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MIGRANT FARMWORKERS: SALUD Y COMMUNIDAD

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About Us

Who We Are

Collaboration of agencies, the faith community, and health and human service agencies serving migrant farmworkers and their families.



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Number of agencies participating in the three year grant.



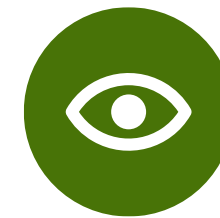
Values

Equity

Integrity

Excellence

Our Vision & Mission



Vision

Healthy Migrant Farmworkers



Mission

The Ottawa County Migrant Health Taskforce aims to improve the health of Ottawa County's migrant farmworkers by bridging health gaps, improving social determinants of health, and addressing health disparities.



Our History

Introduction



01

It was the year 2002

Our first attempt (locally) at collecting, analyzing and sharing migrant farmworker data.

02

20 years passed...

The original report sat on a shelf for 20 years enduring many internal moves.

03

3 year Grant

Applied for a Migrant Health Grant
Office of Minority Health

Awarded - \$42,000 for 3 years

04

Migrant Health Task Force

Faith Community, Growers, Migrant
Farmworkers, Health and Human Services
Agencies, etc

Snapshot of Migrant Farmworkers in Ottawa County



2013
Data

The last year that the State of Michigan collected any form of Migrant Farmworker data.



State of Michigan
49,135

Michigan ranks 5th in the nation for migrant and seasonal farmworkers registered with the state for employment purposes



Ottawa County
<13,000

Employed in field agriculture, nursery/greenhouse work, reforestation, farming, and food processing

Migrant Health Survey

**319 Migrant Farmworkers -
18 health related topics**



- **Year One - Data Collection - Hired an outside contractor**
- **Over 100 questions - paper/electronic**
- **Offered in English and Spanish - Hired staff to administer the surveys**
- **Stipend of 30.00 Walmart gift card**
- **10 Key Informant interviews**



Migrant Health Survey

Gender: Male **47%** Female **52%**

71% live in Ottawa County Seasonally

52% have lived here less than 5 years

Race and Ethnicity: **96%** Hispanic/**86%** Mexican

55% earn less than \$15,000 a year

Two-thirds (64.9%) have not visited a dentist in the past year to have their teeth cleaned; general population is 22.6% .

64.9%

Two-thirds (68.9%) of migrant farmworkers have no health care coverage, compared to 8.2% of the general population.

68.9%



Migrant Health Survey

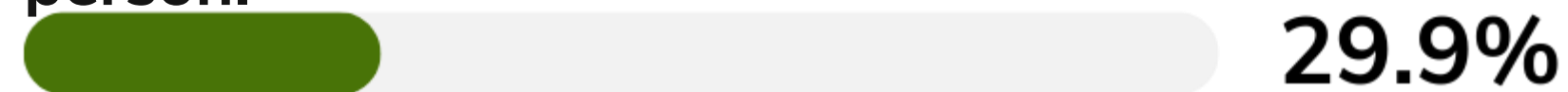
Two-thirds (64.8%) of migrant farmworkers have been vaccinated for COVID-19.



