

## Other Local Agencies

### **Barry Community Health Center** (269) 945-4220 (Cherry Health)

Increasing access to health care to the uninsured by providing diagnostic care, primary care and counseling.

### **Barry County Cares** (269) 948-9555

Provides assistance and referrals to agencies and partner churches to assist with specific needs such as: rent, utilities, food and household essentials.

### **Barry County Home**

#### **Improvement Program** (269) 948-0787

Provides assistance to low income households for repair and replacement of structural issues through low interest to no interest loans.

### **Barry County Transit** (269) 948-8098

Public transportation throughout Barry County with discounted rates for the elderly and disabled.

### **Community Action** (877) 422-2726

Utility, heat, and weatherization programs.

### **Legal Services of SC MI** (800) 688-3951

Provides free civil legal assistance to low income persons with emphasis on homeless prevention, domestic violence accessing health care, food and needs based programs.

### **MDHHS—Hastings** (269) 948-3200

State agency responsible for Medicaid, Food Assistance (Bridge Card), State Emergency Relief, child care assistance, and other basic needs.

*Most other assistance programs require a referral from this agency.*

### **West MI Works** (616) 649-9850

Provides employment services, workshop series and GED Program. Services including resume preparation, computer access, career counseling and re-employment.

## Food Assistance

### **Food Pantries**

-For locations in Hastings, Delton, Middleville, and Dowling call: **Barry County Cares (269) 948-9555**

- Orangeville Baptist Church (269) 664-4377
- Orangeville Township Hall (269) 929-0604
- Manna's Market (269) 838-5887
- Lakewood Community Council (616) 374-3117

### **Fresh Food Initiatives**

#### **Tuesday Distribution:**

- Every week 9:30-10:30am (517) 852-0664  
Maple Valley Community Center of Hope  
\*Maple Valley School District Only  
233 N. Main St, Nashville

#### **Wednesday Distribution:**

- Every week 9am (269) 945-4010  
Green Street Church  
209 W. Green St, Hastings
- 1st & 3rd Wednesday 7-9am (269) 664-4345  
Soups On, St. Francis Church  
11850 9 Mile Rd, Shelbyville
- 3rd Wednesday 10am (616) 765-5316  
Freeport United Methodist Church  
175 Cherry St, Freeport

#### **Thursday Distribution:**

- 3rd Thursday of every month 4pm (269) 795-9581  
Bradford White – Local #1002  
295 Washington, Middleville

#### **Saturday Distribution:**

- 3rd Saturday of every month 9am—1pm (269) 367-4534  
Kilpatrick Church  
10005 E. Barnum Rd., Woodland

### **Community Action Commodity Distribution**

Programs include food assistance for income qualifying families, individuals, and seniors. Contact the Barry County Community Action agency for enrollment. (877) 422-2726



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*Improving lives by mobilizing the caring power of Barry County communities*

## **Information & Referral Services**

# LIVE UNITED



## **Barry County United Way & Volunteer Center**

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*Get Connected. Get Answers.*

## Our Programs & Services

Information and referrals are available 24/7 for health and human services needs through



- \* **Backpack Program** – provides school supplies and backpacks for K-12 school children prior to school starting for families at or below 200% of the poverty.
- \* **Car Seat Education** – education & installation for parents provided by NTSB certified instructors.
- \* **Dental Clinic Intake** – providing information and paperwork needed to access the Barry County Free Dental Clinic.
- \* **Family Economic Support office (FESO)** - assisting families to achieve financial independence. Volunteer mentors are matched with those needing assistance in money management and budgeting.
- \* **Fresh Food Initiative**- (see back cover) free food is available to families needing assistance
- \* **Homeless Prevention and Emergency Assistance** funding to prevent homelessness—must provide foreclosure or eviction notice, shut off notice and DHHS referral.
- \* **Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detector Program** Free smoke and CO detectors are installed by trained firefighters from your community.
- \* **Toys for Barry County Kids**– Providing assistance with Christmas gifts for families at or below 200% of poverty.
- \* **Utility Assistance**– MEAP grant assistance available to families in need based on 150% of poverty.
- \* **Veterans Affairs**– Coordination of community resources and programs to provide assistance with food, utilities, housing and medical benefits for veterans and their families.
- \* **VITA**– Free Volunteer Income Tax Assistance for households with income less than \$60,000.
- \* **Volunteer Center** – matches and recruits volunteers with opportunities to give back in our community
- \* **VSP Vouchers** – Providing assistance for eye glasses. Eligibility based on 200% of poverty level.

## Partner Agencies

### **Barry County 4-H** (269) 945-1388

Adult 4-H volunteers work with 4-H youth age 5-19 to provide fun, educational hands-on opportunities which help develop self-esteem, confidence, and leadership while learning life skills.

### **Imagination Library of Barry County** (269) 945-9545

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a book gifting program that mails free books to children from birth to age five in Barry County.

### **Barry County Mental Health & Substance Abuse** (269) 948-8041

Delivering substance abuse prevention programming in Barry County schools while implementing youth-based prevention activities and prevention education for parents of youth.

### **CASA for Kids** (269) 818-5868

Provides volunteer advocates to act as a voice for abused and neglected children who are under the jurisdiction of the courts in Barry, Eaton and Ingham Counties.

### **Commission on Aging** (269) 948-4856

Promotes, assists, and safeguards the rights and abilities of persons age 60 and over, in order to maintain their maximum health, safety, and independence. Programs include Meals on Wheels and In-Home services.

### **Eaton Clothing and Furniture** (517) 543-4334

Provides clothing, furniture, and housewares to qualified low income families once a month at no cost.

### **Family Support Center** (269) 945-5439

Administer the CRIB program to eliminate unsafe sleeping conditions, parenting classes, Kinship Care and implement their education series for all new parents.

### **Food Bank of South Central MI** (269) 964-3663

Funds offset the costs of soliciting, storing and distributing food to the Barry County Hunger Relief network, FFI, Kids Café and their regular distribution to Barry County food pantries.

### **Gerald R. Ford Boy Scouts** (616) 785-2662

To prepare youth to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

### **Green Gables Haven** (269) 945-4777

Provides temporary, secure, nurturing environment and support to enable victims of domestic violence in Barry County to make appropriate, life altering changes.

### **Habitat for Humanity Barry County** (269) 948-9939

A partnership between volunteers and families to build ownership of new homes. Habitat—ReStore resells donated items at reduced cost.

### **Leadership Barry County's Youth Quest** (269) 945-0526

A program that unites 14–18 year olds with peers to interact and aid in the development of team-building, problem-solving and interpersonal skills.

### **Manna's Market** (269) 838-5887

Supplying food, clothing and baby pantry items to the underserved residents of Barry County.

### **Safe Harbor** (269) 673-3791

Provides a lifeline to victims of child abuse and neglect.

### **Thornapple Area Parks & Recreation** (269) 795-7202

Offers athletic programs for school age youth within the TK school district and surrounding areas. Full and reduced registration fees for those qualifying with economic hardship.

### **YMCA of Barry County** (269) 945-4574

The YMCA is here for youth and families who want to engage in summer camp, sports, swim lessons, child care, mentoring, literacy services, and more. They have a financial assistance program in place for those who wish to apply.

