

FRIENDS IN DEED

Resource Manual 2019

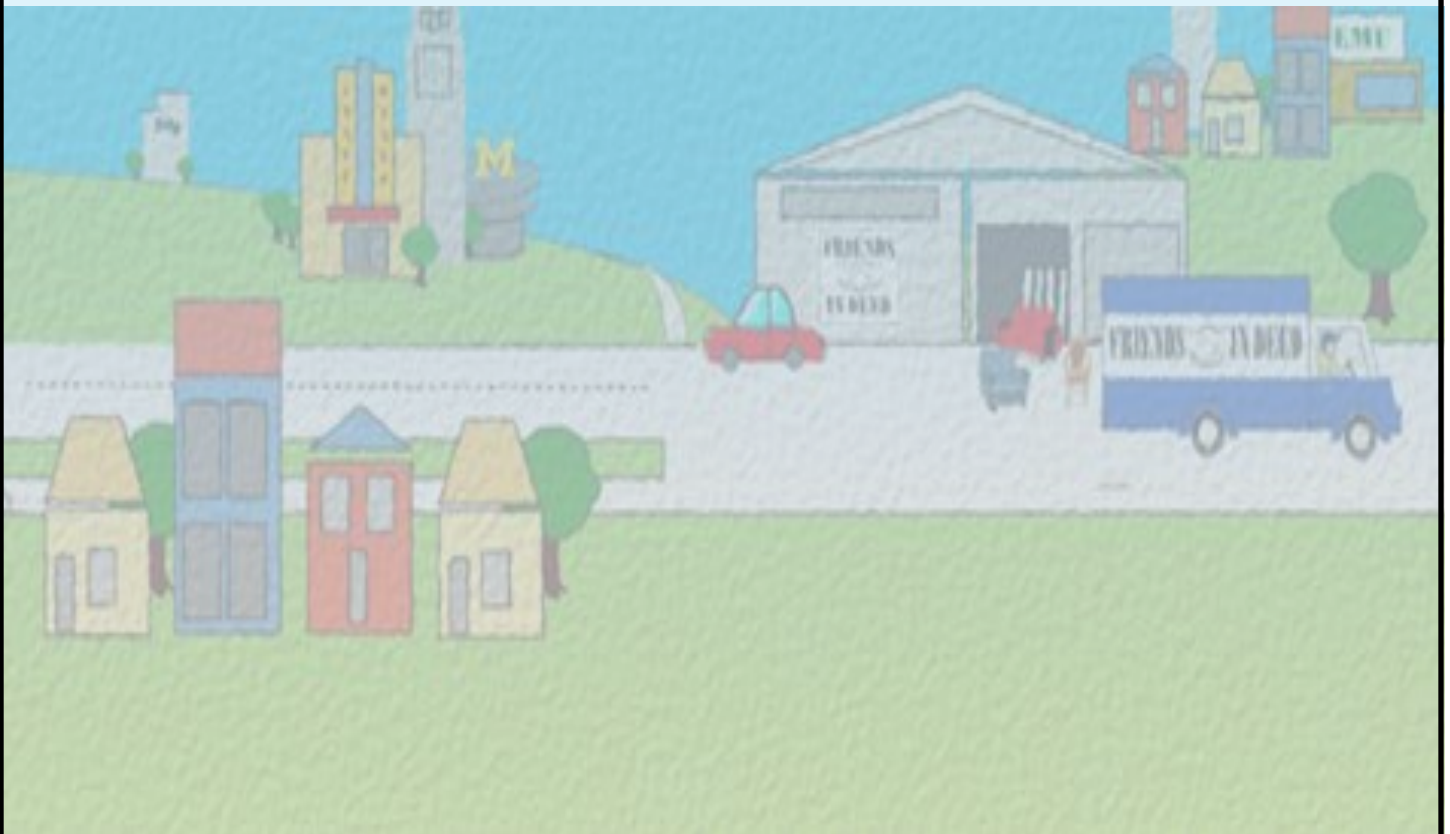


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Who are we?



Friends In Deed (FID) was created by several area congregations in 1983 to more efficiently assist Washtenaw County residents with their emergency needs. Over the years, we have developed support from and partnerships with many more congregations, local organizations, businesses and individuals. The kind of assistance we provide has also evolved over the years as we battle on a day-to-day basis to help our low-income neighbors maintain a healthy home for their families. Services that we provide include Furniture, Information and Referrals, Transportation, Utility Shut-Off Prevention, and our newest program, *Circles*.

With Your Help...

We provide Basic-Needs Furniture.

Even those folks who have a roof over their head may not have the basic furniture necessary to make an apartment or house a home. For this reason, Friends In Deed accepts donations of used furniture (beds, sofas, dinettes) and passes them on for *free* to low-income families in our community. We also work to get people up off the floor and into a healthy sleep environment through our annual Bed & Crib Drive. Through the drive, we collect donations for the purchase of *new* beds & cribs.