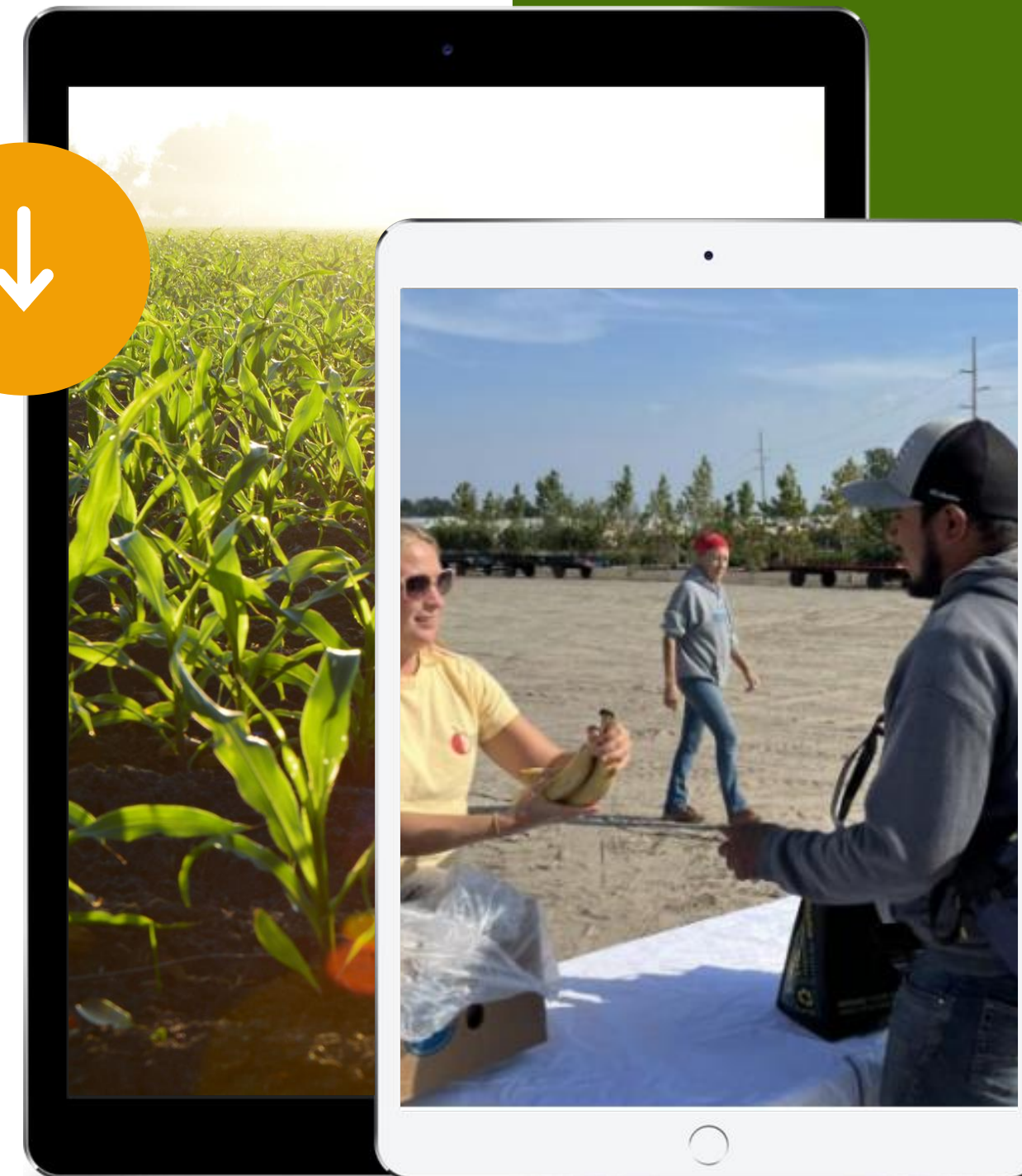
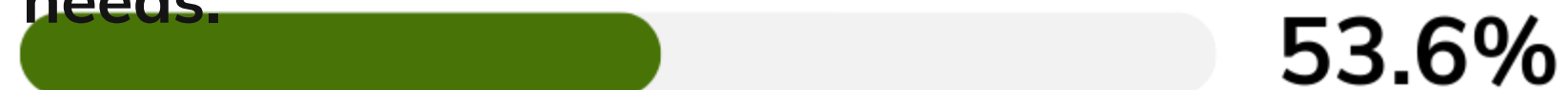
76.4% personally feel included or welcomed in Ottawa County.



29.9% of migrant farmworkers say they could rely on nobody, and 19.6% could rely on only one person.

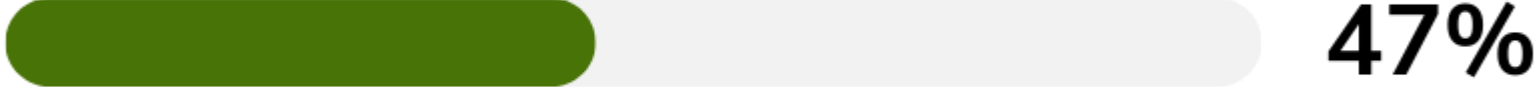


Over half (53.6%) of the migrant farmworkers have used a food pantry to help meet their food needs.



