



Eaton County Dems & Friends

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Eaton County Charities

We began with the thought of providing information about a couple of Eaton County charities that our members may wish to support. What we found was a comprehensive list of services to low income individuals and families that involve county agencies and nonprofit organizations and include services such as health care, income assistance, housing assistance and counseling. Many of these organizations are supported by the Capital Area United Way and the Eaton County United Way.

While all of these agencies and organizations are worthy of support, we have picked a few which provide emergency services and which welcome both cash donations and non-cash support such as household items, clothing and furniture. As many organizations are supported by coalitions such as the United Way, one may contribute either to the individual agency or to the coalitions supporting them.

For our purposes, we are highlighting the following which have been recommended by our members:

Countywide, headquartered in Charlotte:

Eaton Clothing and Furniture Center

116 W. Lovett Street
Charlotte 48813
517-543-4334

Provides low cost good, clean clothing and furniture to those in need in Eaton County throughout the year. Major back-to-school clothing and supplies project for income-eligible children. Monthly free items to individuals enrolled in WIC and similar programs.

SIREN/Eaton Shelter

245 S. Cochran
Charlotte, 48813
517-543-4915

Serves victims of domestic abuse and provides homeless shelters for individuals and families in Eaton County. Provides free food, clothing, and furniture assistance, as well as counseling.

Housing Services for Eaton County

319 S. Cochran
Charlotte 48813
517-541-1180

Nonprofit organization serving low to moderate Eaton County residents with housing issues including homelessness and its prevention, rental subsidy, pre-ownership education, financial literacy and down payment assistance.

Eaton Community Hospice

2675 S. Cochran

Charlotte 48813
(517)543-5310

Volunteer organization which provides, at no cost, physical, emotional and spiritual care for the terminally ill, their families and/or significant others. Operates a gift shop which accepts good quality used clothing and goods.

Peace Counseling Center

Peace Lutheran Church
830 N. Cochran
Charlotte 48813
517-543-1150

Offers professional mental health counseling and seeks to provide significant financial subsidies to people who do not have health insurance to cover counseling (MIChild, Medicaid, etc.). Supported by the Barry Eaton county Chapter Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and several local churches. Needs support for scholarship fund.

Eaton Rapids:

Heart and Hands

First Baptist Church
9220 Kinneville Road
Eaton Rapids 48027
517-663-7104

A nonprofit agency organized by local churches to meet emergency needs of people in the Eaton Rapids and Springport School Districts.

Grand Ledge:

Grand Ledge Emergency Assistance Program

P.O. Box 402
Grand Ledge 48837
517-627-4348 (7th Day Adventist Church)
517-627-3256 (Methodist Church)
517-627-8493 (Roman Catholic Church)
517-627-6310 (Lutheran Church)

Provides resources to meet emergency needs of residents within the Grand Ledge School District and/or transient persons. Oversees Community Christmas Basket program.

Umbrella organizations:

United Way

Several agencies in Eaton County, both governmental and nongovernmental, fall under the umbrella of the Capital Area United Way, 1111 Michigan Avenue, Suite 300, East Lansing 48823 or the Eaton County United Way, 350 Lansing Road, Suite B, Charlotte 48813. In addition to organizations listed above, check with the United Way to find other worthwhile organizations.

St. Vincent Catholic Charities

2800 W. Willow
Lansing, MI 48917

Holiday giving programs, contact Rhonda Abood, 517-323-4734.