

Community Resources Directory

Northwest Indiana — Lake, Porter & LaPorte Counties

A working list of community and disaster-relief services, organized by county.

Includes: shelters/warming & cooling centers, food banks & pantries, medical/health clinics, utility & financial assistance, senior & disability services, mental health/crisis lines, animal/pet services, general information (211/county helpline).

Lake County

Service Name: YWCA of Northwest Indiana — Emergency Shelter

Address: 150 W. 15th Ave., Gary, IN

Contact: Shelter, meals & charging stations available around the clock — call for current status: (219) 881-9922

- Service Name:** The Monroe Center — Emergency Shelter

Address: 4101 Washington St., Gary, IN

Contact: Around-the-clock emergency shelter — call for current status: 219-501-8766
- Service Name:** Regional Health Systems — Crisis C.A.R.E. Unit

Address: Lake County

Contact: (219) 736-7200 — 24/7 mental health crisis support
- Service Name:** Family Life Community Center — Food Pantry

Address: 565 Massachusetts St., Gary, IN 46402

Contact: Mon–Wed 3–6pm, Thu 10am–4pm — community-run food pantry
- Service Name:** Community Services of NWI — Food Pantry

Address: 824 Hoffman St., Hammond, IN 46327

Contact: (219) 932-4800
- Service Name:** Community HealthNet — Gary Clinic

Address: 1021 W. 5th Ave., Gary, IN 46402

Contact: (219) 880-1190 — sliding-scale medical care, accepts Medicaid/Medicare
- Service Name:** NorthShore Health Centers — Crown Point

Address: 310 W. 112th, Crown Point, IN 46307

Contact: (219) 763-8112
- Service Name:** NorthShore Health Centers — East Chicago

Address: 2121 E. Columbus Drive, East Chicago, IN 46312

Contact: (219) 763-8112 — temporarily closed; served via Wellness on Wheels mobile unit, call to confirm
- Service Name:** NorthShore Health Centers — Gary

Address: 2200 Richard Gordon Hatcher Blvd., Gary, IN 46404

Contact: (219) 763-8112 — family practice, pediatrics, dental, pharmacy, women's health
- Service Name:** NorthShore Health Centers — Hammond

Address: 1828 165th St., Hammond, IN 46320

Contact: (219) 763-8112
- Service Name:** NorthShore Health Centers — Lake Station

Address: 2490 Central Ave., Lake Station, IN 46405

Contact: (219) 763-8112

11. **Service Name:** NorthShore Health Centers — Merrillville
Address: 276 E. 68th Place, Merrillville, IN 46410
Contact: (219) 763-8112
12. **Service Name:** City of Gary — Office of the Mayor (Eddie Melton)
Address: 401 Broadway, Gary, IN 46402
Contact: (219) 881-1300 — Mon–Fri 8:30am–4:30pm; also handles Greater Gary Storm Recovery & Relief Fund inquiries
13. **Service Name:** Gary 311 — Constituent/Service Requests
Address: gary.gov/311
Contact: (219) 881-1311 | email mocs@gary.gov — non-emergency requests, storm damage reporting
14. **Service Name:** Hudson Campbell Shelter
Address: 455 Massachusetts St., Gary, IN 46402
Contact: 24/7 emergency shelter (per City of Gary storm recovery page)
15. **Service Name:** Gary Public Library — Charging Station
Address: 220 W. 5th Ave., Gary, IN 46402
Contact: Available during storm recovery — call ahead to confirm current hours
16. **Service Name:** Legacy Foundation — Greater Gary Storm Recovery & Relief Fund
Address: 370 E. 84th Dr., Merrillville, IN 46410
Contact: Call (219) 881-1300 or donate/apply via legacyfdn.org
17. **Service Name:** Gary Housing Authority
Address: 578 Broadway, 2nd Floor, Gary, IN 46402
Contact: (219) 881-6400 | info@garyhousing.org