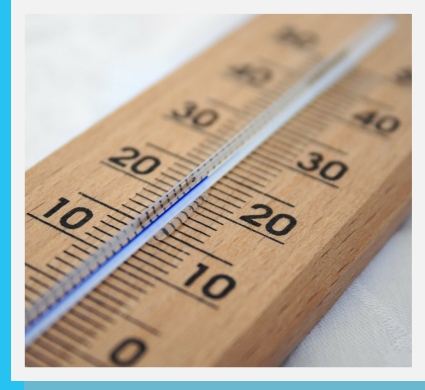
We Help Families Lift Themselves Out of Poverty.

While Friends In Deed's programs to date have focused on helping low-income families survive poverty, our new program, *Circles*, focuses on lifting families out of it permanently. The program operates as the Washtenaw County chapter of Circles USA — a model that has over 70 chapters across the nation. The program's unique strategy utilizes education, goal setting, training and relationships to help low-income families develop the resources and social capital they need to rise out of poverty and achieve economic independence.



We Stabilize Families in Crisis.

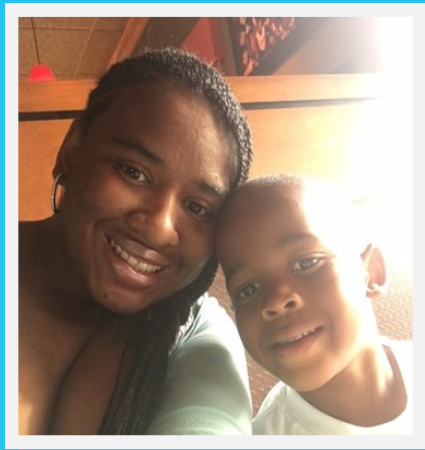
Friends In Deed also helps families when a short-term emergency threatens to become a long-term financial disaster. For instance, we help homeless families with the cost of storage, seniors with the cost of medical needs, and individuals with the cost of job-related needs like steel-toed boots, license fees, etc.



We also help families prevent utility shutoff. Not only are families able to keep their water running, lights on and rooms warmed (or cooled depending on the season), they are often able to qualify for a payment plan that allows them to retain a bigger part of their budget for other necessities: food, medical care, clothing, rent, etc.

We Assist with Transportation Needs.

Oftentimes, low-income families have to forego groceries, a DTE payment or rent to keep their car on the road for transportation to and from work or medical treatment. In an effort to prevent job loss, stress and/or financial disaster, Friends In Deed assists families with the cost of car repair and other transportation-related costs.



We also accept used car donations so that we can pass them on for *free* to families in need. If the donated car needs any repairs, we foot the cost so that the car provides reliable transportation for at least six months.

Washtenaw Country Food Banks

Ann Arbor Food Banks

Ann Arbor community Center 25 North Main

- www.annarbor-communitycenter.org
- Tues-Fri, by apt. (10—11:30 am)
- ID required at appointment

CSS-Northside Community Center

- Tuesday: 3 pm - 7 pm
- Thursday 9 am - 3 pm
- Saturday 10 am—12:30 pm
- Washtenaw County residents, ID required first time,
- Limit once/month

St. Clare's Episcopal Church, Temple Beth Emeth, and Muslim Soc. Svcs

2309 Packard

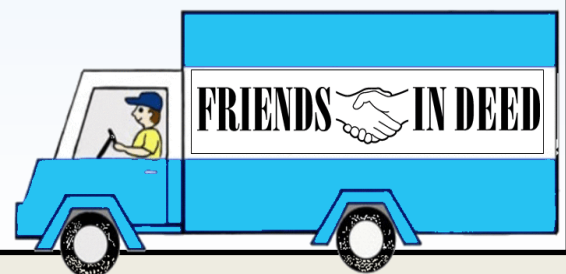
662-2449

- Thursday 4 pm - 7 pm
- No documentation needed.
- Perishable and non-perishable foods available

HAWC (Housing Access for Washtenaw County)

961-1999

All requests for assistance with any housing issue are to call the HAWC number. HAWC workers will provide: referrals to shelters and other specialized housing services; assistance with eviction prevention and security deposits; housing locator service; all housing-related needs.



Shelters

For a referral to a shelter, call the HAWC intake number: 961-1999. Shelters listed here have programs for special populations. Services available for shelter residents and non-residents.

Delonis Center 312 W. Huron St, Ann Arbor 662-2829

Services for homeless adults (18 yrs. and over).

