

ICSK NEWS

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ICSK Hours

- Monday through Friday
Free Breakfast 9:30a - 11a
Free Lunch 11a - 1p

- 621 S. Adams St. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Social Media

If you haven't already, please follow us on all of our social media platforms to keep up with everything that's going on with us!

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Consider Volunteering This Holiday Season!

Are you looking for a new tradition this holiday season? Consider volunteering with us. ICSK relies heavily on student volunteers from the local colleges, and when they go on holiday break, we still need help! Reach out today if you would like to sign up to volunteer with us this holiday season. Call (989) 772-7392, email info@icsk.org, or visit our website icsk.org today!



Our Story

The Isabella Community Soup Kitchen has been around for over 30 years. Have you ever been curious about how we got started? This August we had the pleasure of giving a tour to our founder and reconnecting with him on the origin of ICSK. Gary Taylor was a CMU grad student in 1990 when he started the Isabella Community Soup Kitchen. What was originally just an idea for a capstone project, quickly became a real



Isabella Food Resource Guide

Salvation Army Service Center (1715 S. Mission): Food boxes available, by appointment only, M-F, 9 am-12 pm, 1:00 pm-4:00 pm. Call (989) 773-4663 to schedule appointment.

CCN (1114 W High St): Food pantry open- Please see their FB page or website for exact dates and times. www.ccnfeeds.org or call (989) 863-4449

The Potter's House Food Pantry: (5346 E Deerfield) Drive thru food distribution every 3rd Saturday of the month, 1:00 pm-4:00 pm. Walk-ins by appt only. Call (989) 772-5681 to register

ICSK (621 S. Adams): Free breakfast, M-F, 9:30 am-11:00 am.
Free lunch, M-F, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

CCN's Brockman Infant Pantry: formula, baby food, diapers. 1114 W. High, Mount Pleasant, MI. Call at (989) 546-3340.

For additional resource information please call **211**.



physical place with a mission to serve those in need. Gary was inspired to start ICSK when he witnessed a peer eating a ketchup sandwich. After conducting a needs assessment survey, Gary saw that there was a real food insecurity problem here in Isabella County – from there, the Isabella Community Soup Kitchen was born. After our founding in 1990, and operating out of church basements for several years, in 2002 we found our permanent home on Adams Street in Mt. Pleasant, where we remain to this day.

Meet the Board of Directors!

Introducing Janice Burke and Lou Bruner Janice Burke

Janice Burke joined the ICSK Board of Directors in the summer of 2023. After earning her undergraduate degree from the University of Alberta, she became part of a research team studying the effects of wildfire and forestry activities on lake and stream water quality in the Canadian boreal forest. In 1997, she emigrated from the province of Alberta to Michigan, 87 years after her grandfather emigrated in the opposite direction. Since earning a Master's degree in microbiology from Central Michigan University in 2000, she has been a freelance science editor. What motivates Janice to serve on the board? "I had long been a financial supporter of various local, regional, and national nonprofit organizations, but making financial contributions became



difficult when my work slowed after the COVID-19 pandemic. I was thrilled have the opportunity to contribute my skills "in-kind" by serving as the ICSK treasurer. When I visit the ICSK, see the hard-working volunteers and staff in action, and feel the relaxed sense of community in the dining hall, I am proud to be even a small part of making it happen."

Lou Bruner has worked for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe since 1995. She has served three terms on Tribal Council, the governing body of the Tribe and the Board of Directors of the Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort. She is currently the Director of Human Resources. When asked; what is the best part of her job she replied, "Having a front row seat to everyone's success!" She graduated from CMU with a bachelor's degree in Business Management. She has three children, Scott, Ty and Jenna. She has served on the ICSK board since September 2020. She loves to travel to warmer climates and enjoys the heat of the sun.

Annual Appeal is Underway!

It is once again the time of year where we make our largest ask for donations. ICSK makes 30-50% of our annual operating expenses by sending out our Annual Appeal Letter to people who care about our cause! We are a 501(c)(3) organization, so the full amount of your contribution is tax deductible. If you would like to contribute financially to the Isabella Community Soup Kitchen, please visit our website at icsk.org, or checks can be mailed to us at P.O. Box 872, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48804.