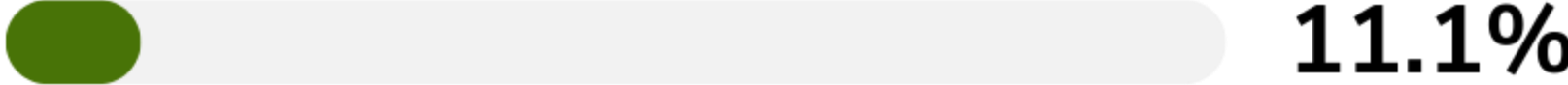
Migrant Health Survey

About half (47.0%) of migrant farmworkers find it difficult to deal with daily situations because of their limited English skills.



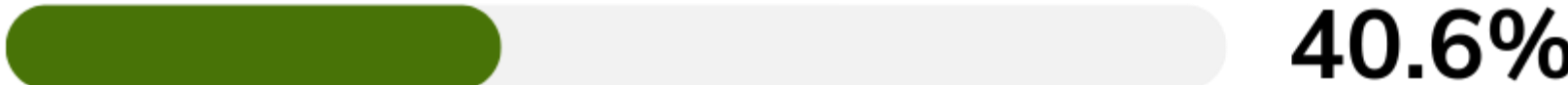
47%

One in nine (11.1%) have experienced discrimination in Ottawa County.



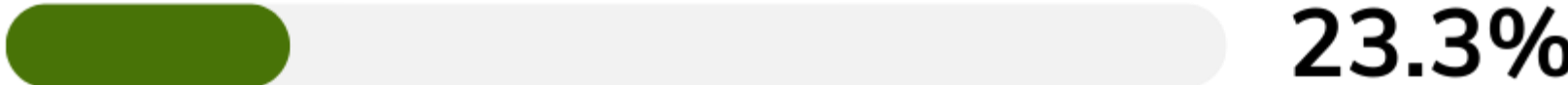
11.1%

40.6% of migrant farmworkers had difficulty understanding written and verbal communication from their health care provider.

