

COMMUNITY MATTERS

 **MANCHESTER**
Community Resource Center



BUILDING A STRONGER COMMUNITY

Our Mission

To serve individuals and families in need by offering effective programs that improve their lives, promote volunteerism, and enhance the welfare of the Manchester community.

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Why I volunteer by Cindy Clark



"Awhile back, when I was newly employed here in Manchester, I wanted to do whatever I could to get involved with the community and give back. That's when I heard about the Community Resource Center (CRC) – through a previous board member and was then recruited to attend an upcoming meeting and see what the program offered.

Once I saw the passion all the volunteers had for the CRC and figured out the logistics of why the CRC existed, I knew I needed to be involved.

Personally, the organization hit home for me because of my childhood and it brought back memories of how my brother and I grew up in a low-income household and received assistance from similar programs. I remember going to food banks for daily groceries, heading to our local church to receive gifts for the holidays and, as a child, having no idea who these people were that were dedicated to helping us, or that we didn't have a lot of money (I just assumed this was a place everybody would visit).

While I'm sure this was a struggle for my parents, they never let it ruin our childhood. These organizations are a blessing, and they serve a purpose to help families and individuals in need, which is why I must be part of the CRC. It's a way for me to give back, the same way I was helped and nurtured growing up.

Wooden nickels at the Farmers Market

Thanks to continuing support from the St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea Community Benefits program the CRC Wooden Nickel tokens are once again available to food pantry eligible community members to use at the Manchester Farmers Market.

Active participants can visit the Farmers Market each week to collect tokens to spend on produce, honey, eggs, herbs and food producing plants. Contact the CRC office for information or to sign up.



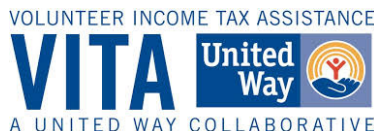
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Another successful year for the VITA Program

The CRC partnered with United Way of Washtenaw County to bring the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program to Manchester again this year.

Forty-one households filed both State and Federal income tax returns at the CRC through the "Scan and Go" process for a combined net total of \$74,263 in refunds and credits (a few people ended up owing taxes). These are the returns of lower-income families and fixed-income seniors who may not otherwise file a tax return. Many folks are not aware that even as a renter, a taxpayer may still be eligible for a Homestead Property Tax Credit (HPTC) and/or a Home Heating Credit (HHC) from the state of Michigan. The Home Heating Credit form can be filed up to September 30, 2019 and your property taxes do not need to be paid prior to applying for the Homestead Property Tax Credit.

As an added bonus this year, 2 community volunteers and 1 staff person trained to be VITA certified to prepare and review tax returns. This opened up the opportunity to host "live" tax preparation onsite at the CRC two times during the season with the help of United Way staff and volunteers.



Quotes from participants:

"This free service helps (me) save much needed money."

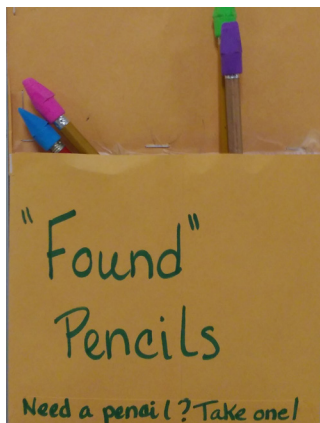
"One less bill to pay and the service was A+."

"Getting taxes done through the VITA program is easy, and I learned some new information."

Summer food drives around our town

Stay tuned for information about our traveling pantry collection bin. We will post notices with locations, dates and most needed items throughout the summer months. Some of the locations include:

- Comerica
- Manchester District Library
- Manchester Farmers Market
- Manchester Post Office
- Manchester Wellness Center
- Old National Bank



It's the little things... Riverside partnerships

Sometimes we find perfectly good pencils on the hallway floor outside our office. We collect and repurpose them by sharpening and adding an eraser. Then we put them out in the "found pencil" pocket on our bulletin board for students to take when needed. Once in a while we find a little pencil stub left in the envelope. Does someone think the pencils are magically transformed?

