

# OUR COMMUNITY CHALLENGES

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## YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIFE OF A NEIGHBOR IN NEED

- 18.6% of transportation needs go unmet each year.
- 1 out of every 3 fire clients have lost everything because they don't have home owners or renters insurance.
- At least 26% of Midland County residents do not have dental insurance.
- 1 out of every 30 individuals experience intellectual disabilities.
- 33% of single parent households are living in poverty.
- 66% of children feel they do not have positive adult role models in their lives.
- Each year, over 50 children wait to be matched with a positive role model through BBBS due to a lack of volunteers.
- 1 in 8 high school students use drugs.
- Less than half the students in Midland County are proficient in math and reading.
- Only 33% of elementary students are physically fit.
- 19% of Midland County adults still smoke and 90% of those would like to quit their habit but have been discouraged from failed attempts.
- Over 40% of adults in Midland County are not adequately screened for cancer.
- Nearly 1 in 5 individuals will experience serious anxiety problems at some point in their lifetime.
- Over 25% of Midland youth used alcohol in the last 30 days.
- Use of narcotics in Midland County has increased by 36% in the last four years.
- Nearly 30% of students in Midland County qualify for free or reduced price lunch.
- In Midland County, 1 out of every 12 people lives at or below the federal poverty level.
- Midland County falls in the middle, at 31%, of the Adult Obesity Range in Michigan.
- North Midland County is experiencing a 12% unemployment rate.
- North Midland County has seen a 40% increase in Family Service needs.
- Over 40% of households in Coleman have a gross family income of less than \$25,000.
- In 2009, 993 Midland County children lived in families that were investigated for child abuse. Of these 993, 180 children were confirmed victims of abuse.
- 50% of those who are homeless include families with children.
- In Midland County, poverty has increased from 8.4% in 2000 to 12.6% in 2007.

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- Nearly 1,800 adults in Midland County are living with Alzheimer's disease or another type of dementia.
- 1 out of every 5 women reports some type of violence in their relationship.
- Last year, law enforcement in Midland County responded to approximately 780 domestic dispute or assault calls.
- Midland County has a higher rate of children, ages 0-5, receiving special education services than that of the state level.
- 1 in 10 people struggle with drug and/or alcohol abuse.
- In Midland County, treatment for opiate dependency is up 425% in the last 5 years.
- In the western part of Midland County, nearly 40% of preschoolers come from single parent households.
- Nearly 20% of preschoolers in the west part of Midland County fall 130% under the poverty level.

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