Support services

- Housing Coordinator : Mon - Fri, Call for apt. (662-2829)
- Attorney: Thurs: 6:30 pm - 8:15 pm

Services for non-residents

- Mon - Fri: Laundry 1 pm - 3 pm
- 7 days a week: Showers 5 pm - 7:30 pm
- Assessment Required; Must be homeless

Michigan Works

Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri: 8 am - 5 pm

Tues: 8 am - 7 pm

(Job Club hours 10:30 am)

Ozone House**24-hr Crisis Line 662-2222**

Free emergency services and programs for homeless and at-risk youth at both locations

1705 Washtenaw, Ann Arbor**662-2265**

- Individual and family counseling (ages 10 - 20)
- Transitional housing case management (ages 17 - 20)

102 N. Hamilton, Ypsilanti**485-2222**

- Drop-in with hot meals, showers, computer & phone time

(LGBTQ ages 13-20)

Mon - Fri 4 pm - 6 pm

- Pride Zone — Drop In

(LGBTQ ages 13-20)

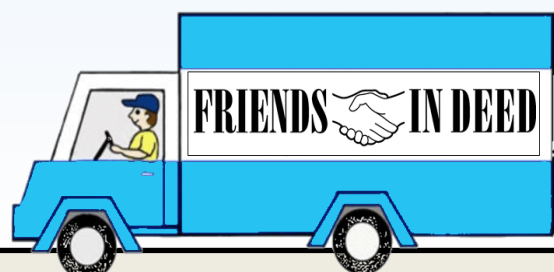
Wed 6 pm - 8 pm

- Open late Thursdays for various programs

Thurs 4 pm - 8 pm

Safe House**4100 Clark Rd, Ann Arbor****995-5444**

- Shelter and services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault



BABY ITEMS/DIAPERS

Call ahead to all of these agencies to check availability of items needed.

Aid in Milan 89 W. Main St, Milan 734-430-8420

- M, T, Thurs, F 9 am - 3 pm
- Milan School District only

Faith in Action 603 S. Main St, Chelsea 734-475-3305

- Mon - Fri, 9 am - 4 pm;
- Wed 9 am - 7 pm
- Only Chelsea & Dexter Schools for food
- Clothing available for anyone with driver's license or current ID w/ address

Hope Center 518 Harriet St, Ypsilanti 734-484-2989

- Photo ID required. Household/personal items: limit 3
- Thursday 2 pm - 4 pm month. Baby items
- Diapers, baby Food, formula, every 2 weeks

Northfield Human Services

10 Jennings Rd, Whitmore Lake 734-449-0110

- Mon. - Tues., 11 am - 1 pm and 2 pm - 5 pm
- W.L. Schools/ Northfield Twp

Saline Area Social Services**224 W Michigan Ave, Saline**

- Mon 10 am - 5 pm
- Tues; Wed & Thurs, 10 am - 2:30 pm

734-429-4570**The Salvation Army****100 Arbana Drive, Ann Arbor****668-8353**

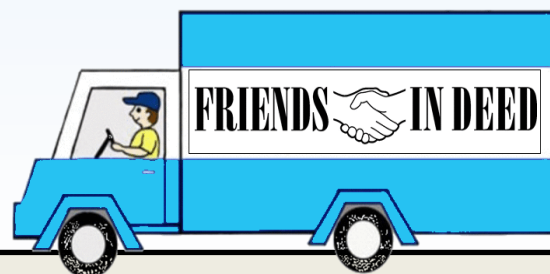
Call for appointment (9 am – 4 pm)

SOS Crisis Center 114**North River Street, Ypsilanti****734-484-9945****BUDGET COUNSELING****Washtenaw County MSU Extension, Hope Center,****518 Harriet Street, Ypsilanti****222-3943****Budget counseling—FREE to all Thurs 9 - 10 am drop-in**

Terry Jones, Extension Educator

Parenting Education Class Thurs 10:30 - 11:30 am

Other classes, call for list and schedule



Free Hot Meals in Washtenaw County

Free Hot Meals in Chelsea

Chelsea First United Methodist

- Second Saturday, 8 - 11 am Breakfast
- Free paper goods & hygiene products available)
- Breakfast may not be offered in July & Aug

Free Hot Meals in Ypsilanti

Brown Chapel AME Church 1043 W. Michigan Ave
482-7050

- Friday 11 am - 12:30 pm

Emmanuel Lutheran Church 201 N. River St.
482-7121

- Tuesday 5 pm - 5:45 pm

First Presbyterian Church**300 N.Washington St.**

- Wednesday 5 pm - 5:30 pm

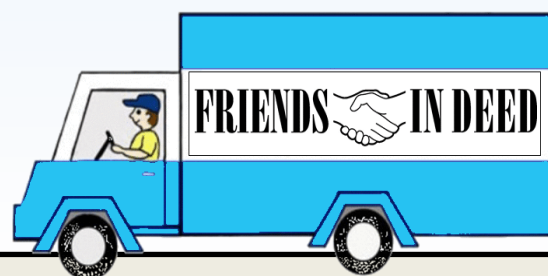
Hope Center**518 Harriet St.
484-2989**

- Sat & Sun 4 pm - 5 pm

Messiah Temple Church**200 Harriet St.
483-8092**

- Tuesday 11 am - 12:30 pm
- Free clothing available at lunch (November—May)

