

# Service Clubs & Civic Groups

The C.A.R.E. Directory (Coordinating Area Resources Effectively) is a compilation of non-profit corporations, groups, organizations, services clubs, and service providers operating in Crow Wing County.

This reference manual is always accepting more information. If your organization fits into one of our headings, please call or email us with your information so we can keep our CARE directory up to date.

**Brainerd Community Action**  
213 S. 5th Street  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
**Office:** 218.829.5278  
**E-mail:**  
holly@brainerdcommunityaction.org

## **Aadzuhman Shrine Club**

205 ½ South 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: Steve J. 218-831-2326  
aadzuhman@gmail.com

Aadzuhman (odd-zoo-man) Shrine Club in Brainerd, MN is a non – profit organization set out to raise awareness and support for the Shriners Hospital for Children – Twin Cities located in Minneapolis, MN. Shriners Hospital for Children-TC is a 501c3 non-profit hospital running solely off of donations, which 90% of those goes directly to patient care! We hope you find our mission invigorating and can help us in making a difference in a child's life through your charitable donation. Meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 6 pm. Please call for information.

## **American Assoc. of University Women (AAUW)**

323 1<sup>st</sup> ave NE  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: Pat Scott , 218-828-4841  
Aauw-mn.aauw.net

Call for meeting date, time and place.

## **American Cancer Society, CWC Chapter**

17 Washington St. Suite 2  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: 218-829-6212  
Toll-Free: 1-877-381-8787

Meets monthly. Call for dates and times.

## **American Legion Post 255 & Auxiliary**

708 Front Street  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: 218-829-2249

Auxiliary meets the third Monday of the month.

## **American Legion, Myrin-James, Post #443**

232 4<sup>th</sup> St.  
P.O. Box 3  
Ironton, MN 56455  
Contact: 218-546-5975

## **American Legion, Nisswa**

PO Box 427  
Nisswa, MN 56468  
Contact: 218/963-9946  
nissamer@nisswa.net  
www.nisswalegion.com

Veterans organization Open to the Public with restaurant, bar and gaming.

**American Red Cross**

Contact for disasters: 218-722-0071

Contact for general questions; 1-800-560-7641

Contact for service to armed: 877-272-7337

[www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

We aid in support for house fires and disasters. We have Service to Armed Forces. This will help bring home your family in the service if there is an emergency.

Educational courses: Babysitter's Training for ages 11-14; Infant and Child CPR; First Aid and Safety; CPR Certification and Refresher courses. Register online for courses scheduled in the community. Also available as a Full Service Contract (our trainers at your location) and Authorized Providers (we train your staff to serve as instructors).  
Contact: Health & Safety Coordinator

**Audubon Society, Brainerd Lakes Area**

P.O. Box 521

Brainerd, MN 56401

[BLAAS@brainerdlakesareaaudubonsociety.org](mailto:BLAAS@brainerdlakesareaaudubonsociety.org) or  
[tjnorth@brainerd.net](mailto:tjnorth@brainerd.net)

The Brainerd Lakes Audubon Society is open to people young and old, novice and expert. Our chapter is about getting out, having fun and learning about the environment. We have programs on the fourth Wednesday of the months of Sept., Oct., Jan., Feb., March, and April. Programs are at 7 pm at the Northland Arboretum and programs are free and refreshments are always available.

**Baxter Lions Club**

P.O. Box 2591

Baxter, MN 56425

Contact: 218-829-8685

[www.baxtermn.lionwap.org](http://www.baxtermn.lionwap.org)

[ranshari@msn.com](mailto:ranshari@msn.com)

Meets second and fourth Monday at 7 pm. At Camp Vanesek.

**Bee-Nay-She Bird Club**

14250 Conservation Drive

Brainerd, MN 56401

Contact: 218-829-8770

Meets at 7 pm the second Thursday of January, February, March, October, and November. Jessie F. Hallet Memorial Library, Crosby: Oct. & February. Field trips per special schedule: December, April & May. Christmas bird count in December. Rotates from Crosby Library to September 27 at 7pm at the Northland Arboretum.

