



# VAN BUREN

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP

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### **VBT Receives \$20k from United Way for Southeastern, MI**

VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP, Mich., April 6, 2020— On Saturday, April 4 Van Buren Township received \$20,000, from United Way for Southeastern Michigan as part of a COVID Emergency Response Grant. This grant ensures the supply and distribution of nutritional food with \$15,000 allocated to feed senior citizens in the Township and \$5,000 donated to local food banks.

Trustee Reggie Miller submitted the grant stating, "In Southeastern Michigan, 44 percent of families struggle to afford their basic needs. With COVID-19 in our communities, these families are particularly vulnerable. Especially, our senior population who are homebound or at higher risk when going into the stores."

Funding from the grant will provide healthy food options, fresh produce, liquid nutrition and toiletry items to over 150 vulnerable households in the Township. Lynette Jordan, Director of the Van Buren Township Senior Center said, "We're purchasing the food from local businesses and throwing in a few fun things in hopes to bring smiles during these hard times. I'm so thankful we can do something positive for those in need."

The Township is distributing food via the Senior Center bus with help from the Parks & Recreation department. Deliveries are scheduled to start on Thursday, April 9. "The Township Board of Trustees has made it clear that they will work to feed our homebound seniors during this crisis. Thank you United Way for Southeastern Michigan for offering this resource to local governments." said Supervisor Kevin McNamara.

For a list of local food banks visit [vanburen-mi.org](http://vanburen-mi.org). If you know a senior citizen in need of food delivery, Michigan Bridges is also offering food deliveries for persons 60 years or older. Sign up online via this link:

[https://newmibridges.michigan.gov/s/request-meal-delivery-reassurance?language=en\\_US&fbclid=IwAR2BeYWqScaAC7frkjJxQtnm3pLl60BSHA7aMvP1dqOoVEe1MR4VO\\_cGXOU](https://newmibridges.michigan.gov/s/request-meal-delivery-reassurance?language=en_US&fbclid=IwAR2BeYWqScaAC7frkjJxQtnm3pLl60BSHA7aMvP1dqOoVEe1MR4VO_cGXOU)

If you have needs or questions please call the Van Buren Township Senior Center at 734.699.8918 or email Lynette Jordan at [Ljordan@vanburen-mi.org](mailto:Ljordan@vanburen-mi.org)

This program is made possible by a grant from United Way for Southeastern Michigan. For more information on United Way for Southeastern Michigan visit: <https://unitedwaysem.org/>

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Seniors and local Food Banks



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