



# VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

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## VBT Receives \$5k from Enbridge & Donates Funds To Feed Residents

VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP, Mich., June 2, 2020— On Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Van Buren Township received \$5,000, from Enbridge as part of an Emergency Response Fund. This grant ensures the supply and distribution of nutritional food to three local food banks; Belleville First United Methodist Church- Emergency Food Closet, Trinity Episcopal Church-Friday Fill-Up! and Van Buren Public School's-Owen Community Closet and Food Pantry.

"I'm grateful we received another grant to feed our community. This time, I choose to divide the funds up to help the largest amount of people as soon as possible," said Trustee Reggie Miller. "It's about partnering with our community organizations to help meet their demands while helping as many people as we can. I want to thank Candice Braddock from Enbridge for offering us this opportunity."

Here a list of the three food banks that will receive money:

1. Belleville First United Methodist Church-Emergency Food Closet

734.697.9288

417 Charles St., Belleville, MI 48111

<https://www.bellevillefirstumc.org/>

Open Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 10am - 1pm

2. Owen's Community Closet and Food Pantry

734.697.8711

45201 Owen Street, Belleville, MI 48111

<https://www.facebook.com/OwensCommunityClosetandFoodPantry/>

Open Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10am - 1pm

### 3. Trinity Episcopal Church-Friday Fill-Up!

734.699.3361

11575 Belleville Rd., Belleville, MI 48111

[www.trinitybell.org](http://www.trinitybell.org)

Open Wednesdays from 6 - 7:30pm

"I want to thank Trustee Reggie Miller for all her hard work in securing another grant and the Board for continuing to take care of our community," said Supervisor Kevin McNamara.

The Township decided to donate to these three local food banks to reach everyone in need. Through our research, we found within the last 10-weeks The Belleville Emergency Food Closet has served 60-70% senior citizens, Owen's focus has remained on students who are still in school or of school-age and the Trinity Friday Fill-Up is serving students and single families. All of these food pantries have seen large increases of those in need during the COVID-19 pandemic. "We want to thank the food pantry Directors for their continued dedication and making sure our community is feed. Thank you Gabby Burton from Trinity, Marilyn Wood at The Emergency Food Closet and Pete Kudlak Superintendent for Van Buren Public Schools," said Trustee Reggie Miller.

"A thriving community provides opportunities to support and enrich the lives of its people. By collaborating with community leaders like Van Buren Township, we're proud to support this initiative and energy to champion community solutions in our key focus areas of safety, environment, and community," said Mike Moeller, Director of Great Lakes Region Enbridge.

If you have needs or questions please call the 734.699.8910 or email [communications@vanburen-mi.org](mailto:communications@vanburen-mi.org). This is made possible by a grant from Enbridge. Follow Enbridge on social media at @Enbridge or use the hashtag #ENBgiving to help spread the word.

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