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# MIDLAND COUNTY FOOD ASSISTANCE NETWORK



OUR MISSION:  
*ALWAYS FOOD IN EVERY HOME*

MARCH 2025

In 2024, MCFAN took a deep dive into evaluating all of our programs to ensure they meet the evolving needs of our community. Our primary goal was to enhance client-focused services while minimizing barriers to food access. As a result, some of our programs underwent name changes, adjustments, and expansions to better serve those who rely on us, and ensure we deliver on our mission of 'always food in every home.'

To further prioritize our clients, we restructured our staffing model, bringing all employees on-site. This transition required updates to our facility, including modifications to our building and a reorganization of our warehouse to better support our pantries.

We also placed a strong emphasis on expanding our reach and deepening our relationships within the community. Through volunteerism, we have not only strengthened these connections, but also increased awareness of food insecurity in our area. Thanks to our dedicated volunteers, we have been able to put food into the hands of those who need it most.

Looking ahead to 2025, our focus will shift toward marketing— ensuring those who need us can find us, continuing to share our story, and raising awareness about the importance community support for our organization.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to our mission. Together, we are making a lasting impact in our community.

**Terrah Johnson- Managing Director**



## Midland County Food Assistance Network Locations

Bullock Creek Outreach Pantry  
at Messiah Lutheran Church  
1550 S. Poseyville Rd.  
989-631-5200

Greater Midland Coleman  
Family Center  
4839 N. Coleman Schools Dr.  
989-486-9393

Wheeler Road Church  
of Christ  
1123 E. Wheeler St.  
989-835-8559

Greater Midland North  
Family Center  
2601. E. Shearer Rd.  
989-689-7770

HELP Pantry at Memorial  
Presbyterian Church  
1310 Ashman St.  
989-835-6759

SAMS Pantry  
hosted by  
St. Johns Episcopal  
503 S. Saginaw Rd.  
989-631-2260

Sanford Pantry at Sanford  
United Methodist Church  
2560 N. West River Rd.  
989-687-5353

West Midland Family Center  
4011 W. Isabella Rd.  
989-832-3256

MCFAN Warehouse  
503 S. Saginaw Rd.  
989-486-9393

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**Stop Hunger Challenge (March-April)**

The Stop Hunger Challenge is an annual fundraising event for MCFAN that takes place across March and April. All food and money collected from March 1 to April 30 are counted, with food items valued at \$1.00 per item. Our 2025 goal is \$80,000 and again this year, anonymous donors will help to match a portion of the funds raised from the campaign. Additionally, the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan is again offering a 10% credit on our account for monetary donations we receive during this event, helping donations stretch even farther. For information on how to donate visit <https://midlandcountyfan.org/howyoucanhelp>



**National Letter Carriers Food Drive May 10th.**

During the month of May, members of the National Association of Letter Carriers, Branch #2317, as well as rural carriers, participate in the National Letter Carriers food drive. The Midland County postal workers collect on average 30,000 lbs. of food. This food is distributed to the 8 pantries of the Food Assistance Network plus other pantries in our community. To participate, eave a bag of non-perishable food where your letter carrier normally delivers your mail on May 10th.

**PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT - Mobile Food Pantries**

Mobile Food Pantries are a vital “food giveaway” program operated in collaboration with the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, Hidden Harvest, MCFAN, local churches, and other community agencies. These pantries serve families in need multiple times a month at various locations throughout Midland County.

Each mobile food pantry event provides essential groceries to approximately 150 families. And with food insecurity affecting so many in our community, these events offer an easy yet impactful way to reach those in need. MCFAN is always looking for sponsors and volunteers to help make these mobile distributions a success.

**Sponsoring a mobile food pantry costs \$700-1,200, and each event requires around 25 volunteers to run smoothly. If you or your organization are interested in sponsoring, hosting, or volunteering, we would love to hear from you!**  
 ☎ Contact us at 989-486-9393 to get involved and help us make a difference.

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**KNOW**

**How We Source Food to Serve Our Community**

Have you ever wondered how we source the food that helps feed our neighbors in need? The majority of our food is purchased through the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, allowing us to buy at deeply discounted rates and stretch every donated donation as far as possible. We also receive weekly deliveries from Hidden Harvest and collect food donations from individuals, as well as generous local businesses including Costco, Family Fare, Aldi, Target, Kroger, and Dollar General.

During the summer months, we collaborate with Phoenix Farms and local farmers, sharing their excess harvests to provide fresh, nutritious produce to those in need. In the fall, we partner with the Chippewa Nature Center and local hunters to process venison, ensuring our pantries are stocked with extra protein for families.

This strong community collaboration not only helps us fight food insecurity but provides an outlet for surplus food that would otherwise go to waste. Together, we are making a difference—one meal at a time.

**2024 Impact by the Numbers**

2,267	Households served through our 8 pantries
6,731	People served through our 8 pantries
11,155	Families served through our mobile food pantries
762	Students served weekly through the Backpack Program
261	Emergency Boxes distributed
196	To-Go Bags given away



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