



Virtual Mission: Cass Community Social Services

Website: www.casscommunity.org

Facebook: [Cass Community Social Services](#)

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ys79piSqMq0>

Location: Detroit, MI

Get to Know Detroit

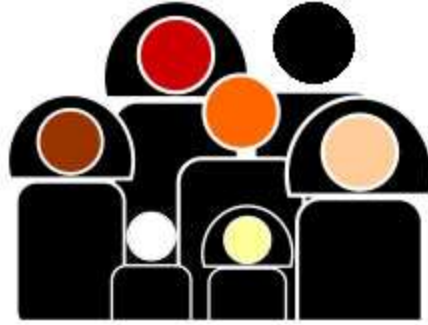
Have fun researching the area and looking for appropriate information from trusted sites.

- [Google Maps](#)
- [The Story of CCSS](#)
- [Major tourist sites](#)
- [Explore Tiny Houses](#)
- [Average weather conditions](#)
- [Detroit Free Press](#)

What we do at Cass

- [Food](#) – Cass serves 700,000 meals each year to those that live with us and those off the street.
- [Housing](#) – We house 300 people each night in our PSH programs, in our Emergency Family Shelter, our seasonal Warming Center and through the Wayne County Rotating Shelter.
- [Health Care](#) – Cass hosts two free health clinics and operates a day program for adults with developmental disabilities.
- Cass's [Green Industries](#) provides green jobs for some of our residents and consumers.
- We are developing a community of [Tiny Homes](#) on our main campus.





Suggested readings

Discussion groups are great ways to prepare for a mission or to have deeper reflection of your service once you return home. You can meet online, through social media, or, if possible, face-to-face. Here are some suggested books related to mission work and the types of ministries at Cass Community Social Services.

Books

- [This Far By Faith](#), Rev. Faith Fowler
- [Tiny Homes in a Big City](#), Rev. Faith Fowler
- [Hope for the City](#), Jack Kresnak

Local Involvement

It is crucial to remember that travel to a faraway mission site is not the beginning and end of your mission! It is one portion of your congregation's expression of Christian love and service to the world. When at home, engage in activities that relate to the work at Cass Community Social Services.

- Research Tiny Houses and explore your community for places where tiny houses might serve a need. Contact local officials to encourage them to explore the idea of tiny houses.
- What resources are available locally for document destruction? Is this a project your local church might consider doing as a service to the community?
- Serve at a local food pantry or soup kitchen.
- Help out at a Free Store that provides clothing and household items for people in need.
- Is there a list of locations and times for community meals served in your area? If not, create this resource to share with other churches and local agencies.

Skype or Zoom

Your team can Skype or Zoom with a staff member of the program! You can do this during a special event or maybe even worship service. Contact [Sue Pethoud](#) for more information.

Donations

Financial donations are always needed and appreciated. Have your team brainstorm on how to raise funds for the mission site even if you can't travel right now. Here are some ideas:

- If your team has already paid a deposit, consider giving it to them as a donation.
- Tell your congregation about what Cass is doing differently because of Covid-19, then ask for donations.
- Have a special event.
- Ask team members or church members to pledge a certain amount of money each month. A consistent stream of money each month can be very beneficial.

Donations can be sent directly to Cass through the [Michigan Annual Conference](#) or by using the donation button on their website www.casscommunity.org. Checks sent directly to Cass eliminate credit card fees. (11745 Rosa Parks Blvd., Detroit, MI 48206)

Thank you for following God's call to service with our neighbors!

