

## FOOD

### Kent County Community Action

[accesskent.com/Departments/CommunityAction/](http://accesskent.com/Departments/CommunityAction/)  
(616) 632-7950

The Community Action Division focuses on meeting emergency needs such as, but not limited to, food, utility assistance, housing, transportation and socialization for residents of Kent County.

### Access of West Michigan

[accessofwestmichigan.org](http://accessofwestmichigan.org)  
(616) 774-2175

Access envisions a community rooted in equitable systems. The mission of Access is to strengthen and develop wholistic solutions to poverty by cultivating equitable systems through education and collaboration

### Family Network of Wyoming

150 Burt St SE, Wyoming || 616-534-1779

[Communitycrc.org](http://Communitycrc.org)

Every 2nd Saturday of the month they offer a Mobile Food Truck that distributes 5000 pounds of free groceries and fresh produce. Registrations begin at 11am. Food distribution begins at 1pm.

### The Pantry

154301 Kalamazoo Ave SE Suite 25, Grand Rapids || 616-726-0577

[ThePantry.gr](http://ThePantry.gr)

Provides a week's worth of groceries once a month for residents of SE Kent county living between us-131 and Patterson ave & 28th st and 76th st.

### North End Community Ministry

New City Church, 214 Spencer NE, Grand Rapids || 616-454-1097

[Necmgr.org](http://Necmgr.org)

Provides food pantry via ACCESS for the NE side of Grand Rapids. Serves clients with food, clothing, holiday baskets, household items, personal needs, and baby items.

## MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

### Michigan Department of Human Services

121 Franklin St. SE Suite 200, Grand Rapids MI 49507 || 616-248-1000

[Michigan.gov/bridges](http://Michigan.gov/bridges)

Determines financial assistance for emergency shelter, heat and utility needs.

Applicants arriving after 11:00 am may file an application, but may not be interviewed until the next business day.

**Service changes may have been affected due to COVID 19. Please call 2-1-1, or contact organizations by phone for service updates.**

## Community Resources

# HOMELESSNESS AND FOOD



*A starting point for finding resources that can help you with shelter, food, and services related to homelessness.*

## SHELTER AND HOUSING

### 2-1-1 Heart of West Michigan United Way

[hwmuw.org/211](http://hwmuw.org/211)

Live chat: [hwmuw.org/211-live-chat](http://hwmuw.org/211-live-chat)

Dial 2-1-1

United Way's 2-1-1 connects people to thousands of services in Kent County. Whoever you are, whatever your needs, 2-1-1 makes it easy to find help for yourself, a neighbor, or a loved one. Please note that 2-1-1 is an information and referral service and does not provide direct services or financial assistance.

### Community Rebuilders

1120 Monroe NW, Suite 220, Grand Rapids || 616-458-5102

[Communityrebuilders.org](http://Communityrebuilders.org)

Provides housing and supportive services on a long-term basis for homeless persons with disabilities, chronically homeless individuals, veterans, families, and HIV/AIDS patients.

### Dégagé Ministries

144 Division S, Grand Rapids || 616-454-1661 || [Degageministries.org](http://Degageministries.org)

Provides immediate needs such as food, hot showers, prescription co-pays, mailing address, storage for belongings, and overnight shelter for women. Additional services include laundromat and hair salon. Assists with navigating obstacles to housing, jobs, sobriety, and health.

### Genesis

528 Bridge St. NW, Suite 6 || 616-988-2897

[Genesisnphc.org/index.htm](http://Genesisnphc.org/index.htm)

Permanent, independent, and affordable housing for people with disabilities who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, where appropriate supportive services are provided as part of the normal operation of the housing.

### Guiding Light Mission

255 Division Ave S || 616-451-0236

[Guidinglightmission.org](http://Guidinglightmission.org)

Men Only. Must enroll in program in order to stay (back to work or substance abuse program). Emergency shelter for transients from 7pm to 7am nightly.

### Kent County Salvation Army

Visit [sasocialservices.org](http://sasocialservices.org) for locations.

Provides basic crisis assistance for individuals and families in need of food and utility assistance.

### Mel Trotter Ministries

225 Commerce Ave SW || 616-454-8249

[Meltrotter.org](http://Meltrotter.org)

Offers services and assistance with anyone experiencing homelessness. Provides emergency shelter for women. Two meals provided (breakfast and supper). Women should be in the mission by 6:15 pm.

## WOMEN, YOUTH AND FAMILY

### ICCF Family Haven

701 Prospect Ave SE, Grand Rapids MI, 49503 || 616-247-4949

[iccf.org](http://iccf.org)

Provides emergency family shelter (30 days). Intact couples with children, single fathers with children, single mothers with children, teenage boys with parents. Offers case management.

### Safe Haven Ministries

2627 Birchcrest Dr SE, Grand Rapids MI, 49506 || 616-452 6664

[Safehavenministries.org](http://Safehavenministries.org)

Provides emergency, short-term shelter for women and children fleeing domestic violence situations. Also provides case management, legal support, support groups, etc.

### Family Promise of Grand Rapids

2627 Birchcrest Dr SE, Grand Rapids MI, 49506 || 616-452 6664

[Safehavenministries.org](http://Safehavenministries.org)

Provides emergency, short-term shelter for women and children fleeing domestic violence situations. Also provides case management, legal support, support groups, etc.

### Dwelling Place: Liz's House Transitioning Housing

Confidential || 616-459-4652

Crisis and Advocacy: 616-426-3727

[Dwellingplacegr.org](http://Dwellingplacegr.org)

Newly renovated, one and two-bedroom apartments for homeless survivors of domestic violence referred from the YWCA.

### Grand Rapids HQ

320 State Street SE, Grand Rapids || 616-406-3945

[Hqgr.org](http://Hqgr.org)

Homeless and At Risk Youth Drop In Center. Offers case management, free showers, washing machines and kitchen.

### Arbor Circle

1115 Ball Ave. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49505 || 616-456-6571

[Arborcircle.org](http://Arborcircle.org)

Provides 24 hour phone and walk-in crisis intervention for runaway/homeless youth or youth in crisis. Individual and group counseling available.

### Grand Rapids Housing Commission

1420 Fuller Ave SE, Grand Rapids MI, 49507 || 616-235-2600

[GRHousing.org](http://GRHousing.org)

Provides a bridge between shelters and permanent housing for homeless women with children. Programs offered are residential shelter, counseling, parenting classes and budgeting classes. Must be referred by Salvation Army Homeless Assistance Program.

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