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Agency: Before, During and After Incarceration
Interviewed: Board president, Scott Tompkins -
Questions for Agency Interview

11-13-24

Ask for a brief description of the work that the agency provides:

All volunteer organization working with people (and their families) prior to, during and after being incarcerated. They promote restorative programming, alternatives to incarceration and support for those incarcerated. They run groups in the jail and do a monthly family support dinner. They work collaboratively with many other community agencies to provide resource and support.

What do you see as strengths within the Traverse City community when it comes to serving our neighbors?

The collaboration between agencies, with minimal red tape. The informal networking that occurs and works well.

Where do you see related gaps, holes, or issues of lacking within our larger community?

Housing - emergency, short-term, especially at jail discharge/release.

No social workers at the jail; no discharge plan or process at discharge.

Jail itself is in need of being replaced.

How would you imagine our congregation helping to fill some of these gaps?

Supporting or hosting one or more of the monthly Family Support Dinners (2nd Tues. of each month)

offering talents (grant writing, programming at the jail).

*From us: This was a valuable experience for us. ~~the~~ ~~the~~ BDAI is a unique service with no duplication and very impressive. Scott was impressed that BLC was reaching out in our visioning process.