We Need You to Achieve Our Mission

TrueNorth brings together influencers, innovators and change-makers to inspire hope and create a better world. That is our new mission. We reached our guiding principles after our Board of Directors and leadership looked hard at who we were, are now, and want to be as an organization.

For 48 years, our driving constant for us has been commitment to those we serve.

To be a force in creating a better world, we need community members like you. Your support is our foundation as we help thousands of people at nearly every stage of their lives.

Your membership investment provides programs with impact, ranging from emergency food and housing resources to out-of-school time programs, a community camp, and self-sufficiency services. Our more than 80 programs and services reach greater Newaygo County and across Michigan.

Our vision is to lead Michigan in collective impact by creating relationships, enhancing resiliency, and strengthening communities for individuals and families. We value innovation, relationships, social justice, inclusion, integrity, knowledge, and excellence.

We need you to achieve all those things. Please consider joining us with a one-time gift or a recurring gift.

You can become a member by visiting www.truenorthservices.org/membership; or by calling Donna Hren at 231.924.0641, ext 144. To discuss long-range giving options, contact Mark Kraus at 231.355.9484 or mkraus@truenorthservices.org.

How to Contact TrueNorth

6308 S. Warner Avenue
PO Box 149
Fremont, MI 49412

phone: 231.924.0641
fax: 231.924.5594
www.truenorthservices.org

Office hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Many programs and services occur after hours, on weekends and off site.

Cómo contactar TrueNorth

Su bienestar es principal interés de TrueNorth, y por eso nos esforzamos por ofrecer programas y servicios que afectan su calidad de vida en general. Los empleados y los voluntarios de TrueNorth a ofrecer soluciones en las áreas del abrigo, hambre, autosuficiencia de la familia, y el desarrollo de la juventud.

Llama 231.924.0641 para obtener más información con respecto a un programa o un servicio.

The Shout Out Corner!

Five Wesco stores in Newaygo County — in Grant, Newaygo, and White Cloud and two in Fremont — collected $7,063 in loose change from customers from last October to December. All the proceeds went to TrueNorth Community Services’ Food Programs.

Cónectate con nosotros!

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Camp Newaygo’s Santa and S’mores provided a festive start for the holidays in Newaygo. The Christmastime activities on December 7 in Lang Lodge included portraits with Santa and Mrs. Claus, reindeer, holiday crafts, goodies and a crackling fire with s’mores for the 285 children and their families taking part. Earlier that Saturday, several families built gingerbread houses and decorated their sweet creations in the Health & Leadership Lodge. Phyllis Loudermill, NAACP Lake-Newaygo Branch president, urged everyone to “do your very best in your community” at our Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service on January 20. As part of the event at the TrueNorth Service Center in Fremont, Spectrum Health Gerber Memorial volunteers assembled nutrition-filled Weekend PowerPacks for Newaygo County students and made stress balls for Harmonized Healing Counseling Services. Our Weekend PowerPacks are helping to feed and nourish Newaygo County kids most at risk of going hungry. Receiving the nutrition-filled packs on a weekly basis through the program are 223 kindergarten through 12th-grade students from the Grant, Hesperia, Newaygo and White Cloud school districts and the Newaygo County Regional Education Service Agency. More than 100 volunteers have donated time for packing and deliveries with the effort.

Marble roller coasters, ferris wheels, art, banners, a sweet-and-savory mystery foods challenge and games were among activities for the STEAM Challenge regional academic exhibition on January 25 in Hesperia. Taking part were more than 300 first- through eighth-graders from our Out-of-School Time programs at 14 schools in Baldwin, Hart, Hesperia, Holton, Muskegon, Muskegon Heights, Walkerville and White Cloud.

