

Food Pantries of Manistee & Benzie Area

Consider Purchasing a 4-H Animal at Auction for Meat Donation



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Living Our Pledge in Our Communities

A Message from the Manistee County 4-H Livestock Council

Here in Manistee and Benzie County 4-H we encourage our youth not just to say our 4-H Pledge but live it as well. The 4-H Pledge is all encompassing to make the Best, Better not just in our Club, but in our communities, our country, and our world.

Our new initiative comes in the form of being an advocate for the coalitions of Food Pantries in Manistee and Benzie Counties. Manistee County 4-H Livestock Council is proud to offer our Buyers the option of donating their purchased animal to one of the pantries or community resources in need in this book.

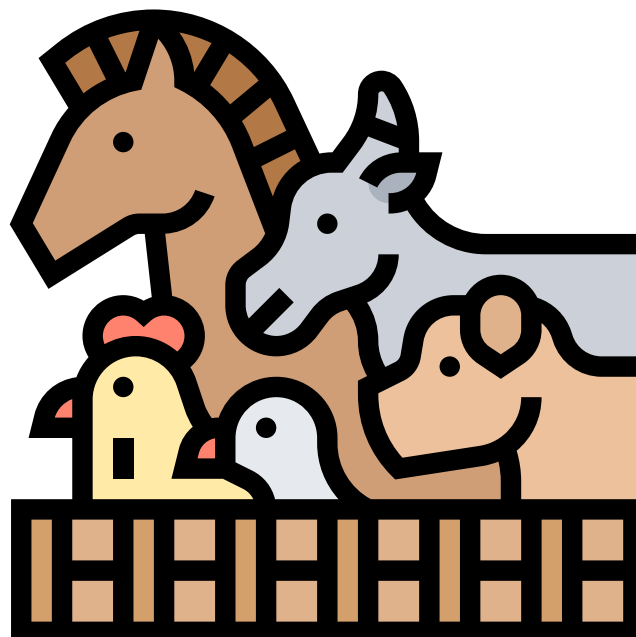
Please look through this book for How To Donate information and to learn more about the participating Network of Food Pantries.

Thank you for your support of Manistee and Benzie County 4-H.

Brian Lambert, President - Manistee 4-H Livestock Council

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**I pledge my Head to clearer
thinking, my Heart to greater
loyalty, my Hands to larger service,
my Health to better living.
For my Club, my Community, my
Country, and my World.**

How to Donate My Auction Animal to a Food Pantry in Need

A Comprehensive Guide

Congratulations on your winning auction bid and thank you for your support of Manistee and Benzie County 4-H. This is a guide to donating the meat from your purchased animal to one of the pantries or organizations in this book.

Frequently Asked Questions

- **What are my options for processing?**

Manistee County 4-H Livestock Council works with a number of processors in the area. Each processor has something called a "Standard Cut" for each livestock animal that they process. This is the cheapest option available for processing. Custom cuts and smoked meats increase the cost of processing. In this book, each organization will give an overview of the populations they serve and the type of meat donations that would best serve their needs.

- **I purchased the animal, who pays for processing?**

We request, for ease, that the buyer also pay for the processing of the animal that they purchased for donation. Many of these community pantries and organizations have limited financial resources and have a pressing need for both currency and fresh meat in the winter months.

- **How does the final packaged product get to the pantry or organization?**

Each pantry/organization has a contact for donations. This will be the person who is contacted by the processor when the meat is ready to be picked up. When you check out after the Auction, you will be asked to "Select a Processor" and fill out a "Cut Sheet". The Cut Sheet is where you can select the types of cuts you would like the pantry or organization to receive.

- **How do I know what a pantry or organization Needs?**

This book contains information on how many people a pantry or organization serves, their mission within their communities, and their specific needs. You can cater your purchase(s) to whichever organization you would like to support.



