intercare Community Network of Bangor
308 Charles St. -- Bangor MI 49013
(269) 427-7967
www.intercare.org

Intercare Community Network of Pullman
5498 109th Ave. -- Pullman, MI 49450
Medical (269) 236-5021 Dental (269) 236-5027
www.intercare.org

Offers dental care, enabling services, obstetrical and gynecological care, primary and specialty medical care.

Planned Parenthood
4201 West Michigan Ave.
Kalamazoo, MI 49006
(800) 559-9093 or (269) 372-1200
www.plannedparenthood.org

Offers services and information about abortion, birth control, pregnancy, relationships, sex, STDs, fertility, sexual orientation and women's health.

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Human Services-West Building
57418 CR 681 -- Hartford, MI 49057
(269) 621-3143
www.vbcassdhd.org**

**Van Buren & Cass County District Health Department
Human Services-East Building
801 Hazen St. -- Paw Paw, MI 49079
(269) 657-5596
www.vbcassdhd.org**

**Van Buren & Cass County District Health Department
520 Main St. -- Dowagiac, MI 49047
(269) 782-0064 (888) 782-0064
www.vbcassdhd.org**

All services provided are either free or discounted based on income.

Dental clinic – provides dental preventative services, restorative services, prosthetic services and surgical services.

Immunization clinic – offers immunizations to people of all ages. Flu and pneumonia vaccinations offered in the fall.

Reproductive & General Health – offers cancer screening, breast examinations, mammogram referrals, cervical-pap test, testicular examinations, colorectal screening, contraceptive management, preconception health counseling, level I infertility screening, pregnancy testing, individualized education and counseling.

Vision & Hearing Screening – provided free of charge.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

Hartford Loan Closet

(269) 621-4266

Loans medical equipment to low-income Hartford residents only.

Lending Hands

5348 Ivanhoe Court -- Portage, MI 49002

(269) 567-4381

www.lendinghandsmi.org

A volunteer non-profit social service organization that lends home medical equipment, for free, on a temporary basis.

We Care In The Name of Christ - Bangor Area

214 Walnut St. -- Bangor, MI 49013

(269) 427-9581

M,T,Th,F – 9:30am-Noon

We Care In The Name of Christ – South Haven Area

06321 Blue Star Highway -- South Haven, MI 49090

(269) 637-4342

M-F – 9:30am-Noon

We Care coordinates food, personal care, baby items, clothing, furniture, and medical supplies provided by area Churches and Food pantries.

MEDICAL – PRESCRIPTION ASSISTANCE

The following organizations provide information and review eligibility at no charge for uninsured and/or lower-income families to help them get prescriptions at a discount or for free:

Abbott Patient Assistance Foundation
(800) 222-6885

I Need Rx Help
<http://Ineedrxhelp.com>

Partnership for Prescription Assistance
(888) 477-2669
<http://www.pparx.org>

Rx Help
(866) 960-9497
<http://www.rxhelp4u.com>

RX Assist
<http://Rxassist.org>

Together Rx Assistance
(800) 444-4106

Many Retailers offer the \$4 Generic Prescription Program for certain prescription and over-the-counter medications.

For a listing of participating pharmacies, visit:

<http://www.myfourdollardruglist.com>

SCHOOLS

Bangor Public Schools

(269) 427-6800

Bloomington Public Schools

(269) 521-3900

Covert Public Schools

(269) 764-3701

Decatur Public Schools

(269) 423-6800

Faith Baptist Academy-Mattawan

(269) 668-3391

Gobles Junior Academy

(269) 628-2704

Offers K-10th grade.