Porter County

18. **Service Name:** The Salvation Army of Porter County
Address: 799 Capitol Rd, Valparaiso, IN 46385
Contact: (219) 762-9191
19. **Service Name:** Portage High School Field House — Feeding Site
Address: 6450 E US Hwy 6, Portage, IN
Contact: Centralized Salvation Army feeding site during storm response — call 211 for current hours
20. **Service Name:** Porter-Starke Services — Crisis Line
Address: 601 Wall Street, Valparaiso, IN 46383
Contact: (219) 476-4523 — 24/7 mental health crisis line
21. **Service Name:** Christian Food Pantry of Valparaiso
Address: 7 Chicago St., Valparaiso, IN 46383
Contact: (219) 465-0207
22. **Service Name:** Portage Township Food Pantry
Address: 5391 Central Ave., Portage, IN 46368
Contact: (219) 299-6273 — call ahead to confirm hours

1. **Service Name:** HealthLine — Valparaiso Clinic
Address: 1001 N. Sturdy Rd., Valparaiso, IN 46383
Contact: (219) 462-7173 | After-hours/toll-free (888) 580-1060 — sliding-scale medical care
2. **Service Name:** NorthShore Health Centers — Chesterton
Address: 801 Broadway, Chesterton, IN 46304
Contact: (219) 763-8112
3. **Service Name:** NorthShore Health Centers — Portage
Address: 6050 Sterling Creek Rd., Portage, IN 46368
Contact: (219) 763-8112
4. **Service Name:** NorthShore Health Centers — Valparaiso (OB/GYN)
Address: 85 E US-6 Frontage Road, #330, Valparaiso, IN 46383
Contact: (219) 763-8112 — women's health/OB-GYN specialists
5. **Service Name:** United Way of Northwest Indiana — Valparaiso Office
Address: 951 Eastport Centre Dr., Valparaiso, IN 46383
Contact: (219) 464-3583 — regional HQ (Porter County); operates Indiana 211, Volunteer Connect, and community financial-assistance grants
6. **Service Name:** St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish — St. Vincent de Paul Outreach
Address: 509 W. Division Rd., Valparaiso, IN 46385
Contact: (219) 464-1624 — parish-run food/financial assistance affiliated with the Diocese of Gary's Catholic Charities network; no standalone Catholic Charities branch office in Porter County

LaPorte County

7. **Service Name:** The Salvation Army — Michigan City Corps
Address: 1201 Franklin St., Michigan City, IN 46360
Contact: (219) 874-6885
8. **Service Name:** Michigan City Warming/Cooling Center — City Hall
Address: 100 E. Michigan Blvd, Michigan City, IN
Contact: Mon–Fri 8am–4:30pm | Mayor's Office (219) 873-1400 for medical shelter needs
9. **Service Name:** Swanson Center — After-Hours Crisis Line
Address: 1230 W State Rd 2, Suite A, La Porte, IN
Contact: (219) 871-9975 after hours | (219) 879-4621 main line
10. **Service Name:** Trinity Episcopal Church — Community Food Pantry
Address: 600 Franklin Square, Michigan City, IN 46360
Contact: (219) 874-4355 — open every other Wednesday, 11am–1pm
11. **Service Name:** Good Shepherd Food Pantry
Address: 6006 N Fail Rd, La Porte, IN 46350
Contact: (219) 778-9444
12. **Service Name:** HealthLine — La Porte Clinic
Address: 400 Teegarden St. (next to Northwest Health), La Porte, IN 46350
Contact: (219) 326-0043 | After-hours/toll-free (888) 580-1060 — sliding-scale medical care
13. **Service Name:** NorthShore Health Centers — La Porte
Address: 508 Legacy Plaza, La Porte, IN 46350
Contact: (219) 763-8112

14. **Service Name:** NorthShore Health Centers — Michigan City
Address: 817 Pine Street, Michigan City, IN 46360
Contact: (219) 763-8112 — temporarily closed; served via Wellness on Wheels mobile unit, call to confirm
15. **Service Name:** United Way of LaPorte County
Address: 422 Franklin St., Suite D, Michigan City, IN 46360
Contact: (219) 210-3534 — Safety Net emergency assistance (food/shelter/clothing), Indiana 211 access point, Regional Volunteer Center
16. **Service Name:** Sacred Heart Parish — Food Pantry
Address: 130 Bach St., La Porte, IN 46350
Contact: (219) 575-8056 — parish-run food pantry affiliated with the Diocese of Gary's Catholic Charities network; no standalone Catholic Charities branch office in LaPorte County

Regional / Statewide Resources

Use this section for services that cover more than one county or the whole region (state agencies, Red Cross, regional food banks, etc.).