Processors

Information on Processing Options for 2021

Swick's Custom Butchering

19197 19 Mile Rd
Tustin, MI 49688

Phone: 231.829.3488

Animals Accepted: Beef, Hogs, Goat, and Lamb



Triple R Meat Processing

268-298 Minnehaha Trail
Buckley, MI 49620

Phone: 231.269.3538

Animals Accepted: Beef, Hogs, Goat, Lamb, and Poultry



Ebel's Meats

420 E Prosper Rd.
Falmouth, MI 49632

Phone: 231.826.3333

Animals Accepted: Beef, Hogs, Goat, and Lamb
Vacuum Sealing Available



Sanders Meats

237 Custer Rd.
Custer, MI 49405

Phone: 231.757.4768

Animals Accepted: Beef, Hogs, Goat, and Lamb





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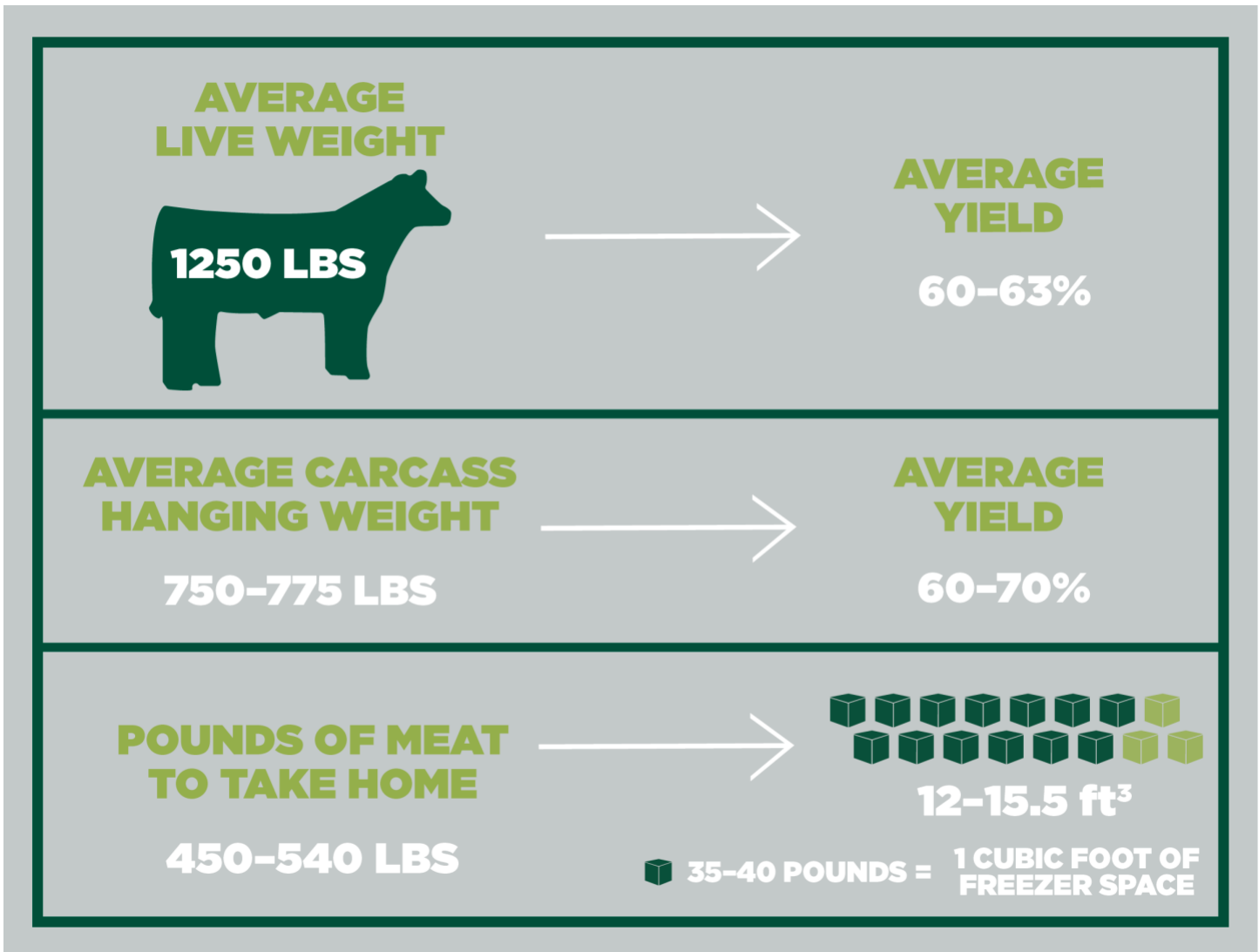


Figure 1. Approximate pounds of take-home meat from a 1250 pound live beef animal.

