

Other Local Agencies

Barry Community Health Center 269-945-4220

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

Barry County Cares 269-948-9555

Screens and refers individuals needing assistance to agencies and churches who can help them with that need. Needs may include: Rent, utilities, and other.

Barry County Transit 269-948-8098

Public transportation throughout Barry County.

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.

Community Action 877-422-2726

Utility, heat, and weatherization programs. Open Tuesdays only.

Department of Human Service 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.

MI Works 269-945-9545 ext. 144

Provides employment and training programs. Services include resume preparation, computer access, career counseling and re-employment.

Salvation Army 269-966-4162

Can provide utility assistance to families in need based on 150% of poverty.



Food Assistance

Food Pantries

First United Methodist Church-Hastings, Faith United Methodist Church-Delton, United Methodist Church-Middleville, Dowling County Chapel: *to access these pantries 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
Thornapple Valley Church	269-948-2549
Lakewood Community Council	616-374-3117

Fresh Food Initiatives

Tuesday Distribution:

- Every week 9:30-10:30A.M. 517-852-0664
Maple Valley Community Center of Hope
**Maple Valley School District Only*
233 N. Main St, Nashville
- 3rd Tuesday of every month 4 P.M.
Middleville Local #1002 269-795-9581
295 Washington, Middleville

Wednesday Distribution:

- Every week 9 A.M. 269-945-4010
First United Methodist Church
209 W. Green St, Hastings
- Every Week 8-10 A.M. 269-623-4142
Soups On, Orangeville Fire Dept.
6912 S. Boulder Rd, Shelbyville
- 3rd Wednesday 10 A.M. 616-765-5316
Freeport United Methodist Church
175 Cherry St, Freeport

Commodity Distribution

3rd Tuesday of Every Month

Income based must register with Community Action first. Located at Thornapple Valley Church—2750 S. M-43, Hastings



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Barry County United Way

269-945-4010



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

- * **Backpack Program**- provides school supplies and backpacks for K-12 school children prior to school opening
- * **Barry County Free Legal Advice Clinic**—Providing intake and scheduling of appointments
- * **Car Seat Education**—Educating parents on how to properly install car seats
- * **Dental Clinic Intake**—providing information and paperwork needed to access the Barry County Free Dental Clinic
- * **Financial Mentoring**- Mentors are matched with those needing assistance through money management and budgeting
- * **Fresh Food Initiative** (see back cover) - free food is available to families needing assistance
- * **Gift of Sight and Sound Event**—held in the spring of the year with ENT Eye Specialists. Please call for date and qualifications.
- * **Homeless Prevention and Emergency Assistance**- funding to prevent homelessness—must provide foreclosure or eviction notice, shut off notice and DHS referral
- * **Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detector Program**
Free smoke and carbon detectors are installed by trained firefighters from your community
- * **Toys for Barry County Kids**—Christmas gifts for families in need.
- * **Veterans Affairs**- Provides assistance with food, utilities, housing, medical, clothing and other necessities to honorably discharged veterans and their families
- * **Volunteer Center**- matches and recruits volunteers with opportunities to give back in our community

Partner Agencies

4-H 269-945-1388
Adult volunteers work with youth in over 100 different project areas to provide fun, educational opportunities, which help develop self-esteem, confidence, and leadership while learning life skills

American Red Cross 269-818-0385
Prevents and alleviates human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and providing transportation to out of town doctor appointments.

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.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters 269-818-5656
Caring adults are recruited, enrolled, screened, trained, and matched with a child for a Big Brother/ Big Sister relationship.

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 county.

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, well-being, 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 between ages 7–20 to make ethical choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

Green Gables Haven 269-945-4777
Provides temporary, secure, nurturing environment an support to enable victims of domestic violence in Barry County to make appropriate, life altering changes.

Habitat for Humanity 269-948-9939
A partnership between low-income families in need of a house, and volunteers

Leadership Barry County 269-945-0526
For 14–18 year olds to meet and interact with peers to aid in the development of interpersonal skills, team-building and problem solving.

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.

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 Parks & Recreation 269-795-8853
Reducing overall registration fees for recreation opportunities and waives part of registration fees based on economic hardship.

YMCA 269-945-4574
Provides opportunities for individuals and families to participate in quality programs promoting the development of physical abilities while assisting families struggling with registration fees.