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Free Hot Meals in Ann Arbor

Breakfast: St. Andrews Episcopal Church

306 N. Division St. 663-6439

- 365 days 7:30 am - 8:30 am

Lunch: Delonis Center

312 W. Huron St. 662-2829

- Mon - Fri 12 pm - 1 pm
- Sat & Sun 3:00 pm
- Coffee at 2:30 pm

Dinner: Delonis Center

312 W. Huron St. 662-2829

- Mon - Fri 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
- Coffee 5—5:30 pm

Meals for the Homebound: Nutritious noontime meals are served for a suggested donation to homebound adults. Throughout Washtenaw County. Contact the agency in you area.

Ypsilanti Area Meals on Wheels 487-9669

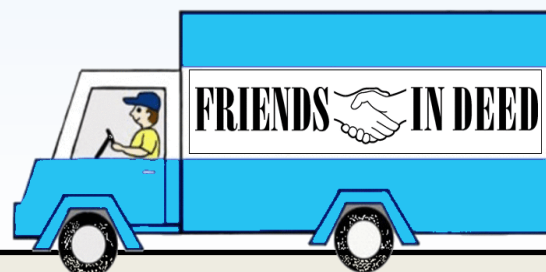
- Call M-F 9 am– 2 pm

Ann Arbor Area Meals on Wheels**998-6686**

- Call M-F 8:30 -4; Sat 8:30—1pm

Out-County areas**544-2977****(Senior Nutrition Office)****Hot Meals for Homeless Teens (ages 13 to 20)****Ozone House****102 N. Hamilton, Ypsilanti****485-2222**

- Mon - Fri 4 pm - 6 pm
- Wednesday: 11:30 am - 12:30 pm



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Ann Arbor Food Banks

Ann Arbor community Center 25 North Main 662-3128

- www.annarbor-communitycenter.org
- Tues-Fri, by apt. (10-11:30am)
- ID required at appointment

Bryant Comm. Center 3 W. Eden Ct. 477-0292

- Food pantry Mon - Fri 10 am - 6 pm
(10 am - 5 pm in the summer)
- Food distribution Wed, 1st & 3rd Thurs 9 am to 1 p.m.

Washtenaw County residents; 2 visits/month; Photo ID required

- WIC medical apt. 2nd & 4th Thurs.

Contact WIC Clinic for appointment

Call 734 544-6800

CSS-Northside Community Center 815 Taylor 662-4462

- Tuesday 2 pm - 5:30 pm
- Thursday 10 am - 2:30
- Fourth Saturday 10 am - 12:30 pm
- Washtenaw County Residents
- ID required first time
- Limit once/month

Journey of Faith Christian Church

1900 Manchester Road

971-4245

Monday—Friday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

- Canned Goods and non-perishables only; supplies vary depending on donations.

The Salvation Army

100 Arbana

668-8353

- Food Bank Tues & Thurs 10 am - 11:30
1 pm - -3:00 pm
- Canned Goods (Pantry) Tues & Thurs 1 pm - 3:00 pm
Washtenaw County residents: ID & proof of income
required; Ann Arbor residents ONLY; Once a month

Second Baptist Church

850 Red Oak

663-9369

- Friday 11:30 pm - 1 pm
- (11:30 to 12:30 during summer)
- ID required; once/month, Clothing may be available

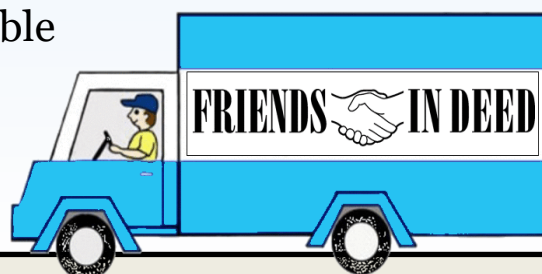
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- Thursday 4 pm - 7 pm
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- Perishable and non-perishable
foods available



Ypsilanti Food Banks

Beautiful Gate Int'l Church 1225 S Congress 484-9700

- Thurs 5pm - 7pm
- Free Groceries

Bethesda Bible Church 1800 S Huron St 483-7279 x1

- 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 10:30 to noon by apt
- Fresh produce, breads, pastries once/month

Brown Chapel 1043 W. Michigan 482-7050

- Friday 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
- No documentation needed
- Clothes Closet; Bagged food as long as it lasts