TrueNorth Community Services would like to thank the following churches for their support from November 2019 to January 2020:

**Brohman**
- Amazing Grace Acres Church

**Fremont**
- All Saints Catholic Church
- Church of the Living Christ
- First Congregational Church
- First Reformed Church
- Fremont Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
- Fremont Church of the Nazarene
- Fremont United Methodist Church
- Redeemer Lutheran Church

**Hesperia**
- Christ the King Church
- Hesperia United Methodist Church

**Newaygo**
- Newaygo Congregational United Church of Christ
- Resonate Church

**White Cloud**
- Glory of the Latter House Ministries

“I can do all this through him who gives me strength.”
— Philippians 4:13

Reeman Christian Reformed Church
Second Christian Reformed Church
Registration is at 9 a.m.; bring a container holding up to 50 pounds; for more details, contact Jennifer Zimmerman at 231.924.0641, ext. 151, or jzimmerman@truenorthservices.org.

For more information, visit www.truenorthservices.org/Assistance/Food-
jzimmerman@truenorthservices.org.

For more, contact Jennifer Zimmerman at 231.924.0641, ext. 151, or jzimmerman@truenorthservices.org.

TrueNorth offers programs and services tailored to fit the needs of area senior adults.

Programs and Services
• LifeLink (personal emergency response)
• MedReady (medication dispensing unit)
• Senior Harvest Baskets
• Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon
For information, visit www.truenorthservices.org; call 231.924.0641, ext. 151; or e-mail jzimmerman@truenorthservices.org.

The LifeLink personal emergency-response system is a service for people subject to sudden, life-threatening changes in their medical condition. The program provides an easy-to-use system that allows its subscribers to summon professional, medical help in the event of an emergency. The LifeLink program also offers the MedReady medication dispensing system, which helps individuals with medication management.

For more, contact Jennifer Zimmerman at 231.924.0641, ext. 151, or jzimmerman@truenorthservices.org.

TrueNorth’s Housing Crisis and Homeless Prevention Services mean shelter and rental assistance and support for households experiencing or at risk of homelessness:
• Emergency shelter for individuals and families
• Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) application assistance
• Landlord/tenant advocacy
• Pathways to Achieving Self-Sufficiency (PASS) rent assistance and support for young adults
• Permanent housing through project-based vouchers at eight family housing units
• Rental assistance and supportive services for households experiencing homelessness
• Eviction prevention and short-term rental assistance to help low-income households obtain or maintain rental housing

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)-certified housing counselors at the Center for Nonprofit Housing (CNH) can help with pre-purchase home buying and mortgage readiness, and they provide ongoing coaching and support. CNH also works with homeowners facing a crisis, helping them stay in their homes with assistance and resources to prevent foreclosures and make the critical repairs necessary to ensure health and safety. All of CNH’s services are free.

For details, visit https://cnhousing.org; e-mail info@cnhousing.org; or call 231.924.0641, ext. 207.

TrueNorth Community Services’ food programs include:
• TrueNorth Food Pantry
• Food staples program
• Feeding America West Michigan mobile food pantry
• Double Up Food Bucks

For more information, visit www.truenorthservices.org/Assistance/Food-
Medical-Programs/ or call 231.924.0641, ext. 151.

Food distribution for anyone in need, sponsored by the Fremont Area Community Foundation
Where: 6308 S. Warner Avenue, Fremont, MI 49412
When: 10 a.m. the last Wednesday of the month on March 25, April 29, and May 27
Other info: Registration is at 9 a.m.; bring a container holding up to 50 pounds; for more details, contact Jennifer Zimmerman at 231.924.0641, ext. 151, or jzimmerman@truenorthservices.org

Services for Children
TrueNorth Community Services’ services for children include:
• Children’s car seats
• Children’s Christmas Programs & Toys for Tots
• Coats for Kids (& Adults)
• Tools for School
For more info, visit www.truenorthservices.org or call 231.924.0641, ext. 119

TrueNorth Community Services’ programs and services for families include:
• Circles Newaygo County
• Client advocacy, counseling and referral
• Family emergency needs
• Life skills and self-sufficiency
• Parenting education
For more information, visit truenorthservices.org or call 231.924.0641.

