

CORPS COMMUNITY CENTER

Meeting human needs without discrimination through a variety of emergency services, case management, and family-focused programs for Michigan City residents who are facing economic challenges.

WEEKEND BACKPACK PROGRAM

Provides school-aged children in Michigan City Area Schools and Head Start with bagged meals to take home on over the weekend during the school year. Made possible through partnership with the Healthcare Foundation of La Porte, Duneland Health Council, 1st Source Foundation, Michigan City Community Enrichment Corporation, and Unity Foundation of La Porte County. Serves more than 450 kids with six meals per bag weekly.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Programs for local families including a food pantry with fresh produce, frozen meat, and non-perishable items; diaper bank providing monthly diapers forchildren under the age of 4; utility assistance to help prevent gas/electric disconnects; and clothing closet with free clothing, shoes, and bedding.

BREAKING THE CYCLE OF POVERTY

The Bridges out of Poverty and Pathway of Hope programs mentor families for 12-18 months with tools for new life skills to set goals for housing, employment, budgeting, education, transportation, childcare, and other resources to break generational poverty. Goal: Move from crisis to sufficiency and create brighter futures for children in Michigan City. Bridges Out of Poverty, an educational program to address poverty-related barriers.

HIDDEN FALLS CAMP

Free summer camp for children is provided every year at the 700-acre Hidden Falls Camp near Bedford, Indiana. Features nature trails, an indoor pool, fishing, a challenge course, an archery range, and log cabins. More than 400 children from across the state participate in various fiveday camps (STEAM, art, music, age-specific) focusing on the body, mind, and spirit.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

Assisting the community homeless shelter with warm meals; transportation assistance based on verifiable need; worship services and spiritual care; and monthly free family events including Friday Night @ the Sal.





116,578 NUTRITIOUS MEALS & GROCERIES PROVIDED



4,927
CHRISTMAS
CLOTHING
& TOYS FOR KIDS



26,416
CLOTHING ITEMS
DISTRIBUTED



37,792
DIAPERS
DISTRIBUTED



7,642 VOLUNTEER HOURS



21,541
PEOPLE PROVIDED
BASIC SOCIAL SERVICES

STORY OF HOPE

Carey is a single father of seven. Most of his children are adults, but the two youngest still live with him and he recently gained full custody of them. He battled alcoholism for many years and after a DUI decided it was time to get his life on track. He came to The Salvation Army of Michigan City for help and connected with our Social Work team. He completed a 12-week Bridges Out of Poverty class, and then enrolled in Pathway of Hope. Through case management, he was connected to local programs for overcoming alcohol addiction. Now, having completed all of these classes, he says he no longer has any cravings or interest in alcohol. He has become more involved in his children's lives - which is the biggest win for him. "I'm available now. I was never available to them before and I like where I'm at in life," he said. He attends field trips with his children, takes them fishing and ice skating, and wants them to be the best they can be. He now uses the tools and experiences he's gained through Pathway of Hope to continue setting and achieving goals, including taking a computer class to grow his skills.



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