

## About HDC

HDC is one of approximately 1,000 Community Action Agencies (CAAs) serving the U.S., Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. CAAs were the centerpiece of President Lyndon Johnson's "War on Poverty" and founded as non-profit organizations that fight poverty at the local level.

Since its inception in 1965 as a Michigan private, non-profit corporation, HDC has provided human services to the communities and residents of Huron, Lapeer, Sanilac and Tuscola Counties, in rural Michigan.

HDC is governed by a 11-member Board of Directors, comprised of equal representation from local government (public officials), the private sector (businesses, faith-based organizations, etc.), and consumers (low-income, seniors, handicapped). The Board receives input from three Advisory Councils that are comprised of individuals who are interested in particular areas of service.

## Funding for HDC Programs

The programs operated by HDC are funded by a variety of sources including state and federal grants, local public funding, and private funding. Private funding encompasses monetary donations, in-kind donations, and numerous fundraising efforts.

Each year, HDC conducts Walk for Warmth which raises funds to assist families and individuals with heating and utility emergencies. Community members voluntarily gather pledges and walk a one-mile route to help keep others warm.

HDC also raises money each year for our Endowment Fund which will fund agency programs and operations in years to come.

The Human Development Commission (HDC) is one of nearly 1,000 Community Action Agencies that are a part of the National Community Action Partnership. As such, HDC is dedicated to restoring hope by helping people and changing lives.

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# Programs and Services of HDC



HDC operates over 50 programs, each focused at specific needs within the community. It is our ultimate goal to provide customers with the tools necessary to become self-sufficient, and often that means combining services to meet both their short and long-term needs.



## Primary Areas of Service

**Emergency Services:** Funded through grants and fundraising efforts, HDC assists people facing disconnection of heat or electrical services.

**Senior Services:** HDC provides services to senior citizens that assist them with maintaining their independence and includes such things as caregiver support and respite programs, personal/home care, home delivered meals, adult day services, senior volunteer opportunities, and transportation services.

**Education:** Programs that encompass early childhood development, and school readiness, strengthen our youth. Other programs, such as energy education and money management classes, are designed to help adults reach a level of self-sufficiency.

**Housing:** With the support of organizations such as HUD and MSHDA, HDC provides rental assistance services to those who are homeless or at serious risk of becoming homeless. In addition, we also have weatherization services that provide increased energy efficiency.

**Nutrition:** Individuals living in poverty are more vulnerable to malnutrition and benefit greatly from nutritionally balanced food programs. Our various nutrition programs serve children, adults and seniors.

**Victim Services:** Through the Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center, we provide shelter, counseling, and assistance to survivors of sexual and domestic violence. We also provide advocacy to support victims and work to strengthen the criminal justice system in responding to violence against women.

## Additional Community Services

### Caro Thumbody Express

Provides transportation services to residents in the City of Caro, Almer Township, and Indianfields Township, and also provides regular trips between Vassar and Caro.

### Retired Senior Volunteer Program

A volunteer network for people 55 and over. You can use the skills and talents you've learned over the years, or develop new ones, while serving in a variety of volunteer activities in the community.

### Spoonfuls of Plenty

Serves a free home-style community meal each week in Caro and is supported by community organizations and businesses.

### Thumb Area Senior News

A monthly newspaper serving mature adults in the Thumb area.

