

Grand Traverse County Drug Free Coalition Newsletter

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A NOTE FROM THE COORDINATOR

Hello coalition members,

I hope that everyone is enjoying summer! Just a reminder that the coalition does not meet in July, our next meeting will take place on Thursday, August 11 from 4-5pm.

The Grand Traverse Basic Needs Coalition is a group of organizations working together to ensure people experiencing homelessness have access to basic needs while they are working to locate housing. Below is a list of items that they need as well as instructions on how to donate.



Basic Needs
Thank you for supporting our neighbors in need!

At any given time in the Traverse City region, over 200 families and individuals do not have a home to live in. Thank you for supporting the Basic Needs Coalition of organizations working to help our neighbors in need.

YOU CAN HELP!

- ✓ Purchase new items from the list and drop them off at the Goodwill Northern Michigan Donation Center at 2279 South Airport Rd W in Traverse City. Be sure to specify that it's for the Basic Needs Coalition!
- ✓ You can purchase items online and ship them direct to Coalition members. Scan this QR code for more info.

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- Backpacks
- Tarps
- New Tents
- Sleeping Bags
- Bug Spray
- Flashlights
- Large Body Wipes
- Toilet Paper
- Chapstick
- Tennis shoes
- Underwear (new, men and women)
- Socks (new)
- T-Shirts (new, especially men L, XL and women M, L, XL)
- Thermal Long Underwear (new, men and women, soft, fleece-lined)
- Men's Waterproof Coats
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Disposable Razors
- Deodorant
- Heavy Duty Trash Bags

Be well,

Lauren

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Traverse Area District Library (Woodmere location) will be hosting “**Community Conversations: Addiction & Recovery – Workforce Development and Drug & Sobriety Court**” on **Tuesday, July 19 at 6pm**. For more information visit <https://events.tadl.org/event/community-conversations-addiction-recovery-series-workforce-development-and-drug-sobriety>.

The 2022 Rural Michigan Opioid and Substance Use Disorder Conference will be held on **Thursday, July 21** at the Ellison Place (150 Dale Dr, Gaylord, MI 49735) from 7:30am-4pm. For more information and to register visit <https://events.r2o.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07ej6z6j9p329e4b23&oseq=&c=&ch=>.

The Michigan Substance Use Prevention, Education, and Recovery (MiSUPER) will be hosting an upcoming webinar to provide a foundational overview on opioid misuse prevention, treatment options, and recovery support so rural community members and healthcare professionals can recognize signs of misuse, understand options for professional treatment, and support those in recovery. This 1-hour webinar will take place on Zoom on **August 31, 2022** from 12-1pm. Learn more and register here: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/misuper/>.

Families against Narcotics will be hosting a golf tournament on **Friday, September 16** at the Crown Golf Club (2430 W Crown Dr, Traverse City, MI 49685). There will be a 9am shotgun start. The cost is \$115 per person or \$400 for a team of four scramble. To register, email tccordinator@familiesagainstnarcotics.org or call (231) 883-9111.

COLOR FOR HOPE

We have received a lot of community support so far and our Color for Hope fundraiser continues! These 18”x24” colorable posters come in four unique designs, two Traverse City and two Leelanau posters. The designs include businesses, landmarks, and scenery specific to these areas. The local artist, Susan Alexander, spent hours in the natural areas, businesses, and landmarks of Traverse City and Leelanau County areas to capture the beautiful details. Susan Alexander lost her daughter to the disease of addiction. She is a passionate supporter of this cause and donated these posters as a way to further efforts to curb addiction and increase availability of resources related to education, prevention and treatment. All proceeds from the sale of these posters go to support SUD education, prevention, and treatment in our community.

The cost is \$15 for a set of two posters. The posters are currently available at both Oryana locations, ATS’ The PORCH, The Red Dresser, Haberdashery, Premier Floral Design & Gift Emporium, Peninsula Market, Anderson’s Market, Leelanau Coffee Roasting Co., The Botanical Gardens, and the AREA Posters Facebook page. You can also email me directly and I can coordinate a pickup with you. Cash, credit cards, or checks, made payable to Catholic Human Services, are accepted.