Processing

The interactive [map of meat processing and slaughter facilities in Michigan](#) can help you find a processor. The map lists many of them, including those that are U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) inspected. Custom-exempt meat processors are not required to have a federal inspector present when they process meat only for the owner(s) of the live animal. When custom-exempt processing is used, the hanging carcass weight can still be used for final pricing, but the sale must be documented for the live animal. The owner of the live animal accepts responsibility for having the animal harvested without federal inspection. When using custom-exempt processors, **you may not sell or donate packages of meat and each package is marked “not for sale.”** If you choose to resell or donate individual packages, you must use a USDA-inspected processor. You must schedule a time for your animal to be processed. Most processors have appointments scheduled months to a year in advance. Knowing what cutting services and packaging options are available by the processor will also be important in helping your buyer understand what products they may want from the animal they

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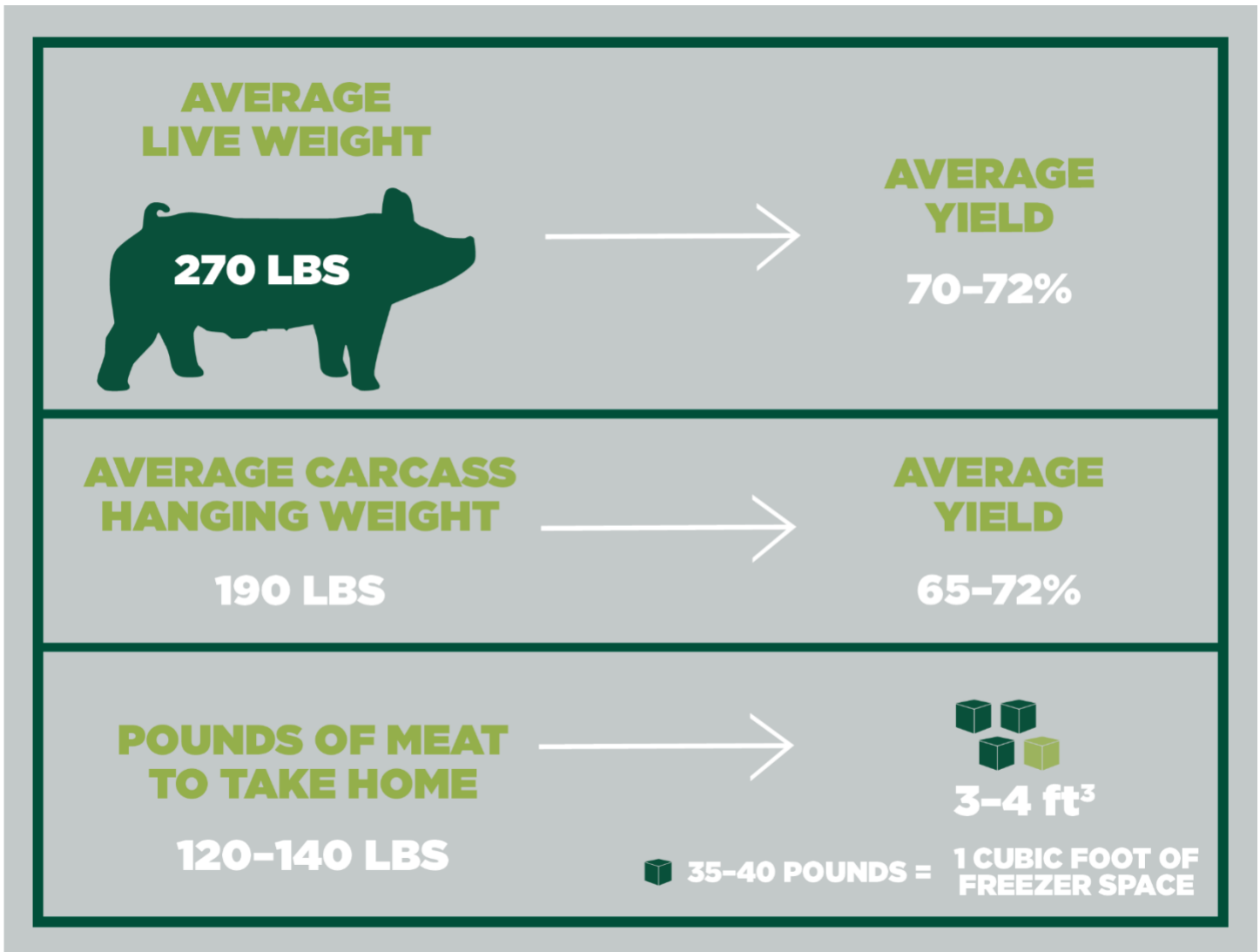


Figure 1. Approximate pounds of take-home meat from a 270 pound live pig.