Circles Newaygo County
Circles Newaygo County is a program needing the help of many volunteers. Circles transforms entire communities by mobilizing volunteers, community leaders, and organizations to partner with families in need. Circles’ meetings are held at the Newaygo Congregational United Church of Christ, 432 Quarterline Street, Newaygo, MI 49337. To enroll, to get involved as a volunteer or for more information, call 231.924.0641, ext. 220; e-mail circles@truenorthservices.org; or visit www.truenorthservices.org/Circles-Newaygo-County/.

The Center for Nonprofit Housing’s reach expands beyond housing, also providing free one-on-one guidance for anyone wanting to improve their situation.

Programs and services
• Emergency home repairs
• Foreclosure prevention
• Home buyer education and counseling
• Senior housing

For more information, visit www.truenorthservices.org or call 231.924.0641.

emPower Heat and Energy Assistance
trueNorth Community Services’ emPower heat and energy assistance program works with you, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and your utility and/or fuel provider(s) to help pay your heat-related energy bills while you strive to become self-sufficient.

For more information, visit helpforheat.org or call 231.355.5880.

Ridge Specialties
Ridge Specialties is “catering for a cause” for businesses, parties, anniversaries, weddings, graduations and more, offering full-service catering prepared by our executive chef, Whitney Saylor, at Camp Newaygo in Newaygo and off-site.

Get options for your special event. For pricing and menus, visit us at campnewaygo.org/ridge-catering/; call 231.652.1184; or e-mail Christa at csmalligan@campnewaygo.org.
TrueNorth's youth development programs ensure that youth thrive. Through youth leadership development, family engagement, enhanced social/educational outcomes, and support of positive developmental assets, we enable youth to reach their full potential.

In other words, that means empowering youth to:
- Grow up (life-shaping character assets)
- Reach out (healthy relationships)
- Give back (socially-responsible civic involvement)

Programs and Services
- TrueMentors: Community-based, one-on-one mentoring; after-school mentoring
- TrueBlue Academy: After-school small group mentoring in Newaygo Public Schools
- Parks in Focus: A group-based, outdoors education mentoring program

TrueBlue Academy
TrueBlue Academy is a mentoring program for middle school and high school students in Newaygo Public Schools. TrueBlue helps young people discover who they are, cultivate abilities to shape their own lives and learn how to engage with and contribute to the world around them. Matches start in September, meeting after school from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays at Newaygo Middle School in Newaygo, with a guided mentoring program. Fill out a mentor application today to start the process of making a difference in a young person's life. The program is a partnership with the Newaygo Police Department and Newaygo Public Schools.

Become a TrueMentor
What: Share everyday activities as well as exciting new adventures with a child
Who: Individuals or couples who enjoy working with children
When: As your schedule allows; meeting about eight hours a month
Why: To provide a child with a role model and emotional support so their self-confidence can flourish.
How: Contact Lisa Brown at 231.924.0641, ext. 109, or lbrown@truenorthservices.com; or visit www.truenorthservices.org/Youth-Programs/TrueMentors

Bowlapalooza 2020
What: Bowling fundraiser for TrueMentors
When: Thursday, April 23, 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.; Friday, April 24, 5 p.m.-7 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.; and Saturday, April 25, 3 p.m.-5 p.m.
Where: The Commons of Fremont, 5885 S. Warner Avenue, Fremont, MI 49412
How: Contact Lisa Brown at 231.924.0641, ext. 109, or lbrown@truenorthservices.com; or visit www.truenorthservices.org/News-Forms-Events/Bowlapalooza

Camp Newaygo
Camp Newaygo is a year-round conference and retreat center—a genuine destination that is someplace special. Our 94-year-old, 104-acre camp rests on Pickeral Lake, which is snuggled in the Manistee National Forest near Newaygo.