Gobles Public Schools

(269) 628-5618

Hartford Public Schools

(269) 621-7000

Lake Michigan College

www.lakemichigancollege.edu

South Haven Campus

125 Veterans Blvd -- South Haven MI 49090

(800) 252-1562 (269) 639-8442

Napier Avenue Campus

2755 East Napier Ave. -- Benton Harbor, MI 49022

(800) 252-1562 (269) 927-3571

Lake Michigan College/M-TEC

400 Klock Road -- Benton Harbor, MI 49022

(800) 252-1562 (269) 926-6832

Bertrand Crossing Campus

1905 Foundation Drive -- Niles MI 49120

(800) 252-1562 (269) 695-1391

Lawrence Public Schools
(269) 674-8233

Lawton Public Schools
(269) 624-7901

Mattawan Consolidated Schools
(269) 668-3361

Paw Paw Public Schools
(269) 651-8800

South Haven Public Schools
(269) 637-0527

St. Mary's Catholic School-Paw Paw
(269) 657-3750
Offers pre-school thru 5th grade.

St. Basil Catholic School-South Haven
(269) 637-3529
www.saintbasilcatholic.org
Offers pre-school thru 8th grade.

St. Paul Lutheran School-South Haven
(269) 637-4459
Offers pre-school thru 8th grade.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran School-Bangor
(269) 427-7102

Trinity Lutheran School-Paw Paw
(269) 657-5921
www.trinitylutheran.com

Offers childcare for infants-preschool, preschool, before- and after-school care, Young Fives, K thru 8th grades.

Van Buren Intermediate School District
701 Paw Paw St. -- Lawrence, MI 49064
(269) 674-8091
www.vbisd.org

The Early Care and Education Office coordinates programs that involve families with young children, age birth-8 years. Services range from literacy programs to home visits by family educators prepared to share information on child development, parenting, health, safety and nutrition information among other topics.

Van Buren Intermediate School District
Technology Center
250 South St. -- Lawrence, MI 49064
(269) 674-8001
www.vbisd.org

Provides quality career and technical education (CTE) training to high school students and adults in Van Buren County and the surrounding communities.

SENIOR SERVICES

**-SEE ALSO HOSPICE & RESIDENTIAL CARE-
-SEE ALSO VETERANS ASSISTANCE-**

**AARP Foundation Senior Community Service
Employment/Work Search**

**960 Agard St. -- Benton Harbor, MI 49022
(269) 925-3838**

For low-income individuals 55 and over.

*A work training program that helps participants gain skills and work
experience to transition into permanent jobs.*

Area Agency on Aging Region 4

**2900 Lakeview Ave. -- St. Joseph, MI 49085
(800) 654-2810**

www.areaagencyonaging.org

*Offers employment services, in-home and long-term medical care,
grandparents raising grandchildren support,
a variety of other services for seniors.*

Day Services for Seniors

Provided by Child and Family Services

**2450 S. M-139 Suite A -- Benton Harbor, MI 49022
(269) 934-7355
cfsswmi.org**

Day Services for Seniors

Provided by Child and Family Services

**116 Gremps St. -- Paw Paw, MI 49079
(269) 657-0540
cfsswmi.org**

Day Services for Seniors is offered Monday-Friday, 7:30 am-5:30 pm.

*This program is designed specifically for persons with
Alzheimer's-related forms of dementia. The program also offers support
groups for caregivers of the elderly.*

Health Connections

15970 77th St. -- South Haven, MI 49090

(269) 639-8288

Services for seniors to keep them in their homes while dealing with Alzheimer's and other issues from aging.

Paw Paw Village Pharmacy

322 E. Michigan Ave. -- Paw Paw, MI 49079

(269) 657-6073

Offers delivery of prescriptions to clients in Decatur, Lawrence, Lawton, Mattawan and Paw Paw areas.

R S V P

(Retired Seniors Volunteer Program)

37458 W. Red Arrow Highway -- Paw Paw MI 49494

(269) 655-8000 or (877) 899-8687

Offers a range of volunteer opportunities for Seniors aged 55 and over, based on how and where they want to serve.

Senior Nutrition Services

540 Williams St. -- South Haven, MI 49090

(269) 637-4493

Senior Nutrition Services

73292 34th Ave. -- Covert, MI 49043

(269) 764-8448

Senior Nutrition Services

1708 Colfax Ave. -- Benton Harbor, MI 49022

(269) 925-0137

Senior Nutrition Services

215 South Wendell Ave. -- Hartford, MI 49057

(269) 621-0112

Recognizes the needs of the aging population to maintain independence while living at home and helps by providing high-quality meals to the elderly.