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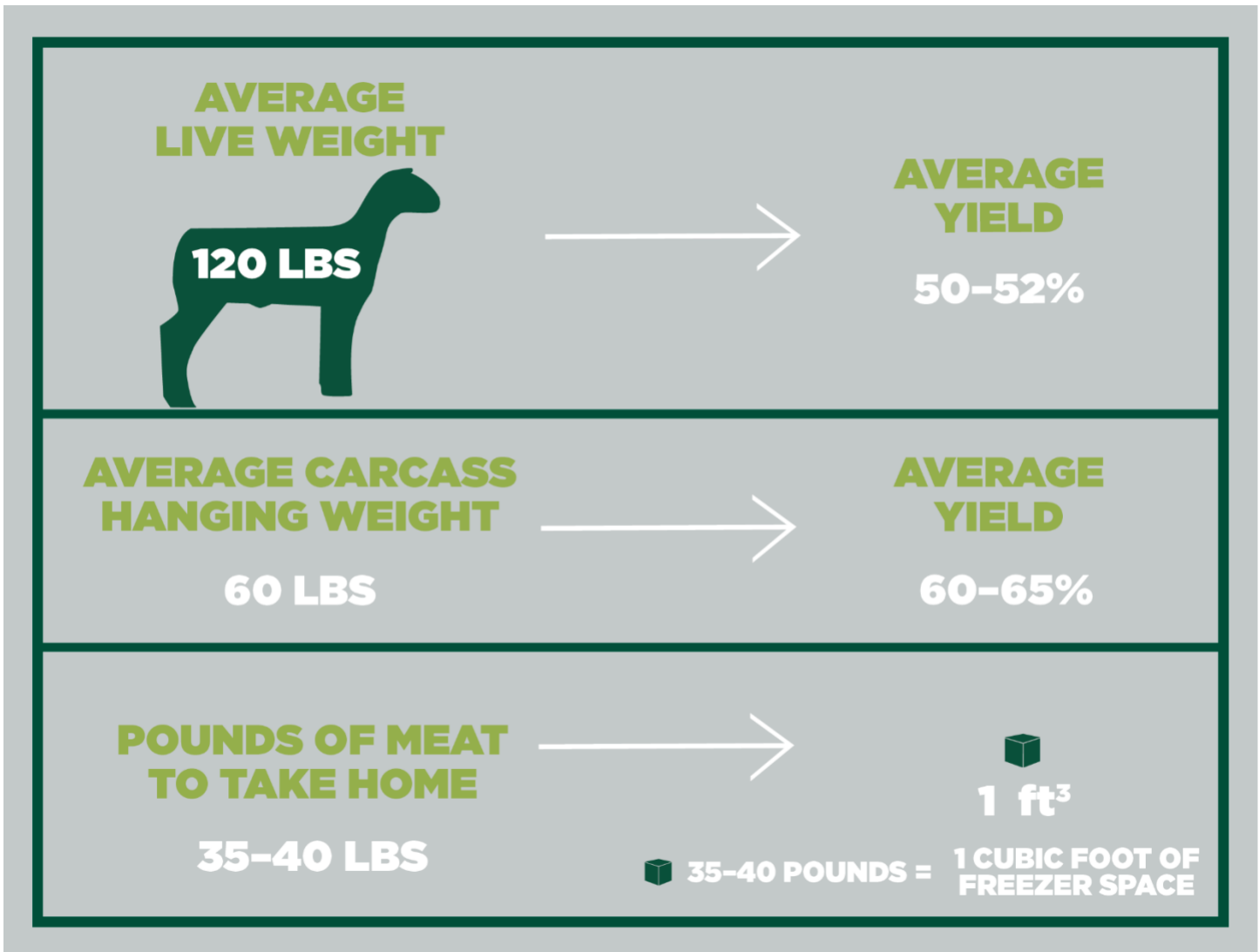


Figure 1. Approximate pounds of take-home meat from a 120 pound live lamb.

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FiveCAP, Inc

FiveCAP, Inc. was established in 1964. It is one of 29 Community Action Agencies in Michigan. The mission of FiveCAP, Inc. Is to support and create opportunities for senior and low-income residents to prosper, live safe and with dignity, by focusing local, state and federal funds and resources to alleviate and eliminate the causes and conditions of poverty. And to address barriers to self-sufficiency, health and education.

FiveCAP offers a variety of programs and services. Nutrition service programs include:

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) provides federally purchased surplus food to low-income individuals and families. Quarterly distribution in March, June, September and December. Funded by USDA.

Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) provides nutritionally balanced food supplements to senior citizens age 60 and over. Bi-monthly distribution (2nd Wednesday every other month). Funded by USDA.

Garden/Food Preservation Workshops
Spring: gardening tips by a MSU Master Gardener, seeds and plants to participants to encourage gardening.

Fall: canning, drying, and freezing food workshops with supplies to participants. Rototiller available for loan.

Emergency Food Pantry provides food to families and individuals on emergency needs basis.



