



**Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency (NMCAA)** serves communities across a 10-county region, including Antrim County, by offering programs that promote stability, economic security, and overall community wellbeing. During the 2024–2025 school year, NMCAA expanded its School Success Partnership Program to Bellaire Public Schools, building on the positive results from our initial implementation in Traverse City Area Public Schools. The program works to boost attendance, strengthen academic performance, increase parent engagement, and reduce barriers to learning through coordinated support for students and families. In its first year, enrolled Bellaire students and families saw meaningful gains: 100% improved attendance, 33% improved academics, 55% increased positive learning behaviors, and 44% higher parent engagement. This early progress in Bellaire reflects the strength of a long-established model, and future support from local partners would help NMCAA deepen its presence in Bellaire and build a lasting, self-sustaining School Success program that will continue supporting students and families for years to come. Additional information on NMCAA and the School Success Partnership Program can be found at: <https://nmcaa.net/school-success-partnership/>.

We welcome the opportunity to share more about this work and are always glad to answer questions for members who may want to learn more. Please contact Shannon Phelps, Child and Family Development Director, NMCAA at 989-302-2812 or [sphelps@nmcaa.net](mailto:sphelps@nmcaa.net).



**Single MOMM** is a nonprofit organization headquartered in Traverse City, Michigan, dedicated to guiding single moms toward healthy independence and long-term family stability. Founded in 2008 by Jennifer Finnegan Pool—a single mother herself—Single MOMM began as a small grassroots effort supporting exhausted and isolated moms seeking connection, healing, and hope. What started with one employee serving 16 moms has grown into a regionally recognized organization serving ten counties, including Antrim, across northern Michigan. Our five core programs guide moms through a two-year journey from crisis to confidence: (1) Mentorship360 – Trauma-informed peer-to-peer mentorship; (2) Acquire Classes – Skill-building workshops in finances, parenting, and relationships; (3) reVIVE + INpower Courses – Personal development and story work; (4) Camp Experience – Family-focused growth opportunities; and (5) Event Nights – Community-building and relational support.

Learn more at <https://www.singlemomm.org/>, or contact Emily Ballard, Fund Development Director at 231-944-1710 or [emily@singlemomm.org](mailto:emily@singlemomm.org).



**GOODWILL**  
Northern Michigan

**Food Rescue of Northwest Michigan** is a program of Goodwill Industries of Northern Michigan. It serves Antrim County residents by delivering nutritious food (42% fruits and vegetables!) to ACTS Food Pantry, Antrim County Baby Pantry, Bellaire Community Food Pantry, Central Lake Community Food Pantry, Do A Little Good Pantry, Elk Rapids Backpacks, Elk Rapids Community Cupboard, Front Porch Ministries, Good Samaritan Food and Baby Pantries, Mancelona Community Meals, Mancelona Food Pantry, New Horizons Clubhouse Pantry and Meal Site, and Star Township Food Pantry.

We have an ongoing need for funding to help us keep our trucks on the road, picking up from Avian Hill Farmstead, Bargy Family Farm, Brotherton Farm, Family Fare in Bellaire and Mancelona, King Orchards, Maple Bay Farm, Merrie's Market, Providence Farm, Torch Lake Cooperative, and Village Market, and making same day deliveries to the food pantries and meal programs in Antrim County. It would be a big boost to our program if 100 Women Who Care were to support our efforts!

For more information, visit <https://www.goodwillnmi.org/food> or contact Deb Lake, Chief Philanthropy Officer at [debl@goodwillnmi.org](mailto:debl@goodwillnmi.org) or 231-633-4117.

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