**Board of Realtors--Greater Lakes Area Association of Realtors**

15344 Pearl Drive

Baxter, MN 56425

Contact: Janie Weston, 218-828-4567

Toll-Free: 1-877-828-4567

[office@greaterlakesrealtors.com](mailto:office@greaterlakesrealtors.com)

[www.greaterlakesrealtors.com](http://www.greaterlakesrealtors.com)

Not-for-profit group meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at the association. Call for dates and times.

**Brainerd Area Amateur Radio Club**

[www.brainerdham.org](http://www.brainerdham.org)

All amateur radio operators are encouraged to check in at 8pm Sunday 147.225 + Net. We meet the last Thursday of the month at 7 pm at the Brainerd Fire Department; and members also meet informally at 9 am for breakfast the first and third Saturday at Northland Grille in Brainerd.

**Brainerd Noon Sertoma Club**

P.O. Box 9

Brainerd, MN 56401

Contact: 218-454-7378

[Sertoma.brainerd.com](http://Sertoma.brainerd.com)

**Brainerd Chapter IAAP**

14275 Golf Course Drive, Suite 300

Baxter, MN 56425

Contact: 218-824-1287 (office) Colleen

International Association of Administrative Professionals. Non-profit purpose: networking for administrative professionals.

**Brainerd Elks Lodge #615**

215 S. 9<sup>th</sup> St.

Brainerd, MN 56401

Contact: 218-829-2643

Elks invest in their communities through programs that help children grow up healthy and drug free, meet the needs of today's veterans, and improve the quality of life.

Sponsors: Boy and Girl Scouts, Youth Soccer, Baseball, and Softball; Student of the Month Program, High School Grad Blast, National Hoop Shoot Contest.

**Brainerd Garden Club**

Contact : 824-1068

Brainerd, MN 56401

[Froem022@umn.edu](mailto:Froem022@umn.edu)

Meets the second Friday of each month (no meetings in January or July) at the Northland Arboretum unless otherwise designated.

**Brainerd Jaycees**

P.O. Box 384

Brainerd, MN 56401

[www.brainerdjaycees.com](http://www.brainerdjaycees.com)

The Brainerd Jaycees hold monthly general membership meetings as well as monthly social/networking opportunities. In addition to the monthly socials and meetings we put together, or help with, a variety of community events throughout the year. The events range in size from a few people helping park cars for other non – profits to the \$150,000 Ice Fishing Extravaganza.

**Brainerd Lakes Area Business and Professional Women**

21 Washington Street

Brainerd, MN 56401

Contact: 218-829-4146

Meets weekly every Wednesday at the Sawmill Inn at 7:30-8:30.

**Brainerd Lakes Area Community Foundation (BLACF)**

Contact : Karl Samp 218-824-5633

Email: [ksamp@communitygiving.org](mailto:ksamp@communitygiving.org) or

[info@communitygiving.org](mailto:info@communitygiving.org)

[Communitygiving.org](http://Communitygiving.org)

Mission: Engaging people. Connecting Resources. Building Community.

BLACF administers a variety of funds for individuals and organizations throughout the region. They fall into seven categories, including field of interest, donor advised, designated, scholarship, unrestricted, agency, special project.

**Brainerd Lakes Area Rotary- Morning**

P.O. Box 219

Brainerd, MN 56401

[brainerdlakessunriserotary@gmail.com](mailto:brainerdlakessunriserotary@gmail.com)

[brainerdlakessunriserotary.org](http://brainerdlakessunriserotary.org)

Meets every Wednesday at 7:15 AM at Holiday Inn Express

**Brainerd Lakes Area Rotary- Noon**

P.O. Box 132

Brainerd, MN 56401

[brainerdrotary.org](http://brainerdrotary.org)

Meets every Wednesday at noon at Yesterday's Gone

**Brainerd Lakes Area Women of Today**

P.O. Box 1225

Brainerd, MN 56401

[blawt@hotmail.com](mailto:blawt@hotmail.com)

[www.brainerdlakesareawomenoftoday.com/](http://www.brainerdlakesareawomenoftoday.com/)

Mission: Having Fun, Making a Difference in our Community.