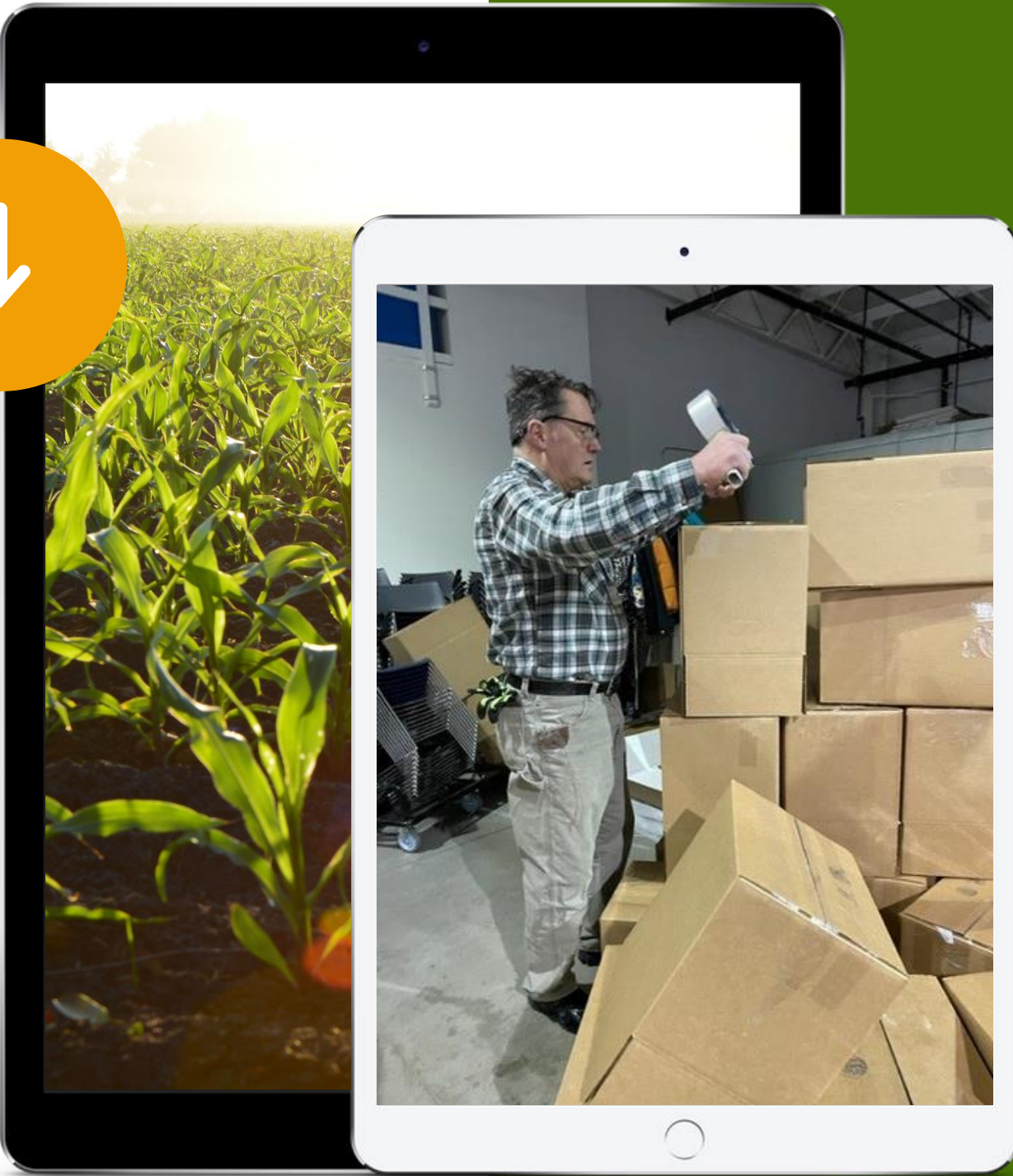


40.6%

One-fourth (23.3%) had to forgo a needed doctor visit in the past year due to cost.



23.3%



Key Informant Feedback



“Although transportation remains a barrier to services, several agencies have worked hard to provide transportation and/or to work with other organizations to coordinate it.”



“The Migrant Resource Council (MRC) has been critical to helping coalesce all of the issues in the migrant farmworker community and passing this information on to the agencies and organizations that do the outreach.”



“Effectively communicating the true value of migrant farmworkers to community members will reduce discrimination and remove many of the barriers to services.”





Strategic Plan

2 years



Health



- Cost
- Language/literacy barriers
- Lack of time/work schedule/hours of operation of service providers
- Lack of transportation
- Fear/lack of trust
- Lack of single resource guide
- Not a priority
- Navigation issues
- Qualification issues
- Lack of providers



- Language/literacy barriers
- Lack of time/work schedule/hours of operation of service providers
- Lack of transportation
- Lack of cultural competency
- Lack of connectedness to community
- Lack of support system and related stress
- Stigma
- Racism/discrimination

Root Causes

Loneliness

Access to Fruits/Veggies



Root Causes

- Cost
- Language/literacy barriers
- Lack of time/work schedule/hours of operation of service providers
- Lack of transportation
- Fear/lack of trust
- Lack of single resource guide
- Lack of education/awareness
- Need for non-food items
- Lack of culturally appropriate food/education
- Lack of storage space
- Stress

- Limited staff, time, and funding
- Lack of communication/awareness/central database
- Lack of participation by more groups/organizations
- Need to separate farmworkers from immigrants

Coordination

Goals for Years 2 and 3



Improve healthcare coverage and access to services, including dental care and mental health

Address the loneliness and lack of support in the migrant farmworker population

Increase fruit/vegetable consumption and awareness of food pantry resources

Goals for Years 2 and 3



Strengthen existing
coordination
efforts and build

new partnerships
among agencies
and organizations



04/17/2024

PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES



Welcome Bags and Resources



DIAL 2-1-1
Dialing 2-1-1 or visiting www.call-211.org will connect you to resources for food, housing, clothing, health/mental health/dental services, substance abuse, transportation, senior services, childcare, and more. The service is FREE and confidential and available 24 hours/7 days a week.