FiveCAP, Inc. Demographic Snapshot

Main Service Area: Manistee, Mason, Lake, and Newaygo Counties

Hours of Operation: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday

Primary Meat Requests: All meats accepted subject to approval. No preference.)

Non-Perishable Needs: Donation of supplies and non-expired food items accepted.

Manistee County FiveCAP, Inc.
265 First Street
Manistee, MI 49660
231.723.8327

Email: fivecap@fivecap.org
For more information, including distribution dates, visit our website
www.fivecap.org.



Bear Lake United Methodist Church

Bear Lake Community Services was established to help with the needs of Northwest Manistee County. Currently we operate a food pantry in conjunction with Bear Lake United Methodist Church which open its doors January 15 2015.

All eligible families / individuals in the 49613 and 49614 zip codes are welcome to come.

To be eligible you must either be in need of emergency food, a participant in a USDA income based program such as WIC, CSFP, or the Food Assistance Program, or in a household where the income falls at or below the posted Federal Poverty Level.

If you have any questions or would like to pre register please call the church at the number provided.

The pantry will be open on the first Thursday of the month from 9-11 am and on the 3rd Thursday of the month from 4:30-6:30 pm. During the 4:30-6:30 time, a community dinner is hosted and everyone is invited for a nice meal (Community Dinners will resume when we can safely serve).

Emergency food boxes will be available at the church from 9a-1p M-F or an after hours appointment can be set by calling Jeff at the church or Erin at the number provided.

Thank you for considering donating to Bear Lake UMC Food Pantry.

For more information on Donation Needs or if you know a Family in Crisis, please use the contact information listed on this page.



Bear Lake UMC Demographic Snapshot

Main Service Area: Bear Lake and Arcadia

Hours of Operation:

Church Office Hours: Monday through Friday
9a to 1p

Location: 7861 Main St.

Bear Lake, Michigan 49614

Primary Meat Requests: 1 lbs. ground beef, pork chops, loins, ham

Capable of Storing: This Pantry is capable of storing 500 lbs. of meat.

Non-Perishable Needs: Canned fruits and vegetables, Boxed foods such as Potato products, Stuffing, Cereals, and breakfast foods. **Low Sugar and Sodium Options Preferred.**

Erin & Jeff Bair

Pantry Office: 231.864.3680

Erin: 269.501.0583

Benzie Area Christian Neighbors (BACN)

Formed in 1983, the Benzie County worship communities joined together to serve Neighbors struggling with critical human needs. The philosophy of serving with dignity and respect has become trademark for BACN and its belief that all Neighbors have gifts to give and needs to be met is the premise in which the organization operates today.

Meet Cash, a 4-H kid who for the past two years has allowed his prize-winning pig to be processed to feed Neighbors using the BACN Food Pantry. The first time, he had second thoughts—he had gotten quite attached to his pig—and wanted to buy the pig back. His parents told him it was his decision, but to remember that if he did not follow through on his commitment, there would be people who would not have enough food. In care for his Neighbors, Cash chose to move forward. In 2020, COVID-19 cancelled the local Fairs. However, the donor who purchased Cash’s 2019 pig reached out to make sure he could do the same thing in 2020. This year Cash had prepared for the eventual goodbye, and even named his pig “Chris P. Bacon”. This story features a community 4-H Club, a young boy, caring parents, a donor with a heart for his Neighbors, and an organization that feeds people. This is but one story that embodies BACN—Neighbors building Community Connections, as well as Benzie County 4-H.

Thank you for considering donating to BACN.

For more information on Donation Needs or if you know a Family in Crisis, please use the contact information listed on this page.



Cash and Chris P. Bacon

BACN Demographic Snapshot

Main Service Area: Benzie and Northern Manistee County

Number of Families/People Served: 425 Families per month

Hours of Operation: Monday through Thursday 10a to 2p

Location: 2804 Benzie Hwy
Benzonia, Michigan 49616

Primary Meat Requests: Beef, in 1-2 lbs. increments, Pork Chops, and assorted Roasts (no greater than 3 lbs.)

Capable of Storing: This Pantry is capable of storing 250 to 300 lbs. of meat.

Non-Perishable Needs: Toiletries such as Toilet Paper, Shampoo, Soap, and Toothpaste

Operations Director

P. 231.882.9544

Website: benziebacn.org

Lakeview Church of the Brethren

Our Community Food Pantry was started in 1991. It is still open because we live in a low income area and there is a need.

We purchase the majority of our food from Feeding America at a very low cost. Feeding America is regulated by USDA government guidelines. We receive donation of money and food from several sources. When we are unable to get the things we need from feeding America we buy food locally.