Calvary Bible Church 8318 Carpenter Rd 434-4044

- 2nd & 4th Saturday 10:00 am - noon
- Open Distribution

Community Church of God 565 Jefferson 483-1955

- 1st & 3rd Friday 12 pm – 2 pm
- Bring Photo ID

Emmanuel Lutheran Church 201 N. River 482-7121

- Wed & Thurs. 3 pm - 3:45 pm
- ID required; once every 3 months

Evangelical Friends Church

7890 Tuttle Hill Rd.

483-6380

- 3rd Thursday 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm
- Lincoln School District
- ONLY; photo ID and
- Proof of Income required

Grace Fellowship - House of Solutions

1301 South Harris Road

480-0077

- Leave message
- 1st & 2nd Saturdays 12:30 pm - 2 pm
- ID required for each person; once a month

Hope Center

518 Harriet

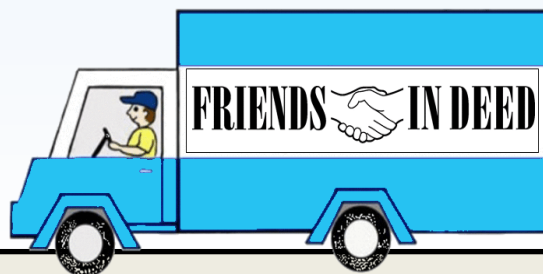
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Food Pantry: Wednesday (by apt.) 1 pm - 4 pm
 Friday (by apt.) 9 am - 12 pm
 Saturday (by apt.) 10 am -12 am

Call 2 days ahead at 9:30 on Mon, Wed or Thurs to register; Photo ID required. Limit once/month

Produce: Monday (call ahead) 2 pm - 3 pm
 Thursday (call ahead) 5:30 p m - 7 pm

For Monday call F or M, for
 Thursday call T, W or Thurs;
 Need Photo ID; once/week



Messiah Temple 200 Harriet 483-8092

- Food Pantry Tuesday 11 am - 12:30 pm

Second Baptist Church**301 S. Hamilton 483-4342**

- Monday 11:30 am - 12:30 pm
- Valid state ID required;

SOS Community Service Center**114 N. River 484-9945**

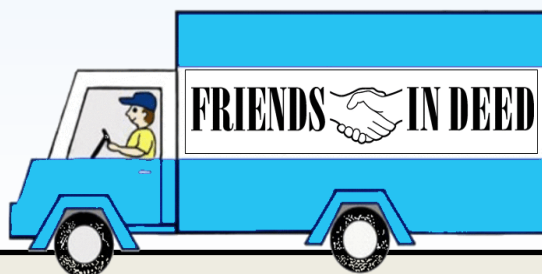
- Tuesday 1 pm - 6:30 pm
- Wednesday 9 am - 1 pm
- Call for apt. on Tues. and Fri. 9 am—4 pm
- ID required for all household members;
- Limit 12 times per year (plus 1 holiday)
- Can come w/o apt for fresh produce, canned goods, and dairy
- 12 apts a year with access to produce, canned goods, dairy, meat and personal care items.

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church**411 Florence****483-3360**

- Thursday 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
- ID Required + proof of Washtenaw residency
- once per month

Victorious Life Church of God**860 E. Clark Rd.****482-4293**

- 2nd & 3rd Tuesday 6 pm - 7:30 pm
- Picture ID required



Other County Food Banks

Active Faith

401 S. Washington, South Lyon 248-437-9790

- Food Pantry 2nd & 4th Monday 1 pm - 7 pm
- Clothing Closet 2nd & 4th Monday 1 pm - 7 pm
- South Lyon School District ONLY.
- Must meet with counselor;
- photo ID, proof of income & residency required.

NOTE: emergency bags of food available; no ID and no apt. needed

Aid in Milan

89 W. Main St. Milan 734-439-8420

- *Emergency Food* Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9 am - 3 pm
- No residency requirement for emergency
- *Monthly Food Distribution* Monday & Friday 9 am - 2:30 pm
- Once/month
- Milan Schools only.
- 2nd Tues each month 5 pm - 7 pm
- Need proof of residency, income, and photo ID

Faith in Action - Chelsea 603 S. Main 734-475-3305

- Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9 am - 4 pm
- Wednesday 9 am—7 pm
- Chelsea and Dexter Schools ONLY
- Food and financial assistance
- Photo ID, proof of income & residency required
- Limit every other week for food
- Clothing available to all (12 times/year)- ID only required

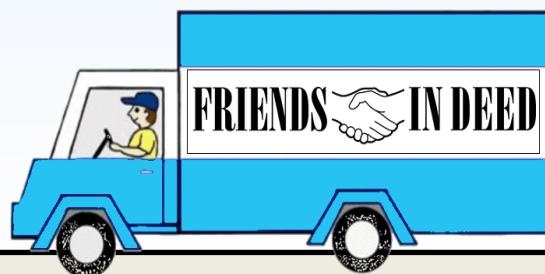
Faith in Action - Dexter 7931 Grand St. 734-426-7002

- Wednesday 12 pm - 7 pm
- Dexter & Chelsea School Districts ONLY
- Photo ID, proof of income & residency required

Manchester Community Rsc. Ctr.