Join us the 1st Thursday of each month at the Park United Methodist Church in Brainerd at 6:30! Bring a friend!

**Brainerd Lions Club**

213 South 5<sup>th</sup> Street

Brainerd, MN 56401

Contact: Vicki Foss, President - 218-330-7814

We partner with Brainerd School District nurse to get children with financial needs the glasses they need to excel in school. The club meets every other Monday at 5:30 pm at Yesterday's Gone-Blue Room.

**Brainerd Nordic Ski Club**

P.O. Box 927

Brainerd, MN 56401

Contact: 218-829-3601

[www.brainerdnordicskiclub.com](http://www.brainerdnordicskiclub.com)

[lslintner@charter.net](mailto:lslintner@charter.net)

**Citizens Police Academy**

225 E River Road

Brainerd, MN 56401

Contact: 218-829-2805

[ci.brainerd.mn.us](http://ci.brainerd.mn.us)

The Citizen Police Academy is a 6-week program designed to give the participant a basic knowledge of how your police department operates. Instruction is presented by the police officers. Sessions include both the classroom discussions and hands on demonstration.

Participants learn about the challenges and dangers police officers must be prepared to face each day. Participants also see the equipment and tactics used by the police and can go on patrol as a "Ride Along" to witness firsthand how police officers work.

Persons who apply to enroll in the Citizens Police Academy must be at least 18 years of age and must live or work in the city of Brainerd. Due to the subject matter covered in this program, applicants are subject to a background and criminal history check. Class size is limited.

**Civil Air Patrol- CAP**

16142 Airport Road

Brainerd, MN 56401

Contact: Squadron Commander Major Marcel

Kobberdahl, 218-534-5418

Meets Monday evenings at 7 pm at the Civil Air Patrol Building, Brainerd Lakes Regional Airport. The composite squadron serves both cadets (youth ages 11-21) and senior members (adults) with 3 missions: aerospace education, cadet program and emergency services.

**Council on Aging, Crow Wing County**

250 Riverside Avenue North Suite 300

Sartell, MN 56377

Contact: 320-253-9349 Fax : 320-253-9576

[www.Cmcoa.org](http://www.Cmcoa.org)

Central Minnesota Council on Aging is a non-profit organization and designated by the Minnesota Board on Aging (off site) as the area agency on aging serving several counties including Crow Wing. The Central Minnesota Council on Aging is committed to maintaining the highest level of independence with older people by developing and coordinating community care, reducing isolation and improving access to services. Please check out our website for more information.

**Crosslake Garden Club**

[Crosslakegarden.wordpress.com](http://Crosslakegarden.wordpress.com)

Meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1 pm at Crosslake Community Center. Please check out our website for more information

**Crow Wing County Yellow Ribbon Community**

Contact: Staci Headley

[cwcyellowribbon@gmail.com](mailto:cwcyellowribbon@gmail.com)

Meets the second Thursday of each month at 3:00pm at Baxter City Hall

Beyond the Yellow Ribbon is a comprehensive program that creates awareness for the purpose of connecting Servicemembers and their families with community.

**Disabled American Veterans (DAV)**

VFW Post 1647 South 6<sup>th</sup> Street

Brainerd, MN 56401

Commander : Dave Meyer

Adujtant : Tim Brastrup

[Davmn22.webs.com](http://Davmn22.webs.com)

“The only handout a Veteran needs are other Veterans reaching out to them” Crow Wing County Chapter #22 is a community based Veterans Service Organization helping disabled, non-disabled veterans and families in the greater Brainerd Lakes Area. The chapter donates funds and provides

assistance to worthy causes that directly affect the health and welfare of our nations military veterans. Meets the third Thursday of the month at 7 pm at the VFW Post 1647. We welcome all service connected disabled veterans in Crow Wing /Cass county to join us.

