

Other Local Agencies

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

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 (269) 948-0787

Provides assistance for low to moderate income households with emergency repairs using 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, weatherization, education and commodity food distribution programs for qualifying households.

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

Employment assistance, workshops and GED Program. Services including resume preparation, computer access, career counseling and re-employment.

Food Assistance

Food Pantries

- Lakewood Community Council (616) 374-3117
- Manna's Market (269) 838-5887
- Orangeville Baptist Church (269) 664-4377
- Orangeville Township Hall (269) 664-4522

To access other pantries in Hastings, Delton, Middleville, and Dowling call:

Barry County Cares 9am-1pm (269) 948-9555

Fresh Food Initiatives

Tuesday Distribution:

- Maple Valley Community Center of Hope, Nashville
** Maple Valley School District **
Every week from 9:30-10:30am (517) 930-2107
- 1st Tuesday from 3:45–5:30 pm
McCallum Church (269) 623-8226
5505 Otis Lk. Rd. Delton
- 3rd Tuesday of 12am–1pm
Kilpatrick Church (269) 367-4534
10005 E. Barnum Rd., Woodland

Wednesday Distribution:

- Every week @ 10am (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 7-10am (616) 765-5316
The Gathering Place
193 Cherry St, Freeport

Thursday Distribution:

- 3rd Thursday from 3:30–5:30pm (716) 601-9597
TVC—Delton
12081 M—43 Hwy, Delton

Improving lives by mobilizing the caring power of Barry County communities

Information & Referral Services

LIVE UNITED



Barry County United Way & Volunteer Center



Phone: (269) 945-4010

Email: contact@bcunitedway.org

Website: <https://www.bcunitedway.org>
231 S. Broadway, Hastings, MI 49058

Our Programs & Services

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.

FESO - Family Economic Support Officer assists families achieve financial independence. Volunteer mentors are matched with those needing assistance in money management and budgeting.

Fresh Food Initiative - (see back cover) non qualifying access to 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.

TIDE - Provides Barry County diabetics in need with financial assistance.

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 and benefits for eligible 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.

Barry County CMH & 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.

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.

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.

Partner Agencies Cont.

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. <https://imaginationlibrary.com/usa/affiliate/MIBARRY>

Leadership Barry County 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. Financial assistance programs are available for those who wish to apply.

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



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