2-1-1
DIAL / MARCAR
2-1-1 or 877-211-5253
VISIT / VISITA
CALL: 211.ORG
TEXT
Your Zip Code to 898211
EMAIL
211info@call-211.org

MARQUE 2-1-1
Al marcar 2-1-1 o visitar www.call-211.org se pondrá en contacto con recursos de alimentación, vivienda, ropa, servicios de salud/salud mental/dental, abuso de sustancias, transporte, servicios para personas mayores, cuidado de niños, y mucho más. El servicio es GRATUITO y confidencial y está disponible 24 horas/7 días a la semana.

Ottawa County Community Resource Guide
Guía de Recursos Comunitarios del Condado de Ottawa

YEAR ONE -360 BASKETS



YEAR TWO-800 BAGS



8500 RESOURCE GUIDES



“Good variety of foods both fresh and canned. Will help supplement our meals for the week. Thank you.”

Together in Grand Haven

Juntos en Grand Haven

RECOGIDA GRATUITA EN AUTOBÚS
14780 PIERCE ST.
WEST OLIVE A LAS 11:15 AM



VIAJES GRATUITOS A
TODOS LOS LUGARES
INDICADOS

ASISTAN A MISA EN LA IGLESIA
EPISCOPAL DE SAN JUAN A LAS 11:45 AM



11:15 AM
CADA DOMINGO,

LAVEN LA ROPA GRATIS EN EL
CENTRO DE LAVANDERÍA DE LA
IGLESIA DE WATERMARK



26 DE JUNIO,
3, 10, 17, 24, 31 DE JULIO
7, 14, 21, 28 DE AGOSTO

DISFRUTEN DE UNA COMIDA
COMUNITARIA EN LA IGLESIA
EPISCOPAL DE SAN JUAN A LA 1:00 PM



TRANSPORTE PROPORCIONADO PARA HACER
COMPRAS EN WALMART (LOS INDIVIDUOS
PAGAN SUS PROPIAS COMPRAS)



BAJADA DEL AUTOBÚS
14780 PIERCE ST., WEST OLIVE
ALREDEDOR DE LAS 4:15 PM



Watermark

MOMENTUM
CENTER FOR SOCIAL
ENGAGEMENT



10 SUNDAYS



89 PASSENGERS



100%



of surveyed participants said that they felt more connected to the community, knew the area better, met new people, and had access to new places thanks to the program

Food Distribution



FREE FOOD
No ID or registration required

Woodland Enterprises 10821 Pierce St. Zeeland Thursday, July 14 Monday, July 25 7:30 - 8:00 PM	Bowerman Blueberries 15793 James Street Holland Monday, August 1 Monday, August 22 7:30 - 8:00 PM
Ag Installers 12100 Clearview Ln Holland Tuesday, September 6 Thursday, September 15 7:30 - 8:00 PM	Dekker Farms 12331 Rich St Grand Haven Tuesday, September 6 Thursday, September 15 7:30 - 8:00 PM

Special thanks to our community partners: Community Action Agency, Community Action House, Jehovah Jireh, Migrant Health Task Force, Ottawa Food, Ottawa County Department of Public Health, and Spectrum Health.



YEAR ONE -400 BOXES



YEAR TWO- 800 BOXES



“Thank you for your generosity in reaching out and blessing so many! After talking with some of the people, I think if we had to do it over again, we would probably have just one night of distribution and have it delivered by the camp.”

Veggie Van



YEAR ONE -2,240 LBS



YEAR TWO- 28,050 LBS



1510 FAMILIES



“Good variety of foods both fresh and canned. Will help supplement our meals for the week. Thank you.”

Dental Services



YEAR ONE -12 CLIENTS



648 DENTAL PACKETS



47 SERVICES =\$1717



“ One of the biggest challenges was that receiving care meant losing out on work time. While this year’s grower allowed migrant farmworkers to miss work to receive dental services, workers may have opted to work and receive pay instead of dental services.”

Lending Libraries/Micopantries

West Ottawa Migrant Education Program



Lending Libraries

Thank you for helping stock our libraries with books & resources!