Senior Services of Van Buren County

Paw Paw Office

**37458 W. Red Arrow Highway – Paw Paw MI 49079
(269) 655-8000 or (888) 899-8687**

South Haven Office

**220 Broadway St. -- South Haven, MI 49090
(269) 637-3607 or (877) 627-8904**

Provides information and help to seniors, recreation, social and educational programs, minivan and medical transportation as well as healthy aging programs like exercise, diet, support group, stop smoking clinic, care watch, and care management.

Van Buren Community Mental Health Authority

**801 Hazen Street, Suite C -- Paw Paw, MI 49079
(269) 657-5574 or (877) 252-2131
www.vbcmh.com**

Offers prevention, assessment, crisis intervention, treatment and support to help all people meet their own chosen life and work goals.

Van Buren Public Transit

**610 David Walton Drive -- Bangor MI 49013
(269) 427-7921**

Or email rides@vbco.org

Offers public transportation. Call or email for ride pick-up. Please make sure to receive a confirmation number when emailing pick-up info.

Van Buren United Civic Organization

**73292 34th Ave., PO Box 123
Covert, MI 49043
(269) 764-8854**

Promotes the general welfare and stimulates interest in the social, moral, educational and political affairs of the community; provides a facility for community activities and programs.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Alcoholics Anonymous
(800) 356-9996 or (269) 349-4410

www.intherooms.com/meetings/search

*Call or go online to find meetings near you. Includes recovery services
for addiction to alcohol, food, drugs or gambling.*

Community Healing Center
777 Riverview Drive, Bldg A, Suite 180
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
(269) 926-0121
www.communityhealingcenter.org

Community Healing Center
70050 South Centerville St. -- Sturgis, MI 49091
(269) 651-1212

Offers out-patient services for drug and alcohol addiction.

Michiana Addiction Prevention Services
1613 E. Chicago Rd, Suite 212 -- Sturgis MI 49091
(269) 651-1212

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(269) 621-3143

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801 Hazen St. -- Paw Paw, MI 49079
(269) 657-5574
www.vbcassdhd.org

TRANSPORTATION

**Van Buren Public Transit
(269) 427-7921**

Or email rides@vbco.org

Offers public transportation. Call or email for ride pick-up. Please make sure to receive a confirmation number when emailing pick-up info.

VETERANS ASSISTANCE

**Veterans Affairs Office
801 Hazen Street, Suite C
(Inside Community Mental Health)
Paw Paw, MI 49079
(269) 657-7376**

Office Hours: Wednesday 8:30am-4:30pm

Helps Veterans and/or their dependants apply for Veterans Administration benefits of all types. Administers the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund for emergency help.

VISION & HEARING SCREENING

**Van Buren District Public Health Department
Human Services-West Building
57418 CR 681 -- Hartford, MI 49057**

Contact Technician at (269)621-3143, Ext. 348

Free children's vision and hearing screening services offered by the health department, in Van Buren County. Good vision and hearing are essential for healthy growth and development.

HOTLINES

AARP	(888) 687-2277
Alcoholics Anonymous	(800) 356-9996
Alcoholics Anonymous (VB County)	(269) 349-4410
Alzheimer's Association	(800) 272-3900
American Parkinson's Association	(800) 223-2732
American Cancer Society of MI	(800) 723-0360
American Council of the Blind	(800) 424-8666
American Diabetes Association	(800) 342-2383
American Heart Association	(800) 242-8721
American Lung Association	(800) 586-4872
ARC of Michigan	(800) 292-7851
Arthritis Foundation MI Chapter	(800) 968-3030
Asthma & Allergy Foundation of America	(800) 727-8462
Autism Society of Michigan	(800) 223-6722
Bronson Health Answers	(800) 451-6310
Centers for Disease Control	(800) 232-4636
Child Abuse & Neglect Parent Helpline	(800) 942-4357
Child Care Resources	(800) 343-3470
Cleft Palate Foundation	(800) 242-5338
Consumer Protection Agency	(877) 765-8388
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation	(800) 968-1050
Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan	(800) 377-6226
Family Support Network	(800) 359-3722
Mental Health-24 Hour Crisis	(800) 922-1418