**Eastern Star**

Alpha Chapter #23

205 ½ S. 6<sup>th</sup> St.

Brainerd, MN 56401

Contact: 218-829-1686

Meets the second and fourth Mondays at the Masonic Hall.

**Fraternal Order of Eagles #287**

124 Front Street

Brainerd, MN 56401

Contact: 218-829-4216

[Brainerdeagles.com](http://Brainerdeagles.com)

[Eaglesclub287@hotmail.com](mailto:Eaglesclub287@hotmail.com)

Aerie meet the second and fourth Tuesday at 8 pm. Auxiliary meet the first and third Tuesday at 6 pm.

**Friends of the Brainerd Public Library**

416 South 5th Street

Brainerd, MN 56401

Contact: 218-829-5574

Friends President : Sheila DeChantal 218-838-0886

Email: [friendsofthebrainerdlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofthebrainerdlibrary@gmail.com)

[Wineandwordsandfriends.com](http://Wineandwordsandfriends.com)

A volunteer association that works with the staff and board of Brainerd Public Library to encourage the use of the library's resources and services through publicity and participation in library activities and programming. Friends sponsor a used book sale and "brown bag lunch" summer speaker series. Meets 10 am on the first Monday of the month at library. Meetings are open to anyone interested.

**Genealogical Society, CWC**

2103 Graydon Avenue

Brainerd, MN 56401

Contact: Lucille Kirkeby, 218-829-9738

Meets quarterly the fourth Thursday at 7 pm Jan., Feb., May, & Oct. at Family History Center at Mormom Church.

**Hospital Auxiliary - St. Joseph's Medical Center**

523 North 3rd Street

Brainerd, MN 56401

Contact: 218-828-7610

Formed in 1955. Raises funds in the Gift Shop and at various fundraisers to purchase special equipment for patients of educational purposes. Over 200 members. Call for information.

**Human Rights Commission - CWC**

PO Box 1134  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: 218-824-1351

Promotes equal opportunity and fair treatment and practices for all people. Advisory group to the Board of Commissioners. Educates county residents in matters of human rights. Provides procedure to report instances of discrimination due to race, religion, marital status, sex, color, disability, national origin, creed, sexual orientation, age, or public assistance status.

**Initiative Foundation**

405 1st Street SE  
Little Falls, MN 56345  
Executive Director : MaryAnn Lindell – 320-632-9255  
Email : [mlindell@ifound.org](mailto:mlindell@ifound.org)  
Contact: 1-877-632-9255  
Fax: 320-632-9255  
[www.ifound.org](http://www.ifound.org)  
[info@ifound.org](mailto:info@ifound.org)

The mission to empower people to build thriving communities and a vibrant region across central Minnesota. We do this by providing grants to non-profits, loans to small businesses, leadership training and donor services that help to strengthen communities and families in the 14 counties of central Minnesota.

**Job's Daughters**

Brainerd, MN 56401  
[Mnjd.org](http://Mnjd.org)  
[gg@mnjd.org](mailto:gg@mnjd.org)

Job's Daughters is an international organization which develops girls & young women into leaders through citizenship, leadership, & friendship by means of moral lessons & community involvement

**Kiwanis Club of Brainerd**

P.O. Box 70  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: 218-825-2519  
[asupinski@larsonallen.com](mailto:asupinski@larsonallen.com)

Provides a practical means of forming friendships and building better communities. Focus on youth. Sponsor youth programs financially and through volunteerism. Meet Mondays at Noon at Yesterday's Gone in Brainerd

**Knights of Columbus- St Thomas of the Pines**

411 North 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
[Mnknights.org](http://Mnknights.org)

**Knights of Columbus – Council 1491**

16898 Carlson Lake Road  
Brainerd, MN 56449  
[Mnknights.org](http://Mnknights.org)

Email on website. Join the largest Catholic fraternal organization today!

