



Live Ypsi: The Live Ypsi program provides forgivable loans to EMU employees who buy a home in the Ypsilanti community. The program leverages funds from outside entities to encourage EMU employees to live near campus, thereby integrating them into the community. EMU employees have purchased more than \$11 million in property since the Program's inception in 2012.

www.emich.edu/liveypsi

Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority (“DDA”):

EMU has a seat on the City of Ypsilanti's DDA, a government entity that captures local tax revenue to reinvest in the downtown. EMU facilities staff routinely provides facilities work for downtown projects.

www.ypsilantidda.org

Ann Arbor SPARK: EMU contributes \$60,000 a year to support Washtenaw County's economic development corporation, which includes a business incubator in downtown Ypsilanti. www.annarborusa.org

Riverside Arts Center (RAC): EMU faculty and students received a prestigious national design grant for their proposal to transform the RAC from a rental space for arts events to a local community hub. The design team created branding materials for the RAC including a new logo, promotional street banners, building signage, and brochures.

Ypsilanti Historical Society staffing: EMU provides 50% funding for a graduate assistant who staffs the Ypsilanti Historical Society.

Black Ypsilanti: A History {Historical Signage Project}: This project gives voice to the dynamic, yet under-reported, history of the Black community in Ypsilanti. From the pre-Civil War period through the 1970's, Ypsilanti was home to one of the most vibrant African-American communities in Michigan - a community of trailblazers in early childhood education, civic life, and abolitionist activity.

Engage@EMU Community Resource Guide: At the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic we created a spreadsheet listing a vast variety of community resources. That spreadsheet has now evolved into an updated community resource guide that is available to you. The completion of this resource guide could not have been possible without the assistance of so many organizations whose names may not all be enumerated. Their services and information are sincerely appreciated and gratefully acknowledged.

<https://online.fliphtml5.com/qbowr/ojzo/>

Public Safety Patrol: EMU's fully-sworn police department patrols the City of Ypsilanti providing significant additional support to the Ypsilanti Police Department.

Polling Place: EMU provides a free polling place (the EMU Honors College) for two voting precincts.

Public meeting space: Countless organizations use EMU's space for their events including the regular meetings of local Rotary and Kiwanis chapters and many local high school graduation ceremonies and local summer camps.

Community-Engaged Council: This council focuses on using university assets and resources to internally collaborate, enhance and promote community collaboration, avoiding duplication and externally promoting and facilitating community/university activity. The primary charge of the CEC is to create and improve upon community collaboration between and among the University and local community entities.

<https://www.emich.edu/engage/community/collaborative-programs/community-engage-council.php>



Parkridge Community Center: The Parkridge Community Center, located at 591 Armstrong Court in the northwest corner of Parkridge Park, offers recreational and educational programs to Ypsilanti youth, with a focus on after-school and summer activities. EMU provides year-long student staffing to its summer camp and out-of-school programs. Additionally, the EMU Family Empowerment Program, housed in the YHC, situates many of its programming including wellness/health and youth programming. EMU continually supports its year-long activity including the Parkridge Summerfest and Annual Holiday Giving.

The Family Empowerment Program (FEP):

The FEP, house and managed by Engage@EMU, is the largest service-providing organization for Ypsilanti Housing Commission (YHC) families. On-site social workers provide support for 360 YHC families, which make up more than 1000 residents, by serving as a key resource for social, health, and economic access, education, and community navigation.

<https://www.emich.edu/engage/community/family-empowerment-program/index.php>

The Collaborative: YMCA Early Childhood Center:

EMU, YCS, and the Ypsilanti Housing Commission partnered to create a collective community-centered response to providing quality child care to low-income families in Ypsilanti and to EMU students with children. The Collaborative is licensed and managed by the YMCA and situated at the former Chappelle Elementary in Ypsilanti.

<https://www.emich.edu/engage/community/collaborative-programs/collaborative.php>

Autism Collaborative Center & Children's Institute:

EMU purchased a local elementary school, renovated the facility, and operates a local pre-school and autism center on-site both of which offer affordable services and community space. www.emich.edu/acc

Digital Connecting Corps: Engage@EMU and the UM Ginsberg Center partner to offer free laptops and technology coaching at local senior centers. In our community, this program exists to help bridge the ever-growing digital divide while also providing opportunities for students from programs like Social Work and Occupational Therapy to apply their knowledge beyond the classroom.

<https://www.emich.edu/engage/community/digital-connecting-corps.php>

Returning Citizens Fellowship: A cohort structured student success and persistence program for individuals who were formerly incarcerated in and/or with the Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC). The RCF's primary intention is to provide Fellows a support system within EMU and external to EMU as a way to help navigate both the complexities of higher education as well as the challenges to reentry, post-incarceration. The Fellows program is designed in tandem with MDOC Offender Success Model.

https://www.emich.edu/engage/academic/returning-citizens/returning_citizens.php

Academic Service-Learning: Engage@EMU is proud to support community collaborations through its office of Academic Service-Learning (AS-L). This office trains and supports faculty in developing courses that engage students in community-based learning. In these courses, faculty and students work on collaborative projects with local organizations, giving students hands-on learning experience and providing service to the community. On average, EMU faculty teach about 25 AS-L courses and engage about 600 EMU students in AS-L learning each semester. www.emich.edu/asl

Youth & School-Based Initiatives: School-Based Counseling Clinics: Managed by EMU in partnership with YCS to offer free counseling services during the school day to students at Community High School (grades 9-12), Estabrook Learning Community (grades 2-8), WIMA (grades 6-8), and WIHi (grades 9-12).