LOCATIONS:

1: Bowerman's Store

15793 James St.

2: Riley Homes

15528 Riley

3: Windmill Estates

333 E Lakewood Blvd
(2 libraries)

4: Holiday West

3611 Butternut Dr
(2 libraries)

5: Quincy Homes

3968 142nd
(2 libraries)

6: Pine Acres

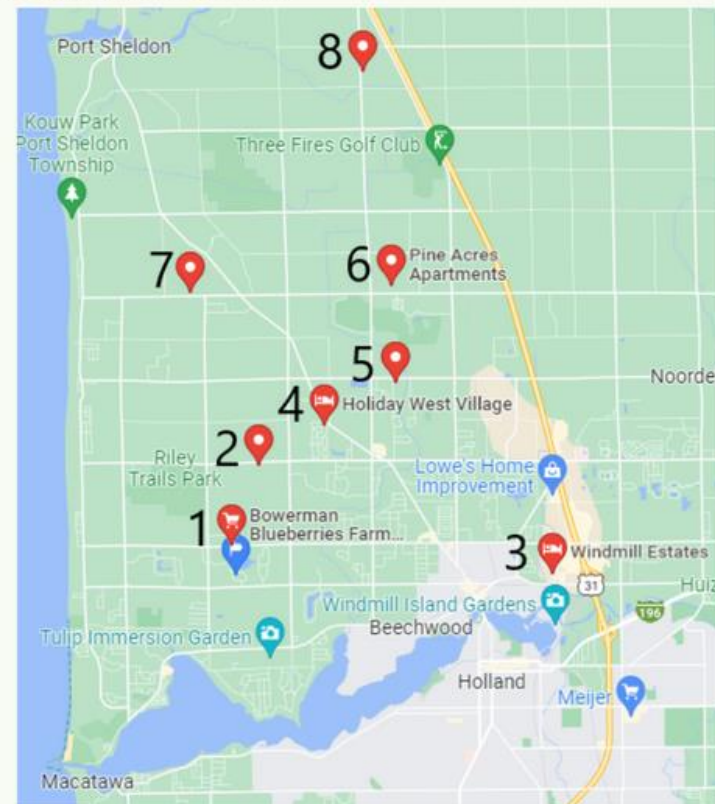
5198 Pine Acres Dr

7: New Holland Homes

16135 New Holland

8: Fillmore Homes

14050 & 14250 Fillmore
(2 libraries)



Find directions to the locations here or at the QR code:
bit.ly/WOLibraries

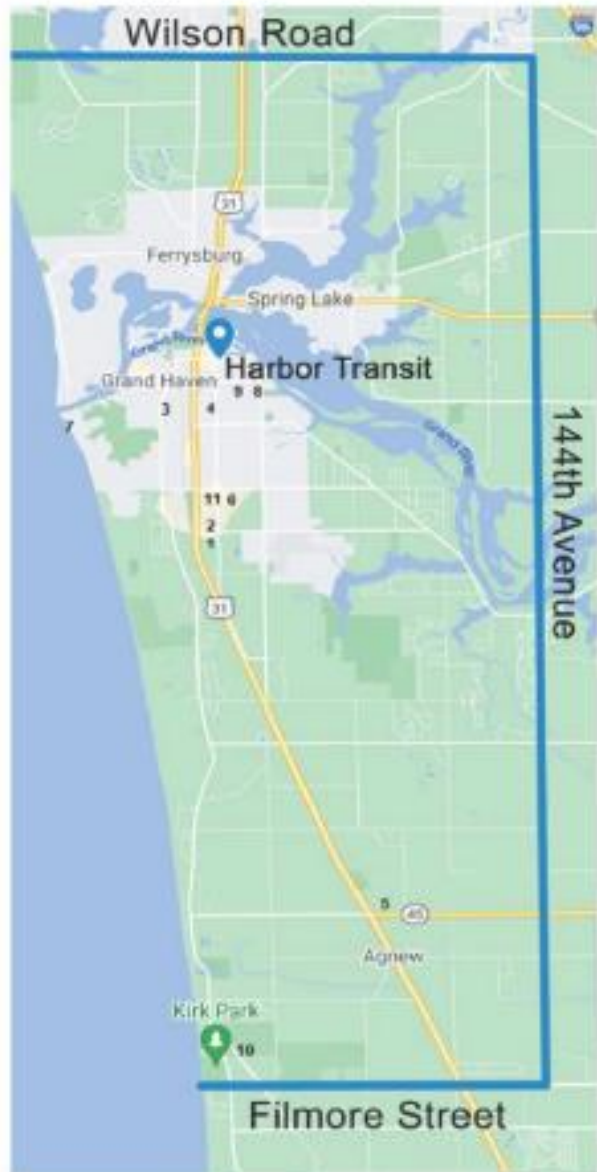
Questions? Contact Pam Schwallier, Director of EL & Bilingual Programs, schwallierpa@westottawa.net



