While the Center for Nonprofit Housing’s services have varied over the past 25 years, CNH’s commitment to help clients prepare to purchase a home and to prevent foreclosures has never wavered!

“Our goal is to ensure that everyone in our community has a secure place to call home,” said Becky VanHaften, CNH’s Housing Counselor. “We’re focused on improving the quality of life of our clients”.

With two U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)-certified counselors on staff, CNH helps low-to-moderate-income families and individuals who want to become homeowners by offering individual counseling and group education.

CNH also works diligently to help low-income families stay in their homes by preventing mortgage and/or property tax foreclosures. The addition of the Emergency Home Repair Program in 2018, available to Newaygo County residents, allows CNH to help homeowners live in safe and healthy homes.

The Center for Nonprofit Housing’s commitment to affordable housing includes a partnership managing 114 apartment units in Fremont and Shelby as well.

“Our focus is on finding options for our clients and helping them get things done,” VanHaften said. “When people hit a roadblock and don’t know where to turn, we want to help them find a way.”

Discover more about CNH online at https://cnhousing.org/; by calling (231) 924-0641, extension 207; or emailing info@cnhousing.org.

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.

How to Contact TrueNorth

6308 S. Warner Avenue  phone: 231.924.0641
PO Box 149  fax: 231.924.5594
Fremont, MI 49412  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.

The Shout Out Corner!

A big thanks goes out to Family Health Care’s Child and Adolescent Health for offering dental exams and cleanings and vision screenings at our Tools for School Expo on August 13. The dental care personnel saw 30 children and did 24 vision screenings at the TrueNorth Service Center in Fremont. They were busy the whole time and rarely had empty chairs. The free service offered to Newaygo County families in need is invaluable, and helped students enter the school year on a level playing field.
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Two hundred students, White Cloud Elementary School fourth-graders and Grant Elementary school third-graders, took part in TrueNorth's September 11th Day of Service & Remembrance. They learned from four U.S. military veterans; worked on community service projects for Spectrum Health Hospice and TrueNorth; saw demonstrations by the Newaygo Fire Department and Newaygo County Sheriff’s Office; and did team-building exercises.

Camp Newaygo started construction of a new pavilion for community programs at the Newaygo County 2019 United Way Day of Caring on October 3. Coordinated by United Way of the Lakeshore – Newaygo County, there were 30 volunteers from Chemical Bank, Fremont Rotary Club, Love INC of Newaygo County, Magna Mirrors, Meijer and Newaygo County Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect. Also, a dozen Newaygo County Regional Educational Service Agency students built four picnic tables for the project.

The spooky spirit of Halloween enveloped Camp Newaygo for its three-day Halloweekend festivities from October 25 to 27. There were 380 attendees for the weekend activities, which included face and pumpkin painting, trolley rides, crafts, spooky cabin tours and a petting zoo. In addition, 55 runners and walkers enjoyed a stunning route for the second annual Trick or Trot 5K Run/Walk.
TrueNorth Community Services believes every individual in Newaygo County should have food, heat, safe and affordable housing and other basic necessities.

With Seniors in Mind

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

LifeLink

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 e-mail jzimmerman@truenorthservices.org.

Housing Crisis and Homeless Prevention Services

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

For more information, visit truenorthservices.org or call 231.924.0641

Food Programs

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.

Feeding America West Michigan Mobile Food Pantry

What: Food distribution for anyone in need, sponsored by the Fremont Area Community Foundation
Where: TrueNorth Service Center parking lot, 6308 S. Warner Avenue, Fremont, MI 49412
When: 10 a.m. the last Wednesday of the month on January 29, 2020, and February 26, 2020 (there is no mobile food pantry visit in December)
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 (all ages)
- Tools for School

For more info, visit truenorthservices.org or call 231.924.0641, ext. 119

Family Services

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 Church of the Living Christ, 605 Hemlock Street, Fremont, MI 49412. 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 truenorthservices.org/Circles-Newaygo-County.

Center for Nonprofit Housing

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

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 cnhousing.org; e-mail info@cnhousing.org; or call 231.924.0641, ext. 207.

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 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 our 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)

### TrueMentors

TrueMentors believes that providing children with supportive adult role models as well as a safe place, emotional support and new experiences will empower them to grow into their best selves.

