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# MIDLAND COUNTY FOOD ASSISTANCE NETWORK



OUR MISSION:  
*ALWAYS FOOD IN EVERY HOME*

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## Dear Friends and Supporters,

2023 was a pivotal year for our organization. We celebrated our 40th anniversary and finalized a strategic plan to help position us for the next 40 years. As we reflect, 2023 was marked by resilience, growth, and unwavering commitment to our mission. The Midland County Food Assistance Network (MCFAN) has faced extraordinary challenges and emerged stronger, ready to serve our community for many decades to come.

Over the past few years, we have navigated significant events that tested our resiliency and our capacity. The pandemic and the ongoing impacts of COVID-19, and the devastating flood affected our operations and the lives of those we serve here in Midland County. MCFAN adapted swiftly, ensuring that safety protocols were in place while maintaining the essential services our community relies on.

Amid these external challenges, we underwent a name change and a transition in leadership. These changes have revitalized our organization, bringing fresh perspectives and renewed energy to our mission, "Always Food in Every Home."

The mission of ensuring food in every home is more than just a statement; it's a commitment that requires dedication, resources, and empathy. Behind the scenes, countless volunteer hours, collaboration efforts, and resources are poured into making this mission a reality. The concept of "every home" encompasses a vast array of diverse situations and needs. Recognizing and addressing these differences is an important aspect of MCFAN's programs which aim to meet the unique requirements of various families. The success of these programs is a testament to the dedication and compassion MCFAN to ensure that no household is left behind.

2023 was a remarkable year, marked by numerous achievements that show our commitment to combating food insecurity, while instating our strategic plan for 2023-2025.

## Upcoming Events

Sept. 29 - Dec 28 -  
Meijer Simply Gives

Nov. 2 - Empty Bowls

Nov 6-10 -Canstruction



### Mobile Food Pantries

Oct 16: UAW Steel Workers

Oct 21: Coleman Family Center

Oct 28: North Midland Family Center

Nov 11: Coleman Family Center

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## The impact is clear:

- **5,950** households benefited from our support through 8 pantries, distributing **191,189** items.
- **9,139** households were served through our mobile food pantries with a total distribution of **628,468** pounds of food.
- **780** children in Midland County School District received food through the backpack buddy program.
- Through the Regrow program, in partnership with United Way, we delivered **8,600** meals, demonstrating our dedication to a holistic approach in addressing the needs of our community.

These numbers are more than just statistics—they represent the lives touched and the difference made through our collective efforts.

## Many of our programs also saw expansions:

The **Regrow program**'s initial goal of repurposing food for meals 1-2 times a year grew to providing meals monthly. This growth reflects the dedication and collaborative spirit of the organizations involved, including United Way, Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, MCFAN, Hidden Harvest, Midland Business Alliance, Phoenix Farms, Windover, and The Arnold Center.

Expanding the **snack program** to cover all middle schools and high schools in Midland County is a significant achievement and a testament to MCFAN's commitment to addressing the needs of students in the community. By establishing relationships with counselors, MCFAN gained valuable insights into the necessity of such programs and the specific needs of the students.

In 2024, we are committed to building on the momentum we've established this past year, guided by **our strategic plan and its three pivotal pillars.**

- **Pillar 1: Organizational Excellence** - we will focus on evaluating and enhancing our staff and board structure to ensure we are operating at our highest potential.
- **Pillar 2: Programs and Services** - this pillar emphasizes a thorough assessment of community needs, ensuring our programs are not only aligned with these needs but are also impactful and relevant.
- **Pillar 3: Resource Optimization** - we will assess our donor database, optimizing how we utilize the resources entrusted to us.

By concentrating on these three pillars, we ensure that our organization is not only effective but also efficient in serving our clients and maximizing the impact of every donor dollar. This approach positions us to continue making meaningful strides in the year ahead.

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**Bullock Creek Outreach Pantry**  
Sponsored by Messiah Lutheran Church  
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**Coleman Family Center**  
Coleman's Lions club  
Emerald Fire Farm  
Midland Community Center  
US Bank  
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**HELP Pantry**  
Sponsored by  
Memorial Presbyterian Church  
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MPC  
Edward Jones  
Stepping Stones Preschool  
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**North Family Center**  
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Blessed Sacrament  
Edenville Methodist Church  
Feeny Chryster Dodge  
Hope United Methodist Church  
Lord of New Life Church  
Members First Credit Union  
Mills Seniors  
Panera  
Turkey Trot  
Blair Baker Outreach  
Christ Our Life Church

MCFAN is committed to financial transparency in everything we do. It's important that you know how your gifts to MCFAN are used and that you are investing in an organization that wisely maximizes your contributions for the greatest benefit of our community. Our most current Annual Report and IRS 990 Form are available on our website at [www.midlandcountyfan.com](http://www.midlandcountyfan.com).

If you ever have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 989-486-9393 or email us at [manager@midlandcountyefpn.org](mailto:manager@midlandcountyefpn.org)

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**SAMS Pantry**  
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Holy Family Episcopal  
St. Brigid  
St. John's Episcopal  
Trinity Lutheran

**Wheeler Road Church of Christ**  
Sponsored by Wheeler Road Church of Christ  
Edison Fitness/Business  
Wheeler Road Church of Christ

**Sanford Pantry**  
Sponsored by Sanford United Methodist Church  
One Church  
Meridian Church of God  
Meridian Early College HS  
Meridian Middle School  
Natural Nails  
Old Oak Trails Estates  
Open Door  
Our Lady Of Grace Catholic  
Sanford Community of Christ  
Sanford Food Center  
Sanford UMC  
Wheeler Road venison  
St Paul Lutheran - Sanford

**West Midland Family Center**  
Academy  
Calvary Baptist  
Dollar General  
Gladwin/Clare Fair  
Gordonville United Methodist  
Homer United Methodist  
Kiwanis  
Northeast/Jefferson Football game  
Northwood - GO Mad

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Woodcrest Elementary  
Youth Hockey Teams  
Zoe Club

We cannot do the work we do without the vital support of our volunteers and the community.

### Here's how you can help

- **Donate:** Contributions can be made via our website, by mailing a check, or by dropping off nonperishable food items at 503 S. Saginaw Rd.
- **Volunteer:** For info on volunteer opportunities, call 989-486-9393 ext 2.
- **Spread the Word:** Share our mission with others to help expand our reach.

We are grateful for your support and involvement. It is because of you that we can continue our vital work, feeding the community and providing resources to meet the needs of those we serve. As we embark on the next 40 years, we do so with confidence and hope, knowing that together, we can make a lasting difference.

Thank you for standing with us.  
With gratitude,

Terrah Johnson  
Managing Director  
Midland County Food Assistance Network



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In appreciation, we thank you for donating in honor or in memory of your loved one. Your generous tribute not only honors their legacy, but also helps us continue our mission of serving the community.

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