17. **Service Name:** Indiana State Disaster Relief Fund (IDHS)
Address: [in.gov/dhs](https://www.in.gov/dhs) — Emergency Management & Preparedness
Contact: 317-232-2222, or apply online at [in.gov/dhs](https://www.in.gov/dhs)
18. **Service Name:** American Red Cross of Northwest Indiana
Address: Merrillville office: 791 E. 83rd Ave., Merrillville, IN 46410 | Michigan City office: 113 Warren Road, Michigan City, IN 46360
Contact: Merrillville (219) 756-5360 | Disaster assistance (888) 684-1441 | National (800) RED-CROSS
19. **Service Name:** Food Bank of Northwest Indiana
Address: 6490 Broadway, Merrillville, IN 46410
Contact: (219) 980-1777 | [foodbanknwi.org](https://www.foodbanknwi.org)
20. **Service Name:** The Salvation Army — Gary-Merrillville Corps
Address: 4800 Harrison St., Gary, IN 46408
Contact: (219) 887-6588
21. **Service Name:** Catholic Charities Diocese of Gary — Tornado Relief Fund
Address: 940 Broadway, Gary, IN 46402
Contact: (219) 886-3549, option 2 | [catholic-charities.org](https://www.catholic-charities.org)
22. **Service Name:** FEMA Individual Assistance
Address: [disasterassistance.gov](https://www.disasterassistance.gov)
Contact: 1-800-621-3362 — major disaster declared 8/26/26 for Lake, Porter & LaPorte Counties; application guidance pending, check site for updates
23. **Service Name:** SBA Disaster Loans
Address: [sba.gov/disaster](https://www.sba.gov/disaster)
Contact: 1-800-659-2955 — low-interest loans for homeowners, renters, businesses & nonprofits; confirm current eligibility
24. **Service Name:** Indiana 211 (United Way)
Address: [in211.communityos.org](https://www.in211.communityos.org)
Contact: Dial 211 or 1-866-211-9966 — general access point for food, housing, utility, and disaster resources statewide

25. **Service Name:** CoAction (formerly Northwest Indiana Community Action Corp.)
Address: 5240 Fountain Drive, Crown Point, IN 46307
Contact: (219) 794-1829 or 1-800-826-7871 — utility assistance, housing counseling & foreclosure prevention (Lake, Porter, LaPorte & more); Energy Assistance Program currently closed to new applicants
26. **Service Name:** 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline
Address: 988indiana.org
Contact: Call or text 988 — free, 24/7 mental health crisis support statewide
27. **Service Name:** NIPSCO — Financial Support / Outage Line
Address: nipsco.com/bills-and-payments/financial-support
Contact: Outages: nipsco.com/outages | Billing assistance: 1-800-464-7726 | Customer service: 1-800-634-3524 (Energy Assistance Program reopens Oct. 1)
28. **Service Name:** Indiana Legal Services — Merrillville Office
Address: 7863 Broadway St., Merrillville, IN 46410
Contact: (844) 243-8570 — free legal aid: housing, insurance disputes, public benefits
29. **Service Name:** United Way of Northwest Indiana
Address: unitedwaynwi.org
Contact: Hosts Indiana 211 for the region and coordinates local volunteer/donation response — see website for current storm-response programs
30. **Service Name:** Operation BBQ Relief
Address: Mobile relief kitchens — served from Walmart parking lots across the derecho-affected area
Contact: (844) 627-7353 — free hot meals for storm-affected residents; check site/socials for current serving locations
31. **Service Name:** World Central Kitchen
Address: Multiple pop-up sites in Gary/Lake County, partnered with Lake Ridge Fire Dept.
Contact: wck.org — free meals for storm-affected residents; check site for current site locations and hours
32. **Service Name:** Humane Society of Northwest Indiana
Address: 6100 Melton Rd., Gary, IN 46403 (Miller)
Contact: (219) 938-3339 — animal shelter/rescue; operating on generators post-storm, accepting pet supply donations

Township Trustees

Indiana township trustees administer local "poor relief"/township assistance — emergency help with food, utilities, rent, and burial costs for residents of their township. Contact the trustee for your specific township (based on your home address, not just your city).