#### 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. 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.org; or visit www.truenorthservices.org/Youth-Programs/TrueMentors

#### Krop for Kids

**What:** Weekend scrapbooking event to benefit TrueMentors and Camp Newaygo.
Registration is $125 for the entire weekend and $38 for Saturday only. Meals and overnight accommodations are provided. Professional massages, vendors and raffle prizes are available for an additional cost.

**When:** Friday, January 24, 10 a.m.; Saturday, January 25, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; or Sunday, January 26, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Where:** Camp Newaygo, 5333 S. Centerline Road, Newaygo

**How:** Register at www.truenorthservices.org/kropforkids; for more information, contact Lisa Daniell at 231.924.0641, ext. 110, or e-mail ldaniell@truenorthservices.org

#### Dam to Dam Ice Fishing Tournament

**What:** 14th annual ice fishing tournament, held during Michigan’s free fishing weekend; event proceeds benefit TrueMentors

**When:** Saturday, February 15, with fishing beginning at sunrise

**Where:** Croton and Hardy ponds, with registration and weigh-in at Croton Township Campground, 7683 S. Croton Hardy Drive, Newaygo, MI 49337

**Other Info:** Get more details on the Dam to Dam Ice Fishing Tournament’s Facebook page at www.facebook.com/Dam-to-Dam-Ice-Fishing-Tournament-148509468585124/; and a registration link will soon be available on TrueNorth Community Services’ website at www.truenorthservices.org/Dam-to-Dam

**Bowlalopazo 2020**

**What:** A team bowling fundraiser for TrueMentors

**When:** April 2020; dates and times to be announced

**Where:** The Commons of Fremont, 5883 S. Warner Avenue, Fremont, MI 49412

**Other Info:** For more details, contact Lisa Brown at 231.924.0641, ext. 109, or lbrown@truenorthservices.org; or www.truenorthservices.org/News-Forms-Events/Bowlalopazo

#### Camp Newaygo

Camp Newaygo is a year-round lodges, conference and retreat center — a genuine destination that is somewhere special. Our 93-year-old, 104-acre camp rests on Pickerel 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 philanthropy)
- 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 sponamene borg, 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 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 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 Full food service is also available through Ridge Specialties Catering. Contact Christa Smalligan at 231.652.1184 or email csmalligan@campnewaygo.org or visit campnewaygo.org.

#### Community Events

Beat the winter blues and defeat cabin fever with these fun and varied events at Camp Newaygo.

#### Private Holiday Parties

**What:** Let Camp Newaygo and Ridge Specialties host your holiday event
**Where:** Catering brought to you or provided at Camp Newaygo, 5333 S. Centerline Road, Newaygo, MI 49337

**When:** Holiday season

**Cost:** Varies, with plated and buffet menus as well as a variety of beautifully-decorated spaces at Camp Newaygo

**Other Info:** For more information and availability, call 231.652.1184

#### Brunch with Santa

**What:** Enjoy a morning with Santa and a brunch by Ridge Specialties
**Where:** Lang Lodge, Camp Newaygo, 5333 S. Centerline Road, Newaygo, MI 49337

**When:** Saturday, December 7, 8 a.m.-10 a.m.

**Cost:** $24.95 for ages 13 and older; $14.95 for ages 4-12; and free for ages 3 and younger

**Other Info:** Advance registration is required and/or for more details visit campnewaygo.org/events/santa-brunch/; or call 231.652.1184

#### Santa and S’mores

**What:** Get your picture taken with Santa Claus, meet his reindeer and enjoy holiday crafts
**Where:** Lang Lodge, Camp Newaygo, 5333 S. Centerline Road, Newaygo, MI 49337

**When:** Saturday, December 7, 7 p.m.-9 p.m.

**Cost:** $7 per person; $25 for a family of four

**Other Info:** For more details, visit campnewaygo.org/events/santaand_smores/; or call 231.652.1184

#### Gingerbread House Make and Take

**What:** Create memories and a one of a kind gingerbread house
**Where:** Health & Leadership Lodge, Camp Newaygo, 5333 S. Centerline Road, Newaygo, MI 49337