**Lakes Area Human Resource Association**

P.O. Box 1158  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: 218-824-3808 Ext 108  
[www.lahra.org](http://www.lahra.org)  
[info@Lahra.org](mailto:info@Lahra.org)

Established in 1999, we are a group of human resource professionals from Brainerd and the surrounding area who are committed to promoting professional development, networking for constructive ideas and providing members with the awareness of political activities that affect the human resource profession. We are a chapter of the society for Human Resource Management (SHRM), [www.shrm.org](http://www.shrm.org)

**Lakes Area Law Enforcement Association**

PO Box 911  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: 218-218-3774 Herman Bradley

Supports our local police departments in the surrounding area. They assist in traffic control at the fourth of July parade, Brainerd Police Department Annual Halloween Safety Event, in line skating events, triathlons, Susan G Komen Race for the Cure, the Memory Walk, 4-H Fun House and the Brainerd and Baxter Police Departments Christmas project "Shop with a Cop?", and Kids County Fair (in law enforcement building).

Volunteers from Citizens Police Academy and law enforcement officers whose mission is to build a positive & mutually long term relationship between law enforcement and citizens.

**Lakes Area Singles**

P.O. Box 1163  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: 218-454-3366  
[las@LakesAreaSingles.org](mailto:las@LakesAreaSingles.org)  
[www.lakesareasingles.com](http://www.lakesareasingles.com)  
[www.facebook.com/lakesareasingle](http://www.facebook.com/lakesareasingle)

LAS is a group of single adults (divorced/widowed/seperated/never married) who gather to socialize in a friendly and safe environment. We have approximately 100 members and most of us are baby boomers.

Usually meet at various restaurants for dinner and socializing, and on Friday's many go dancing. We also have several scheduled activities through out the year. Please check out our facebook or website; you may also contact us by phone or email.

**League of Women Voters, Brainerd Lakes Area**

432 Tyrol Drive  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: Sally Jacobsen 218-829-1704  
[www.lwvbrainerdlakesarea.org](http://www.lwvbrainerdlakesarea.org)  
[www.lakesarea.net](http://www.lakesarea.net) (Politics section)

The League of Women Voters Brainerd Lakes Area meets the 2nd Thursday of every month from September through April. We meet at the Brainerd Public Library, unless otherwise noted, at 11:30 am beginning with our brown bag lunch (if you wish). From noon to 1 pm we have our program with either a speaker(s) or a panel discussion. Questions are encouraged. In May we hold our Annual Meeting (at a location to be announced).

**Marine Corps League Heartland Detachment**

Contact: 218-963-7509  
Meets the first Tuesday of the month at 1900 hours at the American Legion Post at 708 Front Street in Brainerd.

**Masons - Crosby Masonic Lodge**

220 1<sup>st</sup> St. SW  
Crosby, MN 56441  
Contact: 218-546-5576

The Masonic Lodge is a fraternal organization. We offer some scholarships, assist in donations, community events and school events (Grad Blast).

**Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life (MCCL)**

4249 Nicollet Ave.  
Minneapolis, MN 55409  
Contact: 612-825-6831  
[mccl@mccl.org](mailto:mccl@mccl.org)  
[www.mccl.org](http://www.mccl.org)  
Call for information on meetings

**MN Democratic Party (DFL)**

255 Plato Blvd  
St. Paul, MN 55107-1623  
Phone: 651-293-1200  
Toll-Free: 1-800-999-7457  
[www.dfl.org](http://www.dfl.org)

**Moose Lodge #1246**

219 S. 9th St.  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: 218-829-4841  
[brdmoose@brainerd.net](mailto:brdmoose@brainerd.net)

Active in numerous civic affairs including, but not limited to: Camp Confidence, Little League Baseball, Muscular Dystrophy Telethon, and Just Say No to Drugs program. Membership open to any male. Meetings 2nd & 4th Thursday at 8 pm.