The Food Pantry is open for people to receive food the last Wednesday of the month from 9am to 11am. November and December Pantry hours are on Wednesday the week before the holiday.

We are now serving an average of 60 families a month.



Lakeview Church of the Brethren Food Pantry

Lakeview-Brethren Demographic Snapshot

Main Service Area: Manistee County

Number of Families/People Served: 60 Families per month

Hours of Operation: Last Wednesday of Each Month 9 AM to 11 AM

Location: 14049 Coats Hwy. Brethren, MI 49619

Primary Meat Requests: Ground Beef or Pork, in one pound packages.

Capable of Storing: This Pantry is capable of storing 40 to 50 lbs. of meat.

Non-Perishable Needs: Canned goods (fruits & vegetables), peanut butter, cereal, paper products, and personal hygiene products.

Linda Zwinski - Co-Chairmen

231.477.5053

Diane Ward - Co-Chairmen

231.477.5444

Thank you for considering donating to Lakeview Church of the Brethren Food Pantry.

For more information on Donation Needs or if you know a Family in Crisis, please use the contact information listed on this page.

Choices Women's Crisis Center

Since our establishment in 1985, the purpose of CHOICES of Manistee County, Inc. has been to function as a community service organization serving victims of domestic violence (intimate partner violence) in Manistee County. CHOICES provides support, counseling, emergency shelter, and educational services to victims of domestic violence and offers educational information and services to the community at large in order to attain an increased public awareness of domestic violence.

Through our organization we are able to offer services that change the lives of domestic violence victims, children, and those suffering from the effects of homelessness not only for their good, but for the good of the community as well. We would not be able to do this if it were not for the support of our community.

Other Services:

- Emergency Shelter
- Crisis Line
- Non-Residential Services Support Center
- Peer Counseling & Case Management
- Support Groups & Children's Services
- Emergency Transportation
- Legal, Personal, Financial, Housing and/or Medical Advocacy
- Community Awareness/Systems Reform

CHOICES of Manistee County, Inc. is the only domestic violence emergency shelter in the County of Manistee.

We provide a pantry for residents of our emergency shelter.



Choices Demographic Snapshot

Main Service Area: Our Shelter Residents - Manistee County

Hours of Operation:

Administrative Office: Monday thru Friday 8:00am - 4:00pm

24/7 Crisis & Emergency Shelter Line

Primary Meat Requests: Any cuts of Meat, preferably in 1 to 5 lbs. packages.

Capable of Storing: This Pantry is capable of storing 250 to 300 lbs. of meat.

Non-Perishable Needs: Canned goods, paper products, personal products; shampoo, soap

Administrative Office

231.723.6597

Thank you for considering donating to Choices.

For more information on Donation Needs or if you know a Family in Crisis, please use the contact information listed on this page.

Echo Manna

In the early days, ECHO His Love (then called LOVE, INC of Manistee County) operated a very small “emergency food only” type of pantry. When a local pantry closed its doors, we saw a food need in our area and wanted to fill the gap. It was in October 2018 that ECHO opened our MANNA food pantry.

ECHO His Love exists to mobilize area churches to transform lives by meeting physical and spiritual needs with the love of Jesus.

It is our vision to mobilize the church, transform lives and strengthen communities, One person, One family at a time with Love, Hope and Dignity.

Pantry is available on a once a month basis (families with children may attend twice a month if needed)

Delivery of food to resident’s homes via Dial-a-Ride is possible on a case-to-case basis Curbside pick-up only at our main campus:

525 Michael St., Manistee, MI 49660

Echo Manna has relationships with: Meijer Simply Give; Save-a-Lot of Manistee; Onekama EZ Market, Little River Casino and area churches that support our MANNA pantry.

Thank you for considering donating to ECHO Manna Food Pantry.

For more information on Donation Needs or if you know a Family in Crisis, please use the contact information listed on this page.



Echo Manna Demographic Snapshot

Main Service Area: Manistee & Benzie County
Proof of Residence Required

Hours of Operation: Monday, Wednesday, & Friday
10a to 2p

Primary Meat Requests: ground burger (venison, beef, chicken, turkey), hot dogs, and lunch meat

Capable of Storing: This Pantry is capable of storing 200 lbs. of meat.

Non-Perishable Needs: toilet paper, canned goods and dry goods, baby food, and baby formula

Melanie Gill, Pantry Coordinator
melanieg@echohislove.org

Shari O’Neal; Ministry Resource Center Director
shario@echohislove.org

Manistee Friendship Society

The Manistee Friendship Society is a 501c3 non-profit organization in Manistee County. Since 2002, we have been a safe place for socialization, support, education and activities for adults living with various degrees of mental illness. All of our services are completely free of charge.