**When:** Saturday, December 7, 12 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

**Cost:** $15 per family (with two participants per house); includes admission to Santa and S’mores

**Other Info:** Advance registration is required by December 4 at campnewaygo.org/events/gingerbread/; or call 231.652.1184
Christmas & Cocktails
What: Celebrate the holidays with fantastic food, drinks, fun and your friends
Where: Lang Lodge, Camp Newaygo, 5333 S. Centerline Road, Newaygo, MI, 49337
When: Friday, December 13, 7 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
Cost: $22 per person through November 27; $28 per person November 29 through December 11
Other Info: Advance registration required at campnewaygo.org/events/cocktails/private; overnight accommodations available; or call 231.652.1184

Get Your Sparkle On: New Year’s Eve at Lang Lodge
What: Ring in the New Year with gourmet food, live music and a midnight balloon drop
Where: Lang Lodge, Camp Newaygo, 5333 South Centerline Road, Newaygo, MI, 49337
When: Tuesday, December 31—Wednesday, January 1, 2020, 6:30 p.m.-1 a.m.
Cost: $50 per person through November 30; $55 per person December 1 and after; and $275 for a table of six
Other Info: 21 years and older event; advance registration required at campnewaygo.org/events/new-years; overnight accommodations available; or call 231.652.1184

January Fitness Series
What: Get a healthy start to your New Year
Where: Health & Leadership Lodge, Camp Newaygo, 5333 S. Centerline Road, Newaygo, MI, 49337
When: January 2020, weekly drop-in classes with times and dates to be announced
Cost: Donations welcome
Other Info: Class information to be announced by mid-December at campnewaygo.org/events/january-fitness; or call 231.652.1184

LunaFest
What: A traveling film festival celebrating, showcasing and championing women in film
Where: Lang Lodge, Camp Newaygo, 5333 S. Centerline Road, Newaygo, MI, 49337
When: February 7, 2020, 7 p.m.
Cost: Free; but donations are welcome
Other Info: Get more details at www.lunafest.org/ or call 231.652.1184

Dinner before the Dance
What: Enjoy a build-your-own pasta dinner before the Daddy Daughter Dance
Where: Camp Newaygo, 5333 S. Centerline Road, Newaygo, MI, 49337
When: Sunday, February 9, 2020, with seatings at 5:15 p.m. and 5:45 p.m.
Cost: $14.95 per adult, $9.95 per child
Other Info: Additional details and registration available at campnewaygo.org/events/daddy-daughter; or call 231.652.1184

Daddy Daughter Dance
What: A special night with that special girl in your life for dads, uncles or grandpas
Where: Lang Lodge, Camp Newaygo, 5333 S. Centerline Road, Newaygo, MI, 49337
When: Sunday, February 9, 2020, 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Cost: $7 per person
Other Info: Advance registration required and more details at campnewaygo.org/events/daddy-daughter; or call 231.652.1184

Camp Programs
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.

Co-Ed Day Camp
Features week-long sessions for boys and girls entering first through seventh grades. Each week features a different theme, and sessions are offered from June 15 through August 14.

Summer Camp Registration Opens December 2
What: Registration for Girls’ Resident Camp (for girls 7-17) and Co-Ed Day Camp (boys and girls entering first through seventh grades) opens December 2 for summer 2020 sessions
Where: Go to Register Now at campnewaygo.org/
Cost: Dates and rates available online; and financial assistance is available
Other Info: Camp Newaygo is located at 5333 S. Centerline Road, Newaygo, MI 49337; for more details, call 231.652.1184

Friday Piano Showcases
What: Newaygo County piano students perform in a recital setting
Where and when: Friday, December 20 at 4 p.m. at the Church of the Living Christ, 605 Hemlock Street, Fremont, MI 49412; Friday, February 21, 2020, at 4 p.m. at TrueNorth Service Center, 6308 S. Warner Ave., Fremont, MI 49412
Cost: Free
Other Info: Contact Brenda at 231.652.1184 or bbontier@campnewaygo.org

Out-of-School Time
TrueNorth Community Services offers out-of-school time programs for kindergarteners 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, 582 E. Pine Hill Avenue, White Cloud, MI 49349
When: 3 p.m.-5 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, Room 123, 355 E. Wilcox Avenue, White Cloud, MI 49349
When: 3 p.m.-5 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 231.821.1962

Holton Public Schools
Holton Elementary School
Who: First- through fourth-grade students
Where: Holton Elementary School, 6245 Syers Road, Holton, MI 49245
When: Monday-Thursday afternoons
More info: Contact Site Coordinator at 231.288.0240

Holton Middle School
Who: Fifth- through eighth-grade students
Where: Holton Middle School, 6477 Syers Road, Holton, MI 49245
When: Monday-Thursday afternoons
More info: Contact Site Coordinator at 231.288.0240

Cultural Enrichment
The arts play a central role in the quality of life for people of all ages and backgrounds. TrueNorth Community Services’ Our Cultural Enrichment programs enhance local arts programs and provide greater Newaygo County families with affordable and accessible arts opportunities.

