

VISION

Barriers exist for some people that keep them from reaching their full potential.

Through positive relationships with people of different circumstances we gain understanding of ourselves, of others, and of our purpose in the world.

By recognizing and celebrating the gifts of others, and empowering them to make changes to meet their own goals, we are able to use our resources and gifts more effectively in bringing about permanent, positive changes in society.

Everyone benefits; everyone gains purpose and joy; everyone reaches their potential.

MISSION:

Barrier Breakers create bridges by developing relationships among unlikely partners. This brings enhanced honor, dignity and happiness to both parties by recognizing the intrinsic value of all people. In sharing strength through relationships, individuals grow and make more meaningful contributions as citizens of their community.

.....Barrier Breakers.....
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Out the Best in Me" ~ Henry Ford*



United Way of Midland County

Barrier Breakers

Bridging Families For a Better Future



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**Reaching Our Potential
Through
Positive Relationships.**

**A Volunteer Program Of The
West Midland Family
Center**

How the Barrier Breakers Program Works

Barrier Breakers

Is a program established to tap into the most powerful resources that a community has to offer: Its People.

Barrier Breakers are Movers & Shakers who seek to bridge the gap between community members by pairing those with need and those with means to the benefit of all.



Who are Barrier Shakers?

Barrier Shakers are individuals or families that have a desire to help others. They have resources to share, and want them to be used efficiently for a lasting impact. They willingly enter into a mutually trusting and respectful relationship with a family that has a need.

- Barrier Shakers meet with the family referred to as Barrier Movers, several times per month.
- Barrier Shakers provide emotional support and encouragement so Barrier Movers can learn to use their own strengths to overcome barriers that may be inhibiting them from thriving in society.
- Barrier Shakers may act as role models for the Barrier Movers.
- Barrier Shakers may help with locating needed community resources.
- Barrier Shakers may become more aware of their own personal blessings.
- Barrier Shakers give a good faith commitment to remain with a Barrier Mover for one year.

Cannot commit to help for an entire year?

Become a Shaker's Assistant!

You can donate funds anonymously for a specific purpose~ some Barrier Movers have a one time financial need that they cannot meet themselves preventing them from moving in a positive direction.
You can provide a service ~ Some Barrier Movers have a particular service oriented need that they cannot meet themselves. Providing financial planning, auto repairs, home repair, transportation, or child care can enable the family to move toward a better life.

Who Are Barrier Movers?

The Barrier Movers are families with needs who want help from a Barrier Shaker. These needs may be getting in the way of family progress towards self-sufficiency. They are “stuck” and need a bit of help to “shake” them free of the barrier that hinders their personal or vocational progress. ***They aspire to use their own strengths as a means to develop their potential and welcome the assistance of a caring individual or family to come along side of them to make the process easier.*** They have been identified by WMFC staff as families who may benefit significantly and permanently from this program.



West Midland Family Center Provides:

- Training and ongoing support for the Shakers
- Screening through personal references and criminal background checks on both Movers and Shakers
- Oversight to see that the match works for both the Movers and the Shakers.