Programs and Services
- Girls' Resident Camp
- Co-ed Day Camp
- Adventure-based programs
- Community events
- Family camp programs
- G3 — Get outside! Get environmental! Go green!
- Private parties
- School camp programs
- Speak Up! (Eighth grade philosophy)
- Team-building and challenge initiatives
- Weddings, conferences, meetings, parties and retreats
- Wetlands education
- Women's challenge and adventure programs
- Youth leadership development

For more details, visit https://campnewaygo.org/; call 231.652.1184; or e-mail campbiz@campnewaygo.org

Outdoor and Environmental Education
Schools, youth groups and adult organizations can learn in the outdoors with Camp Newaygo. Schedule a visit on weekdays or weekends, depending on availability, with costs starting as low as $13 per student/person. Camp Newaygo is a great place to learn and enjoy the outdoors with a sulphur bog, woods, and the surroundings of a chain of four lakes. Our program team works with your group to create a great outing and can tailor experiences to meet grade-level science standards and/or your group's needs. For more details, call 231.652.1184, email slakin@campnewaygo.org, or visit https://campnewaygo.org/

Family Programs
Our family programs continue our strong commitment to strengthening the bond of families. The activities and camps are designed to bring family members together and create memorable experiences. We provide activities, including water skiing, archery, canoeing, evening programs and a wetland trail for leisurely strolls. Adults can relax because all meals are home-cooked by Ridge Specialties staff. For more details, visit https://campnewaygo.org/ or call 231.652.1184.

Weddings, Conferences, Meetings, Parties, and Retreats
Utilize Camp Newaygo's scenic location and rustic charm to make a unique spot for your gathering or organization. Camp's qualified staff work to ensure a memorable experience for your group. Staff can customize programs or you may organize your own activities. Staff can teach and supervise activities in a variety of areas, including nature and environmental education, swimming and boating, arts and crafts, team-building initiatives, and an adventure challenge course. Camp's capacity is 300, and you can customize programs based on your requirements. Full food service is also available through Ridge Specialties Catering. Contact Christa Smalligan for more details at 231.652.1184 or csmalligan@campnewaygo.org; or visit https://campnewaygo.org/

Community Events
Spring into action with these fun and varied events at Camp Newaygo.

Mom & Me Dinner
What: Enjoy a build-your-own pasta dinner before the Mom & Me Stomp, which is for moms, aunts, grandmas, and their little ones
Where: Camp Newaygo, 5333 S. Centerline Road, Newaygo, MI, 49337
When: Saturday, March 15, at 5:15 p.m. and 5:45 p.m.
Other Info: Cost is $14.95 per adult and $9.95 per child; additional details and registration are available at https://campnewaygo.org/events/momandmestomp/

Mom & Me Stomp
What: An evening of dancing and fun with the special kids in your life for moms, aunts, grandmas, and their little ones
Where: Camp Newaygo, 5333 S. Centerline Road, Newaygo, MI, 49337
When: Sunday, March 15, 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Other Info: Cost is $7 per person; enjoy dancing, crafts, refreshments, a wacky photo booth, and outdoor fun (weather permitting); advance registration is required at https://campnewaygo.org/events/momandmestomp/

Spring Break Camp
What: Boys and girls in kindergarten through seventh grade can have a blast every day of spring break
Where: Camp Newaygo, 5333 S. Centerline Road, Newaygo, MI, 49337
When: April 6-April 10, 7:45 a.m.-5:15 p.m.
Other Info: $175 per camper for the week, with add-on overnight and transportation available; register at https://campnewaygo.org/spring-break-camp

Spring Volunteer Day
What: Help Camp Newaygo prepare for summer, with all ages and activity levels welcome
Where: Camp Newaygo, 5333 S. Centerline Road, Newaygo, MI, 49337
When: Saturday, April 18, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Other Info: Pastries and coffee are offered at 8 a.m. and lunch is provided by Camp; please RSVP by calling 231.652.1184 or email slakin@campnewaygo.org

The Enchanted Forest at Camp Newaygo
What: Explore Camp Newaygo's paths lined with miniature fairy houses and tiny gnome homes; make craft; grab some refreshments; and enjoy the outdoors this spring
Where: Camp Newaygo, 5333 S. Centerline Road, Newaygo, MI, 49337
When: Saturday, April 25, and Sunday, April 26, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Other Info: Cost is $7 per person or $25 for a family of four; fairy houses are available for purchase during the event; no advance registration is needed, but please pay when parking; get more details at https://campnewaygo.org/enchanted-forest

