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### Ways to Give

If you have the means and/or have the funds, donating is always welcome and helps us to sustain our projects!

**Oct. 25th EMU Football game | Band Day:** A portion of ticket sales bought through this portal go directly to The MANY! It is also Made in Michigan Day, High School Band Day, and Community Day, a celebration featuring local talent and a massive halftime show with top high school bands joining the EMU Marching Band.

**MANY General Operating Funds:** Helps us to fund administrative costs, reimbursements for our programs when they lack funding.

**Native Youth Alliance T-Shirt Fundraiser:** We are fundraising on behalf of our partner org Native Youth Alliance (NYA) for operations through the end of the year. They are also in the process of attempting to gain more Landback in Nebraska, which these funds would go towards! NYA provides programs that allow Native youth to observe and participate in the ceremonies and culture of their ancestors.

[Pantry Support](#)

### Program Updates

#### M.E.S.S.

These past couple of months have been full of developments and growth! A big point of pride has been the community garden development at M.E.S.S. House. We've grown a variety of crops: several varieties of tomatoes and peppers, collard greens, squash, sage, sunflowers, and more. Part of the land is being utilized to create "Land Race" crops; developing varieties that are specifically highly successful in Ypsi's environment with minimal need for irrigation. In August we had a wonderful workshop event to get an Earth Oven started and a native garden nursery, and we even hosted comrades from out of town! We've been distributing crops to neighbors and running canning workshops to preserve what's been grown. Next steps for the property are to demo the condemned structure (by the end of the year per city pressure) in order to rebuild next year.



#### Pantry Support

Our pantry support program is running steadily! On the second and fourth Saturday, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m., we're able to deliver groceries to 60 families who otherwise would not be able to attend Christian Love Fellowship due to a lack of transportation or disability. This is a great and fun way to get involved!

#### Community Spotlight - [We Rise](#)

We Rise is a completely free K-12 after-school program that has operated in Inkster for the past 25 years.

**Its purpose is to nourish historical and community connections across generations & keep Inkster's youth out of the school-to-prison pipeline.**

We Rise puts on free community events, supports student's skills and interests with volunteer instruction, tutors students in math and reading, and feeds students and community allies with hot meals.

**We Rise operates completely through volunteers, donations, and community support.**

<https://givebutter.com/werisetogether>

As a mutual aid network we feel

it's important to strengthen not only relationships within Ypsi, but regionally as well. MANY members have been volunteering with We Rise in the neighboring city of Inkster. Both Ypsilanti and particularly Inkster have suffered decades long institutional-racist disinvestment of their school systems, and We Rise represents an amazing community led effort to keep Inkster's children educated, fed, and emotionally supported. Check them out and support their efforts!

### Dates of note

**Pull Over Prevention/Mutual Aid Fair:** [Facebook](#) | [Donate](#) | [pop@ypsimumutualaid.org](mailto:pop@ypsimumutualaid.org)

1. October 13 (Location TBD)
2. November 8 Masjid Ibrahim 315 S. Ford BLVD, Ypsilanti
3. December 13 (Location TBD)

**Canning Workshop:** 9/24 5 p.m. 16 S Washington St, Ypsilanti

#### County Cleanup Drop Off Sept. 26

MESS is collecting your waste! Bring any of the accepted items to Mess House 426 South Adams, Ypsilanti by September 26th.

1. hazardous waste
2. electronics
3. scrap metal
4. appliances
5. tires
6. furniture

Need help with a pickup? Email [mess@ypsimumutualaid.org](mailto:mess@ypsimumutualaid.org)

**Pantry: 9/27, Christian Love Fellowship, 1601 Stamford Rd, Superior Township.** Show up anytime between 8 a.m. - 12 p.m., stay for as long or as little as you'd like. Expect to do bagging of groceries, transporting boxes, and talking with your neighbors.

**MESS meeting:** every Saturday 12 p.m.

**Daytime Warming Center:** is starting back up soon! Keep an eye on their page for updates.

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