We have collaborated with the Traverse City Downtown Development Authority for this project. They will be promoting and selling our posters for \$20; \$15 will be going towards our fundraiser and \$5 will go towards the Downtown Relief Fund. You can visit their website (<https://www.downtowntc.com/relief/>) to purchase or stop into Great Lakes Bath and Body or Spice and Tea Merchants.

We have raised over \$12,000 so far and have purchased Naloxone Safety Kits that have been installed at the Woodmere (2nd floor), East Bay, Peninsula, & Kingsley libraries, Living Hope Church, Salvation Army, the 86th

District Court, the 13th Circuit Court, the Goodwill Inn, the Friendship Community Center, Central United Methodist Church, the Northwestern Michigan College Library, the BATA Bus transfer stations, and the Traverse City Airport.

RESOURCES

- The US Drug Enforcement Administration’s “Just Think Twice” website provides drug information, news stories, personal stories, consequences, facts, and statistics. <https://www.justthinktwice.gov/>
- The State of Michigan, in partnership with the Connected Nation Michigan, has launched a [statewide Wi-Fi hotspot](#) map to help residents lacking access to broadband internet at home: https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/MIMSP/2020/06/09/file_attachments/1470122/JIC%20News%20Release%20259_State%20of%20Michigan%20Launches%20Online%20Map%20of%20Free%20Wi-Fi%20Hotspots%20to%20Help%20Residents%20Lacking%20Access%20to%20Broadband%20Internet.pdf
- The State of Michigan has put together a list of resources if you’re feeling emotional distress caused by COVID-19, the page offers many ways to connect to emotional-support services without leaving your home: https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98178_99557---,00.html
- The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services has established a warmline for persons with mental health conditions. The warmline will be operated by Certified Peer Support Specialist. Individuals calling the warmline will be provided with support by peers who have their own lived experience with mental health issues. They will be providing wellness support and a listening ear. Here is the link to the warmline: https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71550_2941---,00.html. The phone numbers is (888) 733-7753.
- The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) has put together a list of resources for people with substance use disorders and those in recovery to address the unique challenges faced during the COVID-19 pandemic: <https://www.drugabuse.gov/related-topics/covid-19-resources>
- The NIDA for Teens has a free online toolkit that offers science-based activities and resources on drug use and addiction for educating teens while they are out of school: https://teens.drugabuse.gov/teachers/out-of-school-time-toolkit?utm_source=teeneblast&utm_medium=email&utm_content=nf&utm_term=NPnp&utm_campaign=teen-NDAFW2020

NEWS AND ARTICLES OF INTEREST

- Michigan Health – Opioids: 4 Ways to Reduce Harm, Overdose, and Death: <https://healthblog.uofmhealth.org/wellness-prevention/opioids-4-ways-to-reduce-harm-overdose-and-death>
- 9&10 News – Traverse Area District Library, Community Partners to Host Conversation on Youth Addiction, Prevention, Intervention, & Recovery: <https://www.9and10news.com/2022/06/20/traverse-area-district-library-community-partners-to-host-conversation-on-youth-addition-prevention-intervention-recovery/>

- Petoskey News – Meth Addiction is Rising in Northern Michigan Communities. Here’s Why:
<https://www.petoskeynews.com/story/news/drugs/2022/05/20/meth-most-common-drug-right-now-toll-meth-addiction-inside-and-outside-prison/9733572002/>

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

August 4 6:30pm – Families Against Narcotics monthly forum will be held in person at Central United Methodist Church in Traverse City and can also be attended virtually on Zoom *Note - this group meets the 1st Thursday of each month (excluding July)*

August 11 4-5pm – Grand Traverse County Drug Free Coalition monthly meeting, held virtually – Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/95640237687?pwd=aXNTNoc2QUJ6WGpaQ3h3Y215WmFxUTo9> *Note – we meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month (excluding July)*

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