Spring Friends' Get-A-Way
What: Gather your girlfriends for a relaxing, all-inclusive weekend on the shores of Pickeral Lake
Where: Camp Newaygo, 5333 S. Centerline Road, Newaygo, MI, 49337
When: Friday, May 1, through Sunday, May 3
Other Info: Cost is $230 per person, and includes program, lodging, and meals; add-ons include massages, manicures and pedicures, facials, a zipline, and more; arrival is 4 p.m.-6 p.m. May 1 and departure is at 3 p.m. May 3; upgraded private lodging options are available; register at https://campnewaygo.org/friends-get-a-way/

Camp Open House
What: Come see what Camp Newaygo has to offer for overnight and day camps
Where: Camp Newaygo, 5333 S. Centerline Road, Newaygo, MI, 49337
When: Saturday, May 9, 12 noon-4 p.m.
Other Info: There is no cost for this event, with a chance to see the facilities, meet staff, check out some activities, and ask questions about camp; refreshments are provided; and anyone who registers for camp at the open house receives a free song book
Mother’s Day Brunch
What: Let Ridge Specialties help you celebrate Mom with a gourmet brunch buffet
Where: Camp Newaygo, 5333 S. Centerline Road, Newaygo, MI, 49337
When: Sunday May 10, with seatings at 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 1 p.m.
Other info: Cost is $25.95 for adults (ages 13 and older), $15.95 for kids (ages 4-12) and free for kids (ages 3-younger); advance reservation is required at https://campnewaygo.org/events/mothers-day-brunch/

Mom, Auntie, Grandma & Me I
What: Young children can experience camp with their moms, grandmas, aunts, or another female role model
Who: Female adults and children ages 3-6
Where: Camp Newaygo, 5333 S. Centerline Road, Newaygo, MI. 49337
When: May 30-May 31
Other info: Cost is $200 for one adult and one child, $100 per each additional adult, and $50 per each additional child; for more details and to register, visit https://campnewaygo.org/mom-me/; for children ages 5-10 are Mom & Me 2 (June 6-7) and Mom & Me 3 (June 13-14)

Girls’ Resident Camp
Our Girls’ Resident Camp features sessions ranging from four to 14 days designed for girls ages 7 to 17. Each camper designs her own program of daytime activities, and sessions are offered from June 17 through August 1 at Camp Newaygo, 5333 S. Centerline Road, Newaygo, MI. 49337. The cost is $323 for mini-week sessions, $595 for full-week sessions, and $1,090 for two-week sessions, with scholarships available. Register now! For more details and registration, visit https://campnewaygo.org/girls-resident-camp/

2020 Resident Camp Schedule
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Specialty Programs & add-ons
Horseback riding during all sessions; one-time only — $40
Science Camp (girls entering fifth grade only) during Session 2 — $50
Wilderness tripping fees vary for campers in eighth to 11th grade

Co-Ed Day Camp
Our Co-Ed Day Camp offers week-long sessions for boys and girls entering first through seventh grades. Each week features a different adventure; and sessions are weekdays from June 15 through August 14 at Camp Newaygo, 5333 S. Centerline Road, Newaygo, MI. 49337. The cost is $180 per week for non-Newaygo County residents (or $200 per week for non-Newaygo County residents). There is an optional overnight each session (Wednesday night to Thursday) for $45; and transportation to and from TrueNorth Community Services in Fremont is available at $35 per week. Register now! For more details and registration, visit https://campnewaygo.org/co-ed-day-camp/

2020’s weekly adventures: June 15-19, Musical Mayhem; June 22-26, Horseback Riding; June 29-July 3, STEAM Adventure; July 6-11, Voyage to Turtle Island; July 12-17, Splash Splash Water Wonderland; July 20-24, Wacky Olympics; July 27-31, Lake Michigan Dune Riders; August 3-8, John Ball Zoo Safari; August 10-14, Flight Expedition

*Additional costs are optional for added activities in these weeks’ adventures.