Health and wellness play a key role in our mental health. That is why at our center we provide nutrition and wellness opportunities for our members. One of them being able to provide a food pantry on site for our members to be able to access Monday thru Friday when in need.

It is very beneficial to our members since the majority are low income. Having meats available to them has a huge impact on their nutrition and their family budget.

We have healthy cooking classes at our center. Being able to teach them how to make a meal for themselves or their families and sending them home with the ingredients has been a huge hit at our center. The meats would come in handy for this as well.

We can accommodate the ground beef of a ½ cow around 270lbs and 240lbs of ground pork (A full pig). We prefer them to be in 1lb packages if possible. Its easier to distribute when the sizes of families vary.

Thank you for considering donating to Manistee Friendship Society.

For more information on Donation Needs or if you know a Family in Crisis, please use the contact information listed on this page.



*Manistee Friendship Society Freezer Storage.
Ready for your donation.*

Manistee Friendship Society Demographic Snapshot

Service Area: Manistee County

Number of People Served: 275 Current Members

Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 3 PM

Primary Meat Requests: Ground Beef and Ground Pork, in 1 lb. packages

Capable of Storing: Approximately 270 lbs. of ground beef, and 240 lbs. of ground pork.

Non-perishable Needs: We accept all types of non-perishable goods! Any baby or pregnancy related items are donated to the Pregnancy Center.

**Cassandra Kamalowski
Executive Director**

P. 231.398.0434

Irons 7th Day Adventist Church

The Food Pantry at Irons 7th Day Adventist Church has been active in the community for a little over four years. In that time they have grown to serve approximately 30 families in need each month.

They have grown so much that they are part of the group helping to build a new Community Center in Irons!

Each of the families served by 7th Day Adventist Church Food Pantry is very much in need and appreciate your donations. This food pantry estimates that it can store 100 pounds of meat at this time and would prefer ground beef, chicken, lamb, or goat cuts.



Church Grounds of Irons 7th Day Adventist

Irons 7th Day Adventist Demographic Snapshot

Service Area: Manistee County

Number of People Served: 30 Families per Month

Hours of Operation: The 2nd Monday and Tuesday of Each Month from 10 AM to 3 PM

Location: 8980 W 11 1/2 Mile Rd., Irons, MI 49644
PO Box 297, Irons, MI 49644

Primary Meat Requests: Meat needs vary each month

Capable of Storing: Approximately 100 lbs. of Meat

Non-perishable Needs: We accept all types of non-perishable goods, as our families needs vary each month.

Kathy Porter
Food Pantry Director
231.729.0991

Tressa Taylor, Incoming Director
231.287.2692

Thank you for considering donating to Irons 7th Day Adventist Church.

For more information on Donation Needs or if you know a Family in Crisis, please use the contact information listed on this page.

Manistee Senior Center

The MCCOA senior food pantry has been an important part of the Council on Aging for many years.

Over the past year the MCCOA senior food pantry has seen a drastic rise in the number of senior families that it serves. The numbers have risen from 150 senior families to 275 senior families served each month. The MCCOA strives to assure that no senior faces food insecurity, especially during these trying times.

The pantry also serves as a resource for emergency food. Seniors in Manistee County can call the MCCOA with their emergent food needs, and know that they will be supplied with wholesome food to help tide them over.

At the present time our storage capacity at our new facility is limited. We do have a small chest freezer and could accommodate 100 pounds of beef or chicken in small packages. Smaller portions are in line with the population we serve. We do have plenty of storage area for non-perishable food items to distribute to our senior neighbors.

Thank you for considering donating to the Manistee Senior Center.

For more information on Donation Needs or if you know a Family in Crisis, please use the contact information listed on this page.



Wagoner, Manistee County Council on Aging

Manistee Senior Center Snapshot

Service Area: The MCCOA's service area reaches all of Manistee County. Thompsonville, Copemish, Kaleva, Brethren, Wellston, Manistee, Bear Lake, Onkama and Arcadia.

Hours: MCCOA hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Meat Needs: 1.5 - 2# packages of ground beef or small portions of chicken.

Non-perishable needs: Non-expired canned and boxed dry goods, cereals, peanut butter, canned meats, etc. All donations are appreciated.

Manistee County Council on Aging

260 St. Mary's Parkway

Manistee MI49660

231.723.6477

Matthew 25:35 Food Pantry

The Matthew 25:35 Food Pantry opened its doors February 8, 2013. Our mission is to provide food assistance to any Manistee County residents who are low income and food insecure. Our goal is to alleviate hunger in our community by operating the food pantry out of the St. Joseph's Parish Center, the second Friday of each month between 10:00 am and noon.

