

## **MAHOMET AREA ASSISTANCE OPPORTUNITIES AND PROGRAMS:**

### **Helping Hands**, 203 E. Adams St.

Helping Hands is a local food bank committed to providing the Mahomet community with a wide range of essential items to meet their needs. From dry and canned goods, to frozen meat, breads, paper products, and toiletries, Helping Hands strives to offer a diverse selection of items on a monthly basis.

PICK UP: 3rd Saturday 9:30-11:30am, Following Thursday 6-7pm or by appointment

<https://www.mhhfoodpantry.org/> for more information

### **It Takes A Village**, 601 E. Main St. Suite 107

The organization was founded with the intention of giving back and meeting the growing needs of Mahomet and the surrounding communities and aims to fill the gaps left by state and government. They're dedicated to providing clothing, a diverse array of essential hygiene products (including shampoo, conditioner, body wash, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, toilet paper), laundry detergent and other household cleaning supplies to those in need.

SHOP: 9am-5pm on Thursdays AND second Saturdays of the month 9am-12pm

The ITAV team encourages interested parties to feel free to send messages through their Facebook page, requesting separate times, if need be at:

<https://www.facebook.com/ItTakesAVillageCentralIllinois/> or call (217) 766-3955 or email [help.itav@gmail.com](mailto:help.itav@gmail.com)

### **MAYC**, 700 W. Main St.

The Mahomet Area Youth Club is a program committed to empowering youth through enriching and educational experiences that promote personal growth, leadership and community involvement. They provide a safe, supportive and engaging environment for young people and provide a diverse range of programs and activities, designed to inspire and equip the youth of the Mahomet area to reach their full potential and contribute positively to their community. MAYC also offers a flagship program, entitled the After the Bell Afterschool Program, designed to support students beyond regular school hours. This program offers a structured, supervised environment where children can participate in a range of enriching activities after school. The curriculum includes homework assistance, educational enrichment, arts and crafts, physical activities and social skill development. MAYC also offers programming for summer camps and school breaks. For more information about involving a youth in the MAYC family, contact executive director, Brii Buchanan, at 217-586-6323 or email [director@mahometyouth.org](mailto:director@mahometyouth.org)

### **Mahomet Community Emergency Fund**

Applicants fill out anonymous forms, up to \$1,000, once every 12 months

The Mahomet Community Emergency Fund exists to provide a financial gift to families/individuals in need who live in the Mahomet school district. It is funded by generous donations from local community, business and church leaders. The primary focus of these funds is directed towards basic necessities (rent, utilities, or other essential needs) and will be paid out directly to the creditor.

<https://www.mahometcommunityemergencyfund.com/>

### **Mahomet Community Foundation**

This community-based, 501(c)3 philanthropic group is dedicated to making a significant difference by providing resources that improve lives of the people who live in and enjoy Mahomet and fill needs not served by other organizations. They maintain active outreach efforts, working hand in hand with the Village and other non-profits to determine where the gaps in coverage are and match donors with needs in ways that a government organization cannot. Visit <https://mahometcommunityfoundation.org/> for more information.

### **Mahomet Township General Assistance**

Mahomet Township maintains their own roads/taxing body and is a separate entity from Village. General Assistance (GA) is a temporary support program for eligible residents of Mahomet Township who are facing urgent needs such as eviction, utility shutoff, food insecurity, or other emergencies. The program provides financial help for up to 30 days and is considered a last resort. All other available options must be explored prior to applying for General Assistance. ("This includes Illinois Public Aid, support from family or friends, personal loans, or assistance from other social service agencies. If you are eligible for Illinois Public Aid, you are not eligible for General Assistance.") The Township Office is located at 512 E. Main St. and is open M-F 9am-4pm or visit <https://mahomettwp.gov/general-assistance/>

### **Mom's Pantry**

Where— **Mom's Pantry**, 302 W. State St. (behind MSHS, adjacent to football field)

What—Clothing, toiletries, non-perishable goods—Popular product needs include: Canned pasta (i.e. ravioli, Spaghetti-o's), peanut butter (both crunchy and smooth), jelly, pasta noodles and sauces, tuna, canned chicken, hamburger and tuna helper, breakfast items (cereal, pancake mix, syrup, breakfast bars, Pop Tarts), individual snacks, soups (aside of tomato or chicken noodle), refrigerated donations — including meat, milk, eggs, butter, and cheese slices — as storage space is available, and toilet paper and hygiene products (toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, body wash). Monetary donations can be mailed to Mom's Pantry 302 W. State St., Mahomet, IL 61853

When—Drop off on Sundays 4-7pm or by appointment

### **Summer Lunches Program**

The Summer Lunches Program is able to offer assistance during the summer months and is organized and executed through community church efforts, with generous donations from Mahomet Lions Club and Domino's Pizza. Meals are organized and donated Monday through Friday, throughout the summer. The program began its initiative on the Candlewood Estates property, but residents do not need to live in the Candlewood community. If someone needs a meal, they may come and receive a meal.

PICK UP: The 2026 program will run from June 1 to August 7, Monday through Friday, 11:30am to 12:15pm