410 City Rd. 734-428-7722

- Mon-Fri 9 am - 4 pm
- Manchester School District ONLY;
- Photo ID, proof of income and residency required.
- Limit 2 times/month; call ahead



Manchester Family Services

St. Mary's Parish Hall

110 East Madison

734-428-7183

- 3rd Wednesday 1 pm - 3 pm (Register one week ahead)
- Serving Manchester School District, Manchester, Freedom, Bridgewater & Sharon Townships

Northfield Human Services

10 Jennings Road, Whitmore Lake

734-449-0110

- Mon & Tues 11 am - 1 pm
2 pm - 5 pm
- Whitmore Lake School District and Northfield Twp. ONLY - photo ID
- Perishable & non-perishable foods, including fresh produce
- Emergency box first visit
- Proof of income & residency required
- Must have proof of children's residency

Saline Area Social Services

131 E. Michigan Ave.

734-429-4570

- Monday 10 am - 5:30 pm
- Tues, Wed, Thurs 10 am - 3 pm
- Saline School District ONLY; Perishable & non-perishable foods.
- Photo ID, proof of income & residency required on 1st visit.
- Income requirements apply

St. Patrick's Catholic Church

5671 Whitmore Lake Road, Ann Arbor Charter Twp.

734-662-8141

- Monday-Friday 9 am - 5 pm
- Non-perishable items; once/month
- Call 1 day in advance

St Paul's Lutheran Church

7701 E Michigan Ave M 36, Pinckney

810 231-1033

- Wednesday 2 pm - 6 pm
- Call Ellen Johnson (734 449-8213) for appointment

SHOWERS AND LAUNDRY PROGRAM: Journey of Faith Christian Church, 1900 Manchester Road, Ann Arbor

Free laundry & shower program—BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Call 734 971-4245 or email jofdisciples@gmail.com

DAYTIME WARMING CENTER: First 2 weeks in December, and Last 2 weeks in March; 9:00 am to 4:00 pm



FREE OR LOW COST CLOTHING **& HOUSEHOLD ITEMS**

Ann Arbor PTO Thrift Shop

2280 S. Industrial, Ann Arbor

734-996-9155

- Mon-Fri 9 am - 7 pm,
- Sat 9 am - 6 pm
- Sun 11 am - 5 pm

- Used clothing and household items for sale
- Donations M-F 10 am-6 pm, Sat 10 am-5 pm, Sun 12-4
- Free furniture pick ups in Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti

Brown Chapel AME Church

1043 W. Michigan Ave. Ypsilanti

734-482-7050 (call ahead)

- Friday 11:30 am - 12:30 pm
- Free used clothing to those in need as
- available
- No referral or appointments needed



Dress for Success 5361 McAuley Drive, Suite 1125, Ypsilanti
734 -712-0517

- Mon 11 - 2:30
- Tues 10:30 am - 2:30 pm,
- Thurs 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
- Friday 12:30 pm - 6 pm
- Call for appointment
- Free interview-appropriate clothing for women transitioning into the work place
- Seminars & Workshops (call for dates & times)

Emmanuel Lutheran Church 201 N. River, Ypsilanti
734-482-7121

- Wednesday 9:00 am - 10:30 am
- Free used clothing to those in need
- Free bedding & household goods
- No referral needed

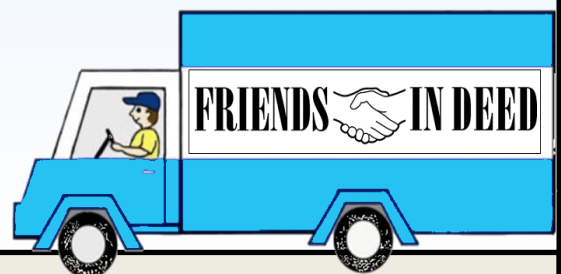


Faith in Action Dexter & Chelsea 603 S Main St, Chelsea
734-475-3305

- Mon– Fri, 9 am-4 pm;
- 7275 Joy Rd Dexter 734-426-7002
- Wednesday 12 pm - 7 pm
- Free used clothing, household items, toys & books
- No referral or appointment needed
- Open to all, limit 12 visits per year

Habitat ReStore 170 April Dr. Ann Arbor 734-822-1530
734 276-0599 (text)

- Monday - Saturday, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
- Sunday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
- Used furniture, appliances, building materials, tools, lighting, new and used floor covering, home decorations, and painting supplies for sale. (Note: Electronics donations now accepted.; (no TVs over 21”)
- Donation drop-offs: Mon– Sat, 10 am - 5:30 pm
Sun 10 am - 1:30 pm
- Donation pick up larger items, call 734-323-7028



House By The Side of the Road 2051 S State St , Ann Arbor
734-769-4085

- Monday-Friday, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
- First Saturday of Month thru Sept, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
- Oct 14th and Nov 11th, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
- Used clothing & household items free to those in need
- No referrals needed

Journey of Faith Christian Church
1900 Manchester Road
734 971-4245

Children to adult clothing, some blankets
 10:00 am to 4:00 p.m.