The micro pantries were stocked with personal care items, books, food, and reference materials.

Harbor Transit -Grand Haven - Year Two

Rides are Free! / Los Paseos son gratis!



**Need a Ride?
Give us a call!
616.842.3200**

**¿Necesita transporte?
¡Llámanos!
616.842.3200**

1. Meijer
2. Walmart
3. St. John's Church
4. St. Pat's Church
5. Botello's
6. Goodwill Store
7. Grand Haven State Park
8. Love In Action
9. Salvation Army
10. Kirk Park
11. GH Coin laundry



Harbor Transit provides curb-to-curb transportation, delivering you directly to your destination. Our service area includes the City of Ferrysburg, City of Grand Haven, Grand Haven Township, Village of Spring Lake, and Spring Lake Township.

1. Call 616-842-3200
2. Ask for a Spanish speaking interpreter.
3. Let them know your address for pick up.
4. Tell them what time you would like to be picked up.
5. Tell them where you want to go.
6. Let them know what time you would like to be picked up and brought returned home.

Ride Times

Monday – Friday, 6am – 6pm (last call 5:30pm)
Saturday, 9am – 4pm (last call 3:30pm)
Sunday, 8am – 12:30pm (advanced registration required)

El autobús de Harbor Transit ofrece transporte de acera a acera y lo lleva directamente a su destino. Nuestra área de servicio incluye la ciudad de Ferrysburg, la ciudad de Grand Haven, el municipio de Grand Haven, el pueblo de Spring Lake y el municipio de Spring Lake.

1. Llama al 616-842-3200
2. Pide un intérprete de habla hispana.
3. Hágales saber su dirección para recoger.
4. Dígales a qué hora te gustaría que te recogieran.
5. Díles dónde quieres ir.
6. Hágales saber a qué hora le gustaría que lo recogieran y lo regresaran a casa.

Tiempos de Viaje

Lunes – viernes, 6am – 6pm (última llamada 5:30pm)
Sábado, 9am – 4pm (última llamada 3:30pm)
Domingo, 8am – 12:30pm (se requiere registro avanzado)

The participant who provided feedback in the survey said that they had not used Harbor Transit before receiving the map and instructions. They rated the map and instruction a 4 out of 5 in terms of usefulness. And they said they were “very likely” to use Harbor Transit again

Holland Symphony



¡gratis!

Concierto para la Comunidad

Celebración Mariachi

Sábado, 14 de Agosto a las 7pm
Kollen Park Henry VanderLinde Bandshell*



Conductor Invitado, Mark Alpizar
Invitados Especiales
Garibaldi de Jaime Cuéllar
Ven a celebrar una tarde de música y comida con HSO. Trae tu propia silla.
¡Habrá comida de Mac Shack y camiones de comida!



*En caso de lluvia, el concierto se realizará en M.E. Yacht Restoration, 471 Howard, Holland, MI 49424.
Si es necesario, se comunicará a las 4pm el día del concierto.



Juanita Bocanegra grew up working in the fields in Michigan and Texas with her parents harvesting crops. “So tonight, I have the honor of being able to dedicate a song to my community, to those migrant farmworkers that are so important to this community.”

Conclusion- Lessons Learned



- Smaller Baskets
- Culturally appropriate foods
- Collaboration with Growers
- “Nothing for us, without us”



- Collaboration, collaboration, collaboration
- Cultural Competency
- Flexibility
- Point Person



- Reaching outside
- Building of relationships
- Moving the needle takes time
- Passion



QUESTIONS???



Get Connected With Us

Contact Information



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THANKS