Manchester CRC service area



- Village of Manchester
- Bridgewater Township
- Freedom Township
- Manchester Township
- Sharon Township

2019 USDA Food Pantry Income Eligibility Guidelines

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	MONTHLY INCOME
1	\$2,082
2	\$2,818
3	\$3,555
Additional	\$737

Total Gross Household Income from all sources

The open choice pantry at the Manchester Community Resource Center offers a variety of nutritious produce, canned and boxed foods, frozen meat, dairy and more. We often have paper products, cleaning supplies, personal care and baby items. We always offer USDA items to anyone stating they are in need of food – no matter what the situation – and we will work with them to find additional food resources to meet their needs. The CRC is an equal opportunity provider.

SAVE THE DATE!

Community Resource Center
& Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce

16th Annual Fundraiser Golf Outing

Saturday • June 1, 2019

Hills' Heart of the Lakes Golf Course
Brooklyn, MI

Participant registration and sponsorship details coming soon!

[Click here for more information](#)

Save the Date for the CRC Volunteer Banquet Fundraiser on November 2, 2019!

MI Bridges assistance

Did you know that applying for benefits like healthcare coverage and food assistance in Michigan is all available online at MIBridges? You can even apply using your smartphone.





As trained MIBridges Community



Partner Navigators, staff at the CRC are available to help with the application if you are not comfortable with the process, and we are also able to assist with uploading supporting documents, reporting a change or completing the semi-annual redetermination form.


2018 Annual Financials

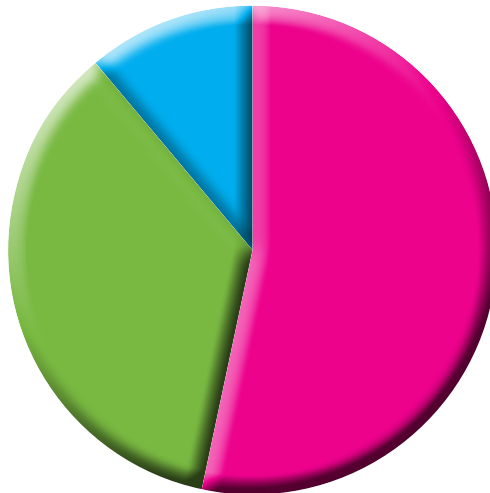
2018 Revenue

	Grants	\$54,992
	Donations	\$41,841
	Fundraising.....	\$14,684
	Interest.....	\$13
TOTAL REVENUE.....		\$111,530



2018 Expenses

	Programming	\$57,690
	Administration	\$38,486
	Operations.....	\$11,764
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$107,940



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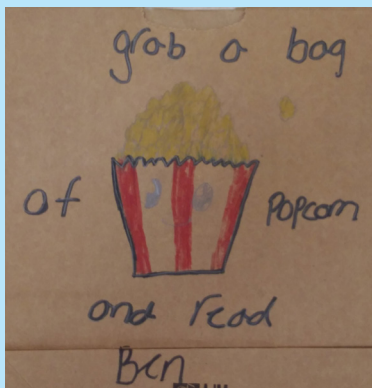
Monday 11:30 am–2:30 pm
 Tuesday 9:00 am–2:30 pm
 Wednesday 11:30 am–2:30 pm
 Thursday 9:00 am–2:30 pm
 Friday 9:00 am–noon

Office Hours:

Monday 11:30 am–2:30 pm
 Tuesday through
 Thursday 9:00 am–4:00 pm
 Friday 9:00 am–noon

Riverside partnerships

A big thank you to Ms. Scheil's & Mr. Tindall's third grade students. For March is Reading Month they decorated grocery bags for our food pantry shoppers to use.



Thanks to our funding partners



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