Community Work-Study Program (CWSP):

Engage@EMU operates the Community Work-Study Program (CWSP) where undergraduate students can earn their awarded work-study funds and gain experience by working with local community-focused government agencies or charitable non-profit organizations. There are a number of positions available in a variety of areas, providing regular, weekly schedules for students within their field of interest. The average work-study award would allow students to work approximately 10-15 hours a week. During the Winter 2021 semester, 23 students worked within 32 local organizations, serving over 2800 hours and totaling over \$80,000 in volunteer value. Some of our valued partnerships include: American Society for Adaptation Professionals (ASAP), Bright Futures, Corner Health, The Collaborative, Jewish Family Services, NEW, Upward Bound, Washtenaw Area Council for Children, and 826Michigan.

<https://www.emich.edu/engage/community/community-work-study/index.php>

Ford Community Corps Grants: Each semester, EMU faculty trained in academic service-learning are eligible to apply for Ford Community Corps grants. In collaboration with local nonprofit organizations. With funding provided by the Ford Fund and support from Engage@EMU, these projects allow students to engage in experiential learning and provide direct support to the community. Recent collaborations include: Habitat for Humanity and Historic Preservation, 826Michigan and Teacher Education, Spanish, and the Ypsilanti Senior Center.

Ypsilanti Community Schools: EMU and YCS have numerous collaborations including Bright Futures (an after-school program); Upward Bound; College Coaching Corps; and dual enrollment course offerings at the high school level. We also support the YCS event series including Jazz in the Parking Lot and outreach initiatives like Boots on the Ground.

SEMIS: The Southeast Michigan Stewardship Coalition (SEMIS) is made up of educators, visionaries, resisters of injustice, public intellectuals and advocates, people with a lot of love for this world. SEMIS brings the art and craft of place-based education into core practices in schools, and advocates for transformational changes to K-12 institutions, colleges and universities, so that all living systems may thrive in sustainable, healthy and just communities. Active in Holmes Elementary, Ypsilanti Community Middle School, MS, Ypsilanti Community High School, and ACCE.

<https://semiscoalition.org/>

Early College Alliance: The Early College Alliance (ECA) is a unique educational dual enrollment program designed to fully immerse high school-aged students into the post-secondary learning environment. ECA is a public, early/middle college program located on the campus of Eastern Michigan University. It exists in partnership with local school districts, including the Washtenaw Intermediate School District.

<https://www.earlycollegealliance.info/>

Eastern Scholars: The Eastern Scholars program is concurrent enrollment, which offers college-level courses at high schools. This academic program is customized to meet the needs of both EMU and the high school. It prepares students to receive academic credit upon completion of the course work.

<https://www.emich.edu/engage/academic/eastern-scholars/index.php>

Prevention Theater Collective and Prime for Life:

Funded through the Community Mental Health Partnership of Southeast Michigan, both programs provide prevention education to and for Ypsilanti youth and residents integrating theatre and communication strategies in order to prevent substance abuse and destructive use.

<https://www.emich.edu/engage/community/collaborative-programs/prevention-theatre-collective.php>



EMU Bright Futures Provides high-quality out-of-school programs in 14 schools in the Wayne-Westland Community School District, eight sites in the Ypsilanti Community Schools, and three sites in Romulus Community Schools. This program offers daily homework help, targeted academic assistance, and mentoring; and activities focusing on students' interest in science, arts, technology, engineering, culinary, and physical fitness.
<https://www.emubrightfutures.org/>

Upward Bound: This program has been part of the Ypsilanti community since 1967. A Federally-funded pre-college academic program designed to provide students from Ypsilanti Community High School with the academic skills enhancement and motivation necessary to obtain a college degree., it provides academic support, leadership development, mentoring, and career & college exploration to students who desire a collegiate education.
<https://www.emich.edu/upward-bound/index.php>

College Coaching Corps: Helps middle and high school students pursue postsecondary educational opportunities. EMU College Coaches are Graduate Assistants who help students navigate the complex and costly steps toward college enrollment or other postsecondary education, with a focus on low-income, first-generation students.
<https://www.emich.edu/engage/academic/college-coaching-corp/index.php>

Connecting Corps: The Connecting Corps program provides an avenue for EMU students to work for local nonprofits and schools in the area of mentoring and tutoring for K-12 students. Partner organizations have included the Parkridge Community Center, Family Empowerment Program, and Ypsilanti Community Schools. This program is funded by a donation from GameAbove.

Staying Power and Staying Home: Staying Power/Staying Home is a youth-driven movement for housing justice and belonging through arts activism. Through workshops, live performances, publications, and a podcast, Staying Power works to address gentrification and preserve Black and Indigenous history, culture and art in Washtenaw County while Staying Home provides a virtual arts respite for teens constricted by economic, transportation or disability barriers.

<https://www.emich.edu/engage/community/collaborative-programs/staying-power.php>

Youth Camps: Our youth camps encourage kids to step out and explore a new interest or potential career in a fun, safe and relaxed environment at EMU. Several of our camps are open enrollment to surrounding areas including Ypsilanti Community Schools.
<https://www.emich.edu/engage/academic/k-1-camp/index.php>