Blessings in a Backpack - Shelley Lake

Blessings In a Backpack is a “neighbor-helping-neighbor” program that is designed to help meet the nutritional needs of children and families. Each week, volunteers, in cooperation with school officials, distribute backpacks filled with enough non-perishable food for the weekend (six meals) to “at-risk” students. These students are participants in the government subsidized free or reduced fee hot lunch program. The goal of the Blessings in a Backpack program is to keep these students from going hungry on the weekends and remove barriers to academic success.

Finding Food Food Resources

- The county has established the Oakland County Help Hotline to address the needs of residents who may need food or housing assistance during this time. That number – 248-858-1000—will be staffed from 8am-8pm.
- If you or someone you know are in need of food - please check this out - Lighthouse Royal Oak can make a porch delivery to your home
- Gleaner's offers free food for all in need - click here
- There are several food pantries and food banks in Michigan: click here to find a place near you
- Meet Up and Eat Up map
  - Click here to use the "find a location" map for food pick up.

Common Ground - Are you facing a crisis? Call us for free and confidential counseling, information, and referrals. The coronavirus is shifting the way we live our lives and perhaps more insidiously causing anxiety and triggering emotions and mental health concerns for people. Common Ground is here to help.
Lighthouse - Brianna Agnello
Are you having trouble paying rent? Lighthouse Royal Oak has funding available for Royal Oak residents facing eviction for non-payment of rent. They can offer assistance for up to 3 months. They also offer emergency food delivery. Call for more information and help getting back on track.
248-920-6000
Website

Metro Detroit Youth Clubs - Brett Tilander
To empower youth to reach their full potential through safe, accessible, and inclusive experiences that open doors to a bright future, enabling every Club member to graduate from high school with a plan for college or career, contribute to their community and live a healthy life.
Website

Oakland County Community & Home Improvement - David Coulter
Oakland County is offering a COVID-19 relief program. Sharing this information in case you or someone you know needs help paying rent, mortgage, or utilities. Questions? Call 248-858-0730.
Website

Royal Oak Youth Assistance (ROYA) - Tammy Ristau
Caseworker is available remotely and will continue to provide prevention resources and other services. You may contact Nancy Minckler at 248-546-8282 or via email at mincklerm@oakgov.com. Emergency grant assistance is available for food and other needs.
Website

Salvation Army - Jeff Rowland
The Salvation Army exists to meet human need wherever, whenever, and however they can.
Website

Social Workers at Royal Oak Schools
Elizabeth Steinkampf, SE Social Work - steinkampfe@royaloakschools.org
Tina King, SE Social Work - tina.king@royaloakschools.org
Kaili McGrath, GE Social Work - kaili.mcgrath@royaloakschools.org

*Student Services Center Website

Teen Closet - Kim Johnson
Teen Clean Closet is a nonprofit community resource, which takes donations of new toiletry and hygiene items and distributes them to children in our community who are in need.
Royal Oak Public Library

The mission of the Royal Oak Public Library is to be an informational, intellectual, cultural and recreational resource for all people. They are here to help students, parents and teachers access library resources, teacher and student library cards, readers’ advisory, and to fulfill requests for resources for projects, reports and more. Adults (including ROPS teachers!) can register for a library card online, along with Royal Oak student card applications. There are a number of routes to reach the digital collections and other resources for students, parents and teachers. Two top resources for students, teachers and parents is Tutor.com, a fully online tutoring service, and Lynda.com, another invaluable resource. Lynda.com also offers Canvas training and tutorials. Find these databases alphabetically under Research > Databases.

Website

Royal Oak Schools Tech Support

Technology support is available for your student during the Governor's Executive Order of school building closure.

Website

Tutoring -

Royal Oak Public Library: Tutor.com

This a fully online tutoring service. You can get a tutor 24/7 in more than 40 subjects including Math, Science, Social Studies, English, AP ® Support, Foreign Languages and Business. Tutoring sessions take place in our easy-to-use online classroom, which runs in your web browser.

- Click here for more community links