



## The Village Lansing 2022 Wrap Up

2022 has been a great year for us here at The Village! We have grown our team, adding two new program directors, created new programs, and have come back with our favorites! 😊 This year, we held our first Village Summer Youth Academy, Back to School Backpack Drive with LAFCU, began our After School Drop In Program, and also hosted our annual City-Wide Open House and Trunk or Treat. All of this is made possible by YOU ALL through volunteer hours and donations! ❤️

I want to help!

### 4th Annual Trunk or Treat 🎃

This year's Trunk or Treat was a HUGE SUCCESS! We get bigger and bigger



### The Village Summer Youth Academy

This summer, led by our newest Program Directors, The Village put on our very first Summer Youth Academy! In this two-week camp, participants took part in various workshops such as financial literacy with MSUFCU, Know Your Rights camp with Brian T. Jackson, and even left with certifications in CPR and Stop the Bleed trainings. In addition to this, students built relationships with peers and mentors, and also learned practices in mindfulness and conflict resolution. All of this was offered to our students free of charge 😊

each year, and this time around we had over 500 people in attendance! Thanks to all of our volunteers, sponsors, DJ, and the Lansing City Clerk's Office (with a spooky voting activity 🗳️), everyone had a great Halloween!



### 3rd Annual City-Wide Open House

Partnering with Lansing Promise once again, The Village hosted our 3rd Annual City-Wide Open House for Lansing School District Graduates! Directly after their graduation, students headed to Lansing Eastern Fields for a celebration filled with food and drinks, music, prizes, and tents by community partners all to celebrate the Class of 2022. We also registered over 35 new



### Father's Day Peace Picnic

This year for Father's Day, we kicked off our 2nd Annual Father's Day Peace Picnic at Wainwright Park. In this space of warm weather, fun, and fellowship, we celebrated with hundreds of families with games, live performances, and of course-- good food for



### Back to School Extravaganza

This year, we partnered with LAFCU for our very first Back to School Extravaganza! With drop-off locations at all LAFCU branches, we collected donations from the community of backpacks and school supplies, and provided 100 students with

voters! We can't wait for what the  
Class of 2023 has in store for us  
😊

everyone!

backpacks filled with school  
supplies to last them the  
entire year!

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## Ways to Give

The Village Lansing invests in our youth, and heading into the new year we ask you to invest in us. A donation of any amount makes an impact, EVERY dollar helps ❤️ We make all of our programs and events free to all that wish to take part, and this is all made possible through donations from our community; your contributions allow us to do the work that we do every day!

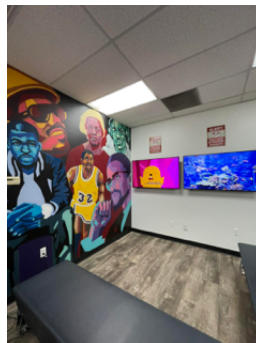
Your donation will support:

- ➡ Our resource center; a safe, supportive, space of empowerment.
- ➡ All of our programs including: The Village Youth Academy, Angelo's Gift, After School Drop-Ins, Adult Chess Club, 2A21/Teens, and more to come!
- ➡ Fellowship events such as our Annual Open House Event celebrating our Lansing School District Grads, Trunk or Treat, Teen Lock-Ins, educational workshops, and so many other opportunities to teach, empower, and provide resources to our youth and young adults.
- ➡ Our everyday basic needs outreach; food, toiletries, basic needs, diapers, etc. NEW programs like our Youth Academy and After-School Drop-In Program

DONATE HERE!

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## Our Resource Center





Our Resource Center is officially open! We are in the building Monday-Friday (excluding holidays) from 2:30-6pm. Our space is open to students as a part of our After-School Drop-Ins, all of our workshops, and is available for drop-offs of donations. In the space, we have two TV's equipped to play PlayStation and Xbox games, a presentation area where we hold lessons and demonstrations, four computers for student use, and a reading nook-- a cozy corner with hundreds of books for all students to enjoy!

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## Meet Our New Program Directors!

### Michael Lynn III

Michael is a 2018 J.W. Sexton Graduate, where he was a four-sport athlete playing football, baseball, track, and basketball. After high school, he attended Concordia University Ann Arbor's School of Business and played football. He currently boxes for Team GLASS and is the 2022 Golden Gloves State Champion. His passions are video games, boxing, and making people laugh. He loves meeting new people and believes every person deserves love and respect.



### Conner Holguin

Conner is a graduate of Everett High School's Class of 2021 and a current student at Michigan State University. At MSU, Conner is in the James Madison College majoring in Social Relations & Policy. Throughout high school, Conner was involved in many activities with most interest in Everett Dance Company, Softball, and Upward Bound (a college prep program through MSU). Her current interests include yoga, art, and watching sports. In her time with The Village, Conner has volunteered at several of our events and adds another creative mind to the table!



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## The Village Programs



### After School Drop-Ins

From after school until 5pm, students are invited to The Village for drop ins where they can work on homework, get tutoring, play video games and board games, or utilize any other resources that we have available. For sign-up or more information, click here: <https://thevillagelansing.org/after-school-drop-in>



### The Village Youth Academy

We kicked this program off in Summer 2022, and it was a hit! We can't wait to welcome our Winter class of 2022! In this program, students take part in various workshops that teach life skills that can be used in school and onto adulthood. Students also were able to partake in team-building activities and learned mindfulness practices such as journaling and goal-setting.

<https://thevillagelansing.org/the-village-youth->



### Angelo's Gift

Angelos Gift's mission is to bring comfort and support to Lansing area families that are experiencing trauma, violence, and/or loss. We aim to pick up where other resources leave off, and fill gaps that will support you and your family through a difficult time.

<https://thevillagelansing.org/angelos-gift>



### 2A Teens Firearms Safety Course

This Workshop will educate your teenager on the safe handling of firearms, what to do if they encounter one, the 3 basic firearm safety rules, and why they are important. We also teach conflict resolution and getting to know your conflict style.

<https://thevillagelansing.org/2a-teen>



### 2A Twenty One

2a21 Program offers Free CPL certification for individuals age 21 and those turning 21. This unique program aims to curb the school to prison pipeline. Many young people are being charged with CCW as their *only* charge, meaning their only actual crime was not having a license to carry their *legal* firearm.

The Village Lansing and The Advocates have teamed up to educate young adults using the proven tactics of education versus abstinence.

<https://thevillagelansing.org/2a-twenty-one>



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