

Hello, September!



Kinship Back to School Giveaway!



Backpack & School Supplies

This giveaway is for children being raised by grandparents or adult relatives when the adult is age 55 or older and child's biological parents do not live in the home.

The first 200 children registered will receive a special surprise! Registration is required to participate.

Register your child or children for a backpack by calling (800) 858-1637 by August 31.

Backpacks will be available for pick up at Commission on Aging on or after September 14, 2020.

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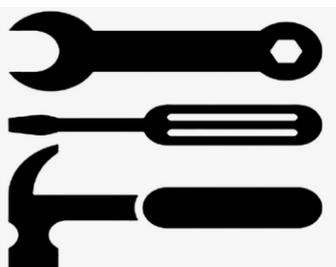


The Commission on Aging Home Chore/Home Repair department is ready and willing to assist those in need of minor chores or repairs around the home. Some of the chores and repairs include:

- Window Washing
- Faucet Leaks
- Installing Grab Bars or Hand Rails
- Installing Smoke Detectors/Changing Smoke Detector Batteries
- Eavestrough Cleaning
- Changing Light Bulbs

Simply contact the Commission on Aging office and place a request. There will be a cost for any materials needed for your project, and donations are accepted for the labor provided by the Home Chore/Home Repair crew. Your donations allow us to continue providing these services to those in need of minor assistance.

Don't hesitate to call our office, 989-875-5246, to determine if your project qualifies for assistance from the Home Chore/Home Repair program.



Greetings from your Food with Friends Site Managers!

We are all thinking of our friends from each site as this pandemic continues. We are keeping busy in the COA kitchen getting the Home Delivered Meals out to seniors who are staying home. Remember, you can sign up if this is something that would be helpful to you until the food sites are able to open again.

We miss you all and hope you are keeping safe!



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Suggested contribution to Senior Gratiot: **\$20.00 per year** helps to cover the costs of producing and mailing the paper. A great way to remember when to send your donation is to send it on your birthday each year.

Address Changes: Senior Gratiot is mailed under a nonprofit automated mail rate and will not be forwarded with a notice to the post office.

Please notify the COA office using the form at the left each time you request a change to assure we record changes correctly. Thank you. Your assistance with this helps to keep the costs down.

SENIOR ACTIVITY BUILDING DONATIONS

THANK YOU for your gifts received by the Senior Activity Building from June 12, 2020 through August 14, 2020:

Volunteers, named and unnamed, who completely care for the Building during this pandemic while our Building is closed.

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 By Mary Humm



PROJECT SEEKS OLDER ADULTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CRISIS PREPAREDNESS KIT

Must be 65 years of age or older to participate

Share your experiences to help develop a Crisis Preparedness Toolkit for older adults living in rural communities. We need 30-60 minutes of your time for an interview.

We are interested in hearing about your experiences with the COVID-19 pandemic, how prepared you felt, and what resources could have helped in your day to day life. Your input will guide the development of a Crisis Preparedness Toolkit that will promote self-reliance and empower your well being during future times of such crisis. All participants will help evaluate the toolkit following completion.

**YOUR INPUT MATTERS
 TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

Contact CMUCARES4AGING@cmich.edu or by calling **989-774-2442** for more information.

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