Cultural Enrichment

A.R.T.S. (Artists Teaching & Teaching Students)
• Art In workshops with guest artists
• Art Scholarship Contest/Exhibit
• Trips to ArtPrize and art museums

Music Scholarship Contest
• Music Scholarship Contest

NCPTA (Newaygo County Piano Teacher’s Association)
• Celebration Concert Series
• Friday Piano Showcases

TrueNorth Art Scholarship Contest/Exhibit
What: Newaygo County art students in seventh through 12th grades compete for ribbons and monetary scholarships in this annual adjudicated contest
When: Exhibit is open to the public on April 30 and May 1, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; May 3, 2 p.m.-4 p.m.; and May 4, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; with reception and awards ceremony at 6 p.m. May 4

Where: TrueNorth Service Center, Multi-Purpose Room, 6308 S. Warner Avenue, Fremont, MI 49412
Other info: Contact Brenda at 231.652.1184 or bbonter@campnewaygo.org

Friday Piano Showcase
What: Newaygo County piano students perform in a recital setting
When and where: Friday, May 15, 4 p.m. at TrueNorth Service Center, 6308 S. Warner Avenue, Fremont, MI 49412
Cost: Free
Other info: Contact Brenda at 231.652.1184 or bbonter@campnewaygo.org

Holton Middle School
Who: Fifth- through eighth-grade students
Where: Holton Middle School, 6477 Syers Road, Holton, MI 49425
When: Monday-Thursday afternoons
More info: Contact Site Coordinator at 231.288.0240

Out-of-School Time
TrueNorth Community Services offers Out-of-School Time programs for kindergartners through 12th graders. Engage! serves Hesperia Community Schools. REACH (Respect, Excellence, Academics, Community, Health) serves White Cloud Public Schools. Project FOCUS (For Our Children’s Ultimate Success) serves Baldwin Community Schools and Holton Public Schools. Engage! and REACH are made possible, in part, by grants from the Fremont Area Community Foundation; and the cost to attend is $20 for the school year.

Project FOCUS is made possible through the federally-funded 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program in partnership with the Michigan Department of Education; and is offered free of charge to students from qualifying low-income households. For more information, visit online at www.truenorthservices.org/Youth-Programs/Project-FOCUS.

ENGAGE! Hesperia Community Schools
Patricia St. Clair Elementary School
Who: Kindergarten through fourth-grade students
Where: Patricia St. Clair Elementary School, 96 S. Division Street, Hesperia, MI 49421
When: 3:10 p.m. -5:15 p.m. Monday-Thursday
More info: Contact Site Manager at 231.854.6615, ext. 8623

Hesperia Middle/High School
Who: Fifth- through 12th-grade students
Where: Hesperia Middle/High School cafeteria, 96 S. Division Street, Hesperia, MI 49421
When: 3:10 p.m. -5:15 p.m. Monday-Thursday
More info: Contact Site Manager at 231.854.7620

REACH
White Cloud Public Schools
White Cloud Elementary School
Who: Kindergarten through fifth-grade students
Where: White Cloud Elementary School, 585 E. Fine Hill Avenue, White Cloud, MI 49349
When: 3:30 p.m. -5:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday
More info: Contact Site Manager at 231.689.2306

White Cloud Junior/Senior High School
Who: Sixth- through 12th-grade students
Where: White Cloud Junior/Senior High School, 123, 555 E. Wilcox Avenue, White Cloud, MI 49349
When: 3:30 p.m. -5:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday
More info: Contact Site Manager at 231.689.2181, ext. 3328

PROJECT FOCUS
Baldwin Community Schools
Baldwin Elementary School
Who: First- through fourth-grade students
Where: Baldwin Elementary School, 525 W. Fourth Street, Baldwin, MI 49304
When: Monday-Thursday afternoons
More info: Contact Site Coordinator at 231.794.7508

Baldwin Junior/Senior High School
Who: Fifth- through eighth-grade students
Where: Baldwin Jr/Sr High School, 525 W. Fourth Street, Baldwin, MI 49304
When: Monday-Thursday afternoons
More info: Contact Site Coordinator at 586.690.9675