Since opening, we have registered in excess of 800 shoppers. Many of these shoppers come and go, using the pantry only in times of hardship and need. On average, we serve 135 households monthly which consists of nearly 400 family members.

The pantry is operated entirely by approximately 60 volunteers who come from all parts of the county. These volunteers order the food, pick-up donations from various churches, merchants, associations, community gardens, community groups, and local farmers, accept deliveries from Feeding America, set-up or fill boxes for the actual shopping day, register shoppers, distribute the food, dismantle the set-up after the event, and process related paperwork. The pantry is operated on donations and grants, of which 99.9% goes directly to cover the cost of purchasing groceries and meat for distribution to our pantry shoppers.

Manistee County continues to lag behind other counties and the State of Michigan when it comes to employment, poverty and health ratings. As a result, the Matthew 25:35 Food Pantry continues to improve the nutritional value of food offered at its monthly pantry. It is the generosity of organizations, like 4-H, that help us meet the needs of the community, which is greatly appreciated by our shoppers.



Matthew 25:35 Food Pantry at Manistee St. Joseph's Parish Center

Matthew 25:35 Food Pantry Snapshot

Main Service Area: Manistee County

Number of Families/People Served: 135 families per month representing nearly 400 family members

Hours of Operation: Second Friday of every month 10:00AM - noon

Location: 249 6th Street, Manistee, MI 49660

Primary Meat Requests: Ground Beef or Pork in one pound packages

Capable of Storing: We are capable of storing 600 pounds of frozen meat

Non-Perishable Needs: Canned goods, peanut butter, cereal, dairy, breads, paper products, cleaning products and personal hygiene products

Joan Gamache 231.794.9127

Michelle Grassa 231.510.5888

Thank you for considering donating to the Matthew 25:35 Food Pantry.

For more information on Donation Needs or if you know a Family in Crisis, please use the contact information listed on this page.

Marilla Food Pantry

The Marilla Food Pantry has been in operation for over 30 years and is part of a joint effort with Marilla Senior Center and Marilla Church of the Brethren to feed less fortunate members of the community.

Our current operation distributes food to approximately 35 families (about 70 people) in our area each month. For many of our clients, this is a primary source of food, which highlights the vital need for the work we do.

Marilla Food Pantry currently has an upright and a chest freezer available to them for fresh meat storage, which translate to approximately 30 cubic feet of space, or 200-250 lbs. of meat.

Our clients would benefit most from the donation of beef, pork, and chicken. We typically distribute boxed dinners, such as Hamburger Helper, so 1-2 lbs. packages of ground beef would be useful.

Marilla Food Pantry requests smaller packages of meat from donations. This is for food safety and ease of distribution to the people in need, to reduce waste.

This Pantry also has a large, secure pole barn to store non-perishable food items for families and/or persons in need.

Thank you for considering donating to Marilla Food Pantry.

For more information on Donation Needs or if you know a Family in Crisis, please use the contact information listed on this page.



Marilla Township Hall, Home of the Marilla Food Pantry

Marilla Food Pantry Snapshot

Main Service Area: Mesick, Copemish, Kaleva, and Brethren

Outlier Service Area: Manistee and Bear Lake

Number of Families/People Served: 35 Families/70 people

Hours of Operation: 2nd Thursday of Each Month from 11a to 12p.

Location: Marilla Township Hall
9991 Marilla Rd.
Copemish, MI 49625

Primary Meat Requests: Beef, Pork, Chicken

Non-Perishable Needs: Any canned or boxed food items

Cathy & Rod Little

Cathy 269.548.9878
Pantry: 231.885.2366

Email: rodcat333@gmail.com

Acknowledgements

Thank you to all of the community partners who made this initiative possible through their time and participation.

Special thanks to Chef Al Frye for his efforts in coordinating all of these local pantries and human services organizations.

Thank you to our 4-H youth livestock producers. Without the market animals raised by them to such a quality standard there would be nothing to donate to our pantries.

Thank you to the Manistee 4-H Livestock Council for their continued support of Manistee and Benzie County 4-H youth and communities.

Thank you so much for being part of this initiative and coalition. I expect great things to come from it and am excited to see them unfold as the years go on. If you are a local food pantry or organization that would like to be included in the 2022 Food Pantry Guide, please reach out to me via email.

Best,

Allison Olson

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4-H Program Coordinator
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A large, stylized, handwritten-style graphic of the words "Thank you" in black ink. The letters are thick and expressive, with some ink bleed-through effects, giving it a personal and heartfelt appearance.

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