MI Adult Abuse Hotline	(800) 996-6228
Migrant Farmworker Health Helpline	(800) 377-9968
National Brain Injury Foundation	(800) 444-6443
National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities	(800) 695-0285
National Domestic Violence	(800) 799-7233
National Kidney Foundation of MI	(800) 482-1455
National Migrant Education Hotline (Número Nacional para la Educación de los Migrantes)	(800) 234-8848
National Organization for Rare Disorders	(800) 999-6673
Prescription Assistance Hotlines:	
Abbott Patient Assistance Foundation	(800) 222-6885
Together Rx Access	(800) 444-4106
Rx Help	(866) 960-9497
Partnership for Prescription Assistance	(888) 477-2669
Ronald McDonald House	(800) 776-4891
Runaway Assistance Helpline	(800) 942-4357
Runaway Assistance Program	(800) 292-4517
Senior Info-Line	(800) 654-2810
Suicide Prevention Lifeline	(800) 273-8255
TeenScreen Mental Health Hotline	(800) 922-1418
U.S. Uninsured Helpline	(800) 234-1317
Veterans' Affairs Office (VB County)	(269) 657-7376
Vulnerable Adult Helpline	(800) 996-6228

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**UTILITY & HEATING ASSISTANCE
IN
VAN BUREN COUNTY**

**Before seeking assistance from Van Buren County resources,
please contact your local utilities provider and THAW, and ask about
what programs they have to help with your bill:**

**AEP
IndianaMichiganPower.com**

**Consumers Energy
(800) 477-5050**

**Heat & Electric Assistance (THAW)
607 Shelby, Suite 400 -- Detroit, MI 48226
(800) 866-THAW
www.thawfund.org**

*The Heat And Warmth Fund (THAW) is an independent
non-profit agency that provides low-income individuals and families
with emergency energy assistance and advocates for long-term
solutions to energy issues.*

**FOR ALL INQUIRIES
YOU WILL NEED TO HAVE WITH YOU:**

Photo ID

List of any family members living with you

Social Security Numbers for all family members living with you

Income (pay check stub, SSI, Disability letter, etc...)

Current Utility and Heating Bill

Rent or Mortgage payment Verification (Lease or Mortgage Papers)

**The following is the process for everyone in
Van Buren County for obtaining assistance
with Utility and Heating Bills:**

**STEP 1 Department of Human Services (DHS)
57150 CR 681 – Hartford MI 49057
(269) 621-2800**

Contact DHS and complete an application. Once your application is complete, DHS will notify you either in person or by letter. This letter is called a **Determination Letter**. Even if you do not qualify for food, heating or housing assistance, you still need the **Determination Letter** to take with you for Step 2.

**STEP 2 Southwest MI Community Action Agency (SMCAA)
185 East Main, Suite 200 – South Haven MI 49022
(269) 925-9077
-OR-
155 N. Paw Paw Street – Lawrence MI 49064
(269) 674-7175 or (800) 968-3905
www.smcaa.com**

Contact SMCAA. You will need your DHS **Determination Letter**, whether or not DHS is able to offer you any assistance. SMCAA will review the letter and your situation, and will let you know what assistance they can provide.

**STEP 3 The Salvation Army
For Van Buren County only: Eleanor Miller (269) 657-4008
For Cass & Berrien Counties: Main Office (269) 927-1353**

Contact the Salvation Army with your DHS **Determination Letter** and any amount of assistance that you may be getting from SMCAA.

STEP 4 Local Churches

Contact your church, or use your local phone book to locate churches within your area which may be able to help.

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