Holton Public Schools
Holton Elementary School
Who: First- through fourth-grade students
Where: Holton Elementary School, 6245 Syers Road, Holton, MI 49425
When: Monday-Thursday afternoons
More info: Contact Site Coordinator at 231.821.1962

Holton Middle School
Who: Fifth- through eighth-grade students
Where: Holton Middle School, 6477 Syers Road, Holton, MI 49425
When: Monday-Thursday afternoons
More info: Contact Site Coordinator at 231.288.0240
Circles Newaygo County

Circles Newaygo County is a program needing the help of many volunteers. Circles transforms entire communities by mobilizing volunteers, community leaders, and organizations to partner with families in need. Circles meetings are held at Newaygo Congregational United Church of Christ, 432 Quarterline Street, Newaygo, MI 49437. To enroll, or get involved as a volunteer or for more information, call 231.924.0641, ext. 220; email circles@truenorthservices.org; or visit www.truenorthservices.org/Circles-Newaygo-County.

Circles Ally

What: Are you looking to impact others? Are you eager to share your network? Would you like to join an uplifting community? Join us as we seek to improve lives; apply to become a program volunteer who shares life experiences, provides emotional support, and is a friend to those in need. This is a five-month flexible commitment

Youth Engagement Volunteer

What: If the presence of children makes you smile, come volunteer with the childcare program at Circles; volunteers are actively involved with youth at the weekly meetings from 6:30 p.m. to 8:10 p.m., hosting programming with provided curriculum. This is a flexible commitment that can fit your schedule.

TrueMentors

TrueMentors believes that providing kids with a supportive adult role model that provides a safe place, emotional support, and new experiences will empower them to grow into their best selves. To enroll or for more information about volunteer opportunities with TrueMentors, contact Lisa Brown at 231.924.0641, ext. 109; email truementors@truenorthservices.org; or visit www.truenorthservices.org/Youth-Programs/TrueMentors.

TrueMentors Advisory Board

What: Provide program oversight and connect with TrueMentors staff to offer guidance

When: First Tuesday of every month at 5 p.m.

Where: TrueNorth Service Center, 6308 S. Warner Avenue, Fremont, MI 49412

TrueBlue Academy

What: After-school small group mentoring in Newaygo Public Schools; need adults (ages 18 and older) as mentors

When: Tuesdays from 3:30 p.m.-5 p.m.

Where: Newaygo Middle School, 850 E. 76th Street, Newaygo, MI 49337

Other Opportunities

Out-of-School Time: Engage! and REACH

What: Volunteers are needed with our out-of-school time programs in Hesperia Community Schools with Engage! and in White Cloud Public Schools with REACH (Respect, Excellence, Academics, Community, Health). The after-school programming implements mentoring, civic engagement, high adventure and academic enrichment activities. Volunteers must have a friendly, outgoing personality and enjoy working with children. If you have a special skill you would like to share or would just like to help students with their homework, we need your help. Volunteers must pass a background check and experience with children is preferred.

When: Programming is 3:15 p.m.-5:15 p.m. Monday-Thursday during the school year. Field trips and other projects may occur on different days. Volunteers commit to at least one day a week.

Where: Hesperia Middle/High School and Patricia St. Clair Elementary School, 585 E. Pine Hill Avenue, White Cloud, MI 49349; White Cloud Junior/Senior High School, 555 E. Wilcox Avenue, White Cloud, MI 49349

TrueNorth Weekend PowerPacks

What: Make sure that children have enough to eat on weekends by delivering TrueNorth PowerPacks to area schools. Drivers come to the TrueNorth Service Center on Thursdays during the school year, load their vehicles with nutritious TrueNorth PowerPacks and make deliveries to area schools. Drivers are assigned drop-offs at specific schools, and deliveries typically take ½ hours. Because every child’s bright tomorrow starts with getting enough food to eat today.