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

Music Scholarship Contest
• Music Scholarship Contest

NCTPA (Newaygo County Piano Teacher’s Association)
• Celebration Concert Series
• Friday Piano Showcases
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.newaygolvolunteer.org.

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

Santa Brunch
What: Assist with greeting guests and clearing tables
When: Saturday, December 7, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Gingerbread House Make and Take
What: Greet guests, help with house supplies, encourage creativity
When: Saturday, December 7, 2 p.m.-5 p.m.

Santa and S'mores
What: Greet guests, help with crafts, and monitor s'more making and more
When: Saturday, December 7, 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Daddy Daughter Dance
What: Help with concessions, great guests, paint nails, and assist with crafts
When: Sunday, February 9, 2018, 5 p.m.-8 p.m.

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.

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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
Where: Circles meetings are held at the Church of the Living Christ, 605 Hemlock Street, Fremont, MI 49412

Make a Difference

Children’s Christmas Programs
What: Since 1952, our Children’s Christmas Programs has provided Newaygo County low-income families with assistance during the holiday season. Volunteer duties may include picking up, sorting, and organizing gifts beforehand, helping parents carry gifts, passing out gifts on the days of the distribution event and assisting with storage and inventory afterward.
When: The distribution is December 9-11 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and December 12 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m , with volunteers needed in three- to four-hour shifts (and lunch is provided)
Where: The distribution takes place at the TrueNorth Service Center, 6308 S. Warner Avenue, Fremont MI 49412

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 1½ 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

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
What: Share everyday activities and exciting new adventures with a child
When: As your schedules allows, meeting about 8 hours a month
Where: Provide a child with a role model and emotional support so their self-confidence can grow

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
Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Month in November was embraced by TrueNorth with community activities, awareness and engagement.

**Coats for Kids (& Adults)**
Our 29th annual Coats for Kids (& Adults) provided more than 1,157 children and adults from Newaygo County with much-needed winter apparel to keep them warm and safe. The program, which included our November 2 distribution event at the TrueNorth Service Center in Fremont, got coats directly to 657 children and adults. Another 500 coats were distributed through schools and other organizations. More than 80 volunteers took part, with the groups and organizations helping out including the Fremont and White Cloud Rotary Clubs, Fremont Christian School, Nestlé Gerber and Randy’s House.

**Senior Thanksgiving Luncheons**
Our Senior Thanksgiving Luncheons served up 354 home-cooked meals to seniors and developmentally-challenged adults on November 13 at the TrueNorth Service Center in Fremont. The more than 80 volunteers included groups from Gerber Life Insurance Company, ChoiceOne Bank, the Newaygo County Commission on Aging and Transitional Health Services, with the Fremont Christian School Choir performing. Sysco donated 20 turkeys, and all were prepared by Ridge Specialties and volunteers.

**Senior Harvest Baskets**
There were 175 Senior Harvest Baskets delivered on November 15 to homes across Newaygo County, with help packing by Fremont Christian School middle schoolers and distribution by volunteers from Nestlé Gerber and the Fremont Lions Club.

**Empty Bowls**
The 20th annual Empty Bowls Soup Luncheons featured 60 gallons of soup from 20 participating restaurants and caterers, 27 sponsors and 180 volunteers. The end result was $14,235 raised for TrueNorth’s Food Programs on October 3 at the TrueNorth Service Center in Fremont and October 4 at the Newaygo County Commission on Aging in White Cloud. ParVox Technology was the lead sponsor, and a record-breaking 20 Stuff the Cart grocery carts of food were purchased and donated.
‘Tis the Season of Giving

You can provide critical services that strengthen individuals, families and communities, contribute to economic stability and help people move out of poverty by making a financial contribution to TrueNorth Community Services.

Contact Mark Kraus for more information or to discuss different ways to give:

231.355.9484 or mkraus@truenorthservices.org

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