Lake County

Township	Address	Phone
Calumet	610 Connecticut Street, Gary, IN 46402	(219) 880-4000
Cedar Creek	151 Freemont St., Lowell, IN 46356	(219) 696-9713
Center	1450 East South Street, Crown Point, IN 46307	(219) 663-0250
Eagle Creek	8305 E 173rd Ave., Hebron, IN 46341	(219) 996-4572
Hanover	13330 Parrish Ave., Cedar Lake, IN 46303	(219) 374-7443
Hobart	1421 37th Ave., Hobart, IN 46342	(219) 942-0055
North	5947 Hohman Ave., Hammond, IN 46320	(219) 932-2530
Ross	26 W. 73rd Ave., Merrillville, IN 46410	(219) 769-2111
St. John	1515 W. US Highway 30, Schererville, IN 46375	(219) 865-2705
West Creek	18046 White Oak Ave., Lowell, IN 46356	(219) 696-9432
Winfield	10645 Randolph St., Suite B, Winfield, IN 46307	(219) 663-7027

Porter County

Township	Address	Phone
Boone	See portercountyin.gov/2020/Township-Trustees for current contact	
Center	202 Roosevelt Rd., Valparaiso, IN 46383	(219) 462-0810
Jackson	See portercountyin.gov/2020/Township-Trustees for current contact	
Liberty	71 W. US Highway 6, Valparaiso, IN 46385	(219) 242-8347
Morgan	See portercountyin.gov/2020/Township-Trustees for current address	(219) 733-2415
Pine	Beverly Shores, IN 46301	(219) 874-6531
Pleasant	205 S. Maple Street, Kouts, IN 46347	(219) 766-3216
Portage	3590 Willow Creek Rd., Suite B, Portage, IN 46368	(219) 762-1623
Porter	454 W. 300 S., Valparaiso, IN 46385	(219) 988-4444
Union	330 U.S. 30 West, Valparaiso, IN 46385	(219) 759-1482
Washington	See portercountyin.gov/2020/Township-Trustees for current contact	
Westchester	Burns Harbor, IN 46304	(219) 926-1405

LaPorte County

Township	Address	Phone
Cass	11191 W. 1250 S., Wanatah, IN 46390	(219) 733-2816
Center	1108 W. State Road 2, La Porte, IN 46350	(219) 362-2736
Clinton	7101 S. 900 W., Westville, IN 46390	(219) 851-5156
Coolspring	1411 Woodland Ave., Suite A, Michigan City, IN 46360	(219) 872-2181
Dewey	801 E. Main St., LaCrosse, IN 46348	(219) 754-2739
Galena	6555 N. 300 E., La Porte, IN 46350	(219) 575-3930
Hanna	15 E. Hopper St., PO Box 205, Hanna, IN 46340	(219) 797-5735
Hudson	6228 N. 900 East, New Carlisle, IN 46552	(574) 904-2012
Johnson	7007 E. 1000 S., Walkerton, IN 46574	(574) 298-9490
Kankakee	0185 E. 400 N., La Porte, IN 46350	(219) 362-2391
Lincoln	2422 S. Taylor Rd., Mill Creek, IN 46365	(219) 393-0025
Michigan	2601 E. Michigan Blvd., Michigan City, IN 46360	(219) 874-5201
New Durham	6821 W. Joliet Road, La Porte, IN 46350	(219) 649-1224
Noble	4702 W. 800 S., Union Mills, IN 46382	(219) 363-6157
Pleasant	3782 S. St Rd 104, La Porte, IN 46350	(219) 608-5719
Prairie	5554 W. 1800 S., LaCrosse, IN 46348	(219) 754-2339
Scipio	1482 W. 500 S., La Porte, IN 46350	(219) 608-1853
Springfield	0227 W. 650 N., La Porte, IN 46350	(219) 325-0809
Union	PO Box 25, Kingsford Heights, IN 46346	(219) 393-3315
Washington	0782 E. 400 S., La Porte, IN 46350	(219) 561-0909
Wills	5237 E. 50 N., Rolling Prairie, IN 46371	(219) 393-8011

Tip: verify phone numbers and hours periodically — community service listings change often. Boone and Jackson Township (Porter County) trustee offices don't have easily verifiable public contact info online; check portercountyin.gov/2020/Township-Trustees for the current officeholder.