When: Thursdays during the school year

Where: TrueNorth Service Center, 6308 S. Warner Avenue, Fremont, MI 49412; and schools across Newaygo County

The Volunteer Resource Center of Newaygo County enhances the quality of life in Newaygo County by promoting and supporting volunteerism. We are conveners for the community, catalysts for social action, and key local resources for volunteer involvement. We have a varied list of volunteer opportunities available, and matching your interests and skills is a service that we are pleased to provide. Local volunteer opportunities are posted online at www.newaygovo.

The Volunteer Resource Center of Newaygo County works to help local organizations with their volunteer needs. If your agency is in need of volunteers, or if you would like to join the Newaygo County Volunteer Coordinators’ Committee, please contact Lisa Daniell at 231.924.0641, ext. 110, or ldaniell@truenorthservices.org.

To volunteer for any opportunities at TrueNorth, contact Mike Voyt at 231.924.0641, ext. 119, or mvoyt@truenorthservices.org, unless noted otherwise.

TrueNorth Food Programs

Pantry Client Care

What: Client Care volunteers distribute food to low-income individuals and families in the community by stocking pantry shelves, bagging groceries and providing a welcoming environment to all pantry clients

When: A four-hour morning or afternoon shift weekly (or biweekly), 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 12:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Where: TrueNorth Food Pantry, 6308 S. Warner Avenue, Fremont, MI 49412

Mom & Me Stomp and Dinner

What: Help with concessions, great guests, paint nails, and assist with crafts

When: Sunday, March 15, 5 p.m.-8 p.m.

Spring Volunteer Day

What: Help open camp for the season by raking, cleaning, and painting

When: Saturday, April 18, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Fairy Houses and Gnome Homes

What: Create a fairy house or gnome home to be donated for our Enchanted Forest event April 25 and 26, with beginners and artists welcome

When: Submissions are due at Camp Newaygo by April 15; and pick-ups can be arranged

The Enchanted Forest

What: Assist with crafts, activities, and as trail guides

When: Saturday, April 25, and Sunday April 26, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Summer Camp

What: Help make Camp Newaygo a great experience for everyone who attends by volunteering as a trip driver, activity instructor, or daily volunteer. Have a skill not listed or just want to lend a hand? We have a role for you! Connect now so we can find the best fit for you in summer 2020.

When: June 15-August 14

Ongoing Roles

Ropes Course: Assist in running our zipline and high ropes course

Gardening: Help maintain Camp Newaygo’s beautiful landscape and rain gardens

Summer Camp: Trip drivers, activity instructors and daily volunteers; with summer-long and live-in opportunities available

Camp Newaygo

Get involved at Camp Newaygo. If you are interested in any of the opportunities listed below, have a new skill to offer, or would like to arrange a volunteer outing for your organization, contact Scott at 231.652.1184, slakin@campnewaygo.org, or visit campnewaygo.org/volunteer. Camp Newaygo is located at 5333 S. Centerline Road, Newaygo, MI 49437.

Make a Difference
A brighter Christmas occurred for 2,028 children in greater Newaygo County because of all the wonderful community support we received for our 68th annual Children’s Christmas Programs & Toys for Tots. The more than 300 volunteers who helped us during our month-long collection and week-long distribution contributed 4,040 hours of their time.

Our volunteers included groups from Gerber Life Insurance Company, ChoiceOne Bank, Newaygo Middle School’s National Junior Honor Society and Project Citizen, Fremont Christian School, Trinity Fellowship of Newaygo, Fremont Nazarene Church, Wesco, Coldwell Banker Schmidt Realtors, and community members who attended two Friendraisers gatherings.

Thanks to Gerber Life Insurance Co., a Western & Southern Financial Group company, that was the program’s corporate sponsor. We also are thankful to program partners the Fremont Area Community Foundation, The Gerber Foundation, the Keith Johnston Memorial Fund at Fremont Area Community Foundation, and the Toys for Tots Foundation; and all our generous donors.

Thank you, too, to our drop box location hosts and to everyone who donated toys and gifts in Newaygo County and across West Michigan through Toys for Tots.
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