

Helping those in need

Director's Words

There is nothing that brings me greater joy than helping people who are in need of the real help we provide through various programs of the Community Center of Hope. The Center is committed to helping bring an end to the lack of food security that is ever present in our service area. In other words, we want to end children and adults struggling with hunger issues. We can do that with the continued help of the people and organizations in Marathon County.

We want to do more than just provide food security. We want to provide vital transportation services to people who need them, especially the handicapped. We want to provide health, fitness and social opportunities for those who are 50 years of age or older and those who have disabilities. We want to help people struggling with other social or life problems get more access to help. That is, we want all the people of the area, especially those with special problems to be able to obtain a better quality of life.

Please join us at the Center by volunteering time, making a financial gift or in-kind gift, or encouraging others to be part of our "team".

Jim Verkest
Executive Director

Hope Food Pantry (HFP)

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To be a compassionate community partner helping people of all ages achieve a better quality of life.

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Hope Food Pantry

Hope Food Pantry provides nourishing grocery items for those in need throughout southern Marathon County. Hours of operation are Monday - Thursday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

We ask that persons seeking food pantry services bring a valid photo ID and proof of residence. Currently the Hope Food Pantry is serving over 1,000 adults and children as demand has increased 160% from 2008.

The Hope Food Pantry has only been able to serve the needs of the community because of the support and generosity of the community. In Kind food gifts from food drives and families are always appreciated. The pantry can also use your volunteer help, call 693-7145.



Adult Wellness Center

The Adult Wellness Center offers senior adults educational programs, a computer lab with high speed internet access, games such as pool, Nintendo Wii, table tennis, crafts, puzzles and fellowship. These activities provide opportunities to improve their lives through learning, physical activity and social interaction. The AWC also has exercise equipment in the form of treadmill, stationary bikes, elliptical and weight set. Serving nearly 100 people 50 years or older, the Adult Wellness Center sponsors fitness and wellness programs such as *Sit and Be Fit*, *Potluck Socials** and *Warm Up America* to name a few. AWC membership is only \$25/year. Membership also has incentives for other programming. Transportation to AWC events is also available. *Potluck socials encourage persons to bring dish to pass or make a contribution of \$3.00.



Compassion Care Center

Volunteer staff available to assist in completing community resource forms and/or setting up referrals or appointments to existing community resources and programs. CCC can help you access an array of social and economical resources and medical referral. Please call 693-7145 for appointment.



Hope Medical Transport

The Center provides transport services to doctor appointments, medical treatments and other situations. We work with Comm. Care of Central Wisconsin as we are not a Medicare 3rd party provider. Three vehicles are available to transport 1 to 8 passengers. Each vehicle has at least 1 place for a wheelchair passenger. Two of the vans have automated lifts and 1 has a manual ramp. All vehicles are driven by volunteers trained for wheelchair transport. Please call our offices at for more details, and availability. Services can also be provided for Private Pay Consumers.