Kiwanis Thrift Sale: Downtown & Kiwanis West

200 S First St. @ Washington Ann Arbor
100 N Staebler Rd @ Jackson

- Open most Saturdays 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
- Used clothing, toys, household items & furniture for sale
- Donations accepted M, Th & Sa, 9:00 am - 11:30 am downtown free pick up available - call for appointment
- Donations accepted: Fri & Sat, 10:00 am - 12:30 pm Kiwanis West

**Reuse Center, Recycle
Ann Arbor**

**2420 S. Industrial Ann Arbor
734-222-7880**

- Mon 10 am - 7 pm,
- Tues-Sat 10 am - 5 pm
- Sun 11 am - 3 pm
- Used furniture and household goods for sale
- Building materials for sale
- Donations accepted Mon, Tue, Thurs, Fri, Sat 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
& Sundays 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. (no donations on Wednesdays)

Salvation Army Thrift Shop 1621 S. State St. Ann Arbor

734-332-3474

- Monday-Saturday 9:00 am -
10:00 pm
- Used clothing, household items, furniture for sale
- Closed on Sundays

Second Baptist Church

850 Red Oak Ann Arbor

734-663-9369

- Friday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
- Free used clothing & furniture to those in need as available,
free groceries



The Share House**5161 Jackson Rd, Ann Arbor**

- Mon-Fri 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

734-222-0876

- Saturday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

- Thrift shop with household items, clothing, toys & furniture for those in need,

- Donation pick up by appointment only

The Thrift Shop of Ann Arbor 3530 Washtenaw 734-662-6771

- Monday-Saturday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

- Used clothing and household items for sale

The Thrift Shop of Ypsilanti**14 S. Washington, Ypsilanti****734-483-1226**

- Mon-Wed-Fri 10:00 am - 3:45 pm

- Tuesday noon—6:00 pm

- Used clothing and small household items for sale

St. Vincent de Paul Store 1001 Broadway, Ann Arbor**734-761-1400****STORE CLOSED DUE TO FIRE****svdpaa@att.net**

- Monday- Friday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

- Saturday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

- Clothing for adults and small household items for sale, Items free to those in need with an agency referral

Free or Low Cost Medical Items

Aid in Milan

89089 West Main St, Milan

734 439-8420

- Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, 9 am - 3 pm
- (Residents of Milan School District Area)
- Email: info@aidinmilan.org

Bethlehem United Church of Christ

423 S. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor

734-665-6149

- Monday-Friday, 9 am - 3 pm
- Used canes, walkers, bath chairs, wheelchairs, etc. when available.
- No hospital beds.

Note: Call ahead recommended.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

201 N. River Blvd., Ypsilanti

734-482-7121

- Wednesday 9 am - 10:30 am (Call ahead)
- Used canes, walkers, bath chairs, wheelchairs on loan when available
- No hospital beds.



Faith in Action Dexter & Chelsea

603 S. Main St., Chelsea

(734)-475-3305

- Monday—Friday 9 am - 4 pm
- Wednesday 12 pm - 7 pm in Dexter
- 734-426-7002
- Durable medical supplies for anyone in need: bed-side
- commodes, crutches, walkers, canes, wheelchairs, bath chairs, toilet seats when available.
- No hospital beds.

First United Methodist Church

209 Washtenaw Avenue, Ypsilanti

Stephen Gendler;

734-482-8374 (call ahead)

- Canes, walkers, bath chairs, wheel chairs
- available free - by pick-up only
- No hospital beds

Michigan CPAP Bank University of Michigan

C712 Med Inn Building, 1500 E Medical Center Dr, AA

734 232-3964

- Prescription and Copy of Sleep Study required
- Machines: CPAP, BiPAP, Auto CPAP, Auto BiPAP, ASV, AVAPS and other –PAP□ machines, CPAP supplies

Northfield Township Community Center Loan Closet

9101 Main Street, Whitmore Lake

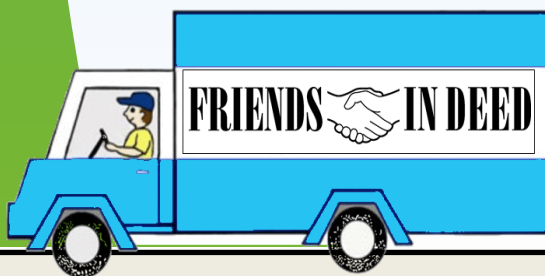
734 449-2295

- Loan closet has a supply of handicap items for anyone to use on a short term basis. Check the item out, and when finished with it, return in good condition for someone else to use.
- Closet Items: walkers, crutches, canes, wheelchairs, transport chairs, handicap toilet seats and shower chairs.

