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IMPROVING LIVES BY  
BRIDGING RESOURCES

# SAVING LIVES



*Freeport Fire Department: (above left to right) Tony Stein, Michelle Hobday, James Berry, Cassi Graham-Flick, Jackie Komondy, Nathan Converse, Tanner Callihan, Alex Hobday, Aldric Chaffee, Instructor Mel Oakley*

## EMT Training

### Community Grant for First Responders

There are only four ambulances in Barry County, and the wait times for residents can be dangerously too long. To help solve this, the Barry Community Foundation (BCF) collaborated with Bad Day Industries, a paramedic training company, to educate and certify local firefighters. Now, we have more first responders who can administer emergency medical treatments. During a medical emergency, every minute counts, and the fire departments can help in providing faster response time to emergencies.



*Community health focused funds provide automated external defibrillators (AEDs)*

## Fostering a Healthy Community

### Funds Focused on Healthcare

With 5 funds specifically focused on improving the health care of Barry County residents: Healthy Communities Fund, Health Access Fund, T1DE Fund (type one diabetes assistance), B. Healthy Coalition Fund, Healthy Youth & Healthy Seniors (smoking cessation education). BCF is focused on impactful ways to improve lives; such as the Blue Envelope Suicide Prevention program for students and the Cherry Health Center, serving low-income residents. Funds designed to improve the health of residents support a wide range of solutions. From purchasing healthcare equipment to investing in professional training courses, all have a dramatic impact on our community.



*The Cherry Health Center located in Hastings next door to Ace Hardware.*



*(left)  
Cassandra Vugteveen & Mike Powell  
Thornapple Township full-time  
Firefighters & EMTs for the department*

“Because the fire department is generally closer to the Barry County resident, they’re able to provide life-saving treatments until the EMS/ALS ambulance can arrive,” says Lani Forbes, a volunteer firefighter and first responder. “Recently, a man’s life was saved as a result of this training investment. More training has magnified the knowledge and abilities of all the emergency personnel, who are first to respond to any emergency.”

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