Office of Community Development Accessibility Ramp Program, 415 W Michigan Ave, Ste 2200. Ypsilanti

734-544-6747

- Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 5 pm
- Free construction and installation of exterior aluminum access ramps. Income requirements. Washtenaw County residents only



Saline American Legion**320 Michigan Avenue, Saline****734 429-7310**

- Wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, commodes, shower chairs.
- Call first to check availability.
- Donations gladly accepted.

World Medical Relief 11745 Rosa Parks Blvd. Detroit 48206**313-866-5333**

- Items available for a one-time handling fee
- A variety of medical equipment offered.
- Washtenaw County residents are eligible to call,;
- Requires a prescription or letter from a physician or therapist to pick up items.

See How Your Donation Makes A Difference ...

Jessica

Jessica is a security officer with two kids, ages 3 and 11. When her rent went up unexpectedly from \$192 to \$600, her budget took a hit. Things were made worse by the timing because her rent went up *after* she got paid.



When most of her paycheck went to the rent increase, she didn't have enough money left to pay her car insurance. "It's always something," Jessica said. **"Without Friends In Deed, I would not be able to get to work. I can't drive without insurance."**

"I feel like there is always another way," Jessica said when facing the problem. Having already weathered a short-term financial setback a few years before through the help of Friends In Deed, she knew right where to go to prevent a short-term financial emergency from becoming a long-term disaster.

Curtis

A basement of raw sewage resulted in homelessness for Curtis' family. Not only was their home condemned, but black mold meant they couldn't take any of their furniture, clothing or personal belongings with them.



“We lost a lot of stuff,” Curtis said.

Not only was the experience traumatic for his fiancé April and three kids under the age of five, but his disabled mother was living with him when the sewage seeped in. Losing the family home made taking care of her much more difficult.

Once the family found a place to live, however, Friends In Deed was able to help them replace 90% of the furniture they lost; and Curtis is very grateful. Now the family has much more than just a roof over their head; they have their home back.

Curtis was quick to point out that we helped him two years ago when he was making a fresh start out of prison. **“I made my mistakes,”** he admits; **“but I’ve stayed out of trouble since then. You guys saved us twice!”**

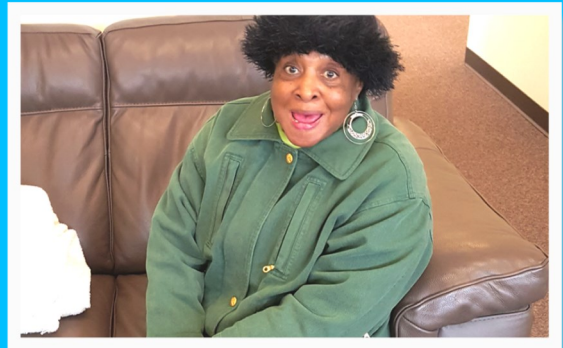
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Eddie

Eddie had a rough time of it over the last year. Diagnosed with breast cancer, she underwent a mastectomy and is still undergoing chemotherapy.

“That’s okay; I got enough use out of it!” she jokes about her breast.

Despite her buoyant spirit, the breast cancer wasn’t the last of the bad news. When she returned home from the hospital after her surgery, she found that her husband had left and took the dishes, car and bed with him. This left Eddie to sleep on a sofa and eventually an old mattress on the floor as she recovered from her surgery and weathered a divorce. Thanks to our generous supporters, Friends In Deed was able to help out. **Eddie is now recovering in a nice, new full bed wrapped up in a cuddly new blanket!**



Richard

Just as Richard was recovering from surgery and unable to work, his housemate was laid off. The situation left the two in need of some help.

Thankfully, Friends In Deed was able to help out with basic-needs furniture.

Now the men have a healthy and comfortable place to heal and regroup.



Crystal

Tragedy hit when Crystal's apartment burned down. She and her four children — ages 1, 5, 8 and 11 — lost everything, including identification. While losing her home was heartrending for Crystal and her children, she soon realized that the loss of identification was an even bigger tragedy because she couldn't get her family into a shelter without it.

Friends In Deed was able to help by providing the funds needed for Crystal to get a copy of her birth certificate. With the birth certificate, she could get copies of her children's birth certificates and get into a shelter.



“I’ve been going through a terrible time. Getting this help from Friends In Deed makes me very grateful. I greatly appreciate it! Thank you!”