**Mothers Against Drunk Driving, (MADD)- CWC Chapter**

**601 NW 5<sup>th</sup> Street Ste 2**  
P.O. Box 267  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: 218-828-5055 (24-hour answering machine)  
Nationwide Hotline: 1-877-MADD-HELP

MADD's mission is to stop drunk driving, to support the victims of this violent crime, and to prevent under-age drinking. Trained victim advocates available to assist victims through the court process. Meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month (except July and August) @ 7 pm at the Old Trail Bldg., 601 NW 5th St., behind the Brainerd Dispatch Bldg.

**North Central MN Beekeepers Association**

424 S 8<sup>th</sup> Street (First Luthern Church)  
P.O. Box 294  
Contact: Bill K. 320-277-3510  
[info@northcentralbeekeepers.org](mailto:info@northcentralbeekeepers.org)  
Meets: 7pm third Monday of most months at First Luthern Church

**Paul Bunyan Toastmasters**

[922.toastmastersclubs.org](http://922.toastmastersclubs.org)  
Promotes better speaking and communications, leadership and organizational skills. Open meetings held every Friday Noon at Sawmill Inn, Brainerd. Also have an active speakers bureau - call for a list of speakers and topics available.

**Pequot Lakes-Breezy Point Lions Club**

P.O. Box 551  
Pequot Lakes, MN 56472  
[plbplionsclub.com](http://plbplionsclub.com)  
[chokecherryfestival.com](http://chokecherryfestival.com)

Meets 2nd Monday of the Month, 5:30pm at  
Pelican Lakes Conservation Club, one mile south  
of the Breezy Point Gates.

**Republican Party**

2200 East Franklin Avenue Suite 201  
Minneapolis, MN 55404  
Contact: 651-222-0022  
[info@mngop.com](mailto:info@mngop.com)  
[www.mngop.com](http://www.mngop.com)

**Sons of Norway**

1420 S. 6<sup>th</sup> St.  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: Sharon Carlson, 218-828-1581  
[Sharoncarlson62@charter.net](mailto:Sharoncarlson62@charter.net)

For anyone interested in Scandinavian culture.  
Meets 3rd Friday of the month during the school  
year at 7 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church. Call for  
information.

**Southeast Brainerd Residents' Association  
(SEBRA)**

1720 Norwood St.  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: Anne Nelson Fletcher, 218-825-0357  
[safisher@brainerd.net](mailto:safisher@brainerd.net)

Grassroots neighborhood group for persons who  
live, work or have rental units south & east of  
downtown Brainerd. Promote Neighborhood  
Watch & Safe House programs. Mission is to get  
to know neighbors & make southeast Brainerd  
safe, friendly and a better place to live and work.

**Sports Boosters**

[info@brainerdsportsboosters.org](mailto:info@brainerdsportsboosters.org)  
Group of educators, coaches, business leaders,  
parents, and interested community members who  
meet Thursdays for lunch during school year to  
support Brainerd High School and CLC teams.  
Honor the "Athlete of the Week". Sponsor BHS  
Sports Banquet. Non-members welcome to  
attend.

**Sunrise Sertoma Club**

Contact: 218-828-4844  
Meets 6:45 am on Thursdays at Northwind Grille.

**United Way of Crow Wing County**

424 South 8<sup>th</sup> Street/PO Box 381  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: 218-829-2619  
Toll-Free: 1-800-286-2619  
[www.unitedwaynow.org](http://www.unitedwaynow.org)  
[heidi.uw@brainerd.net](mailto:heidi.uw@brainerd.net)

Our mission is to improve lives by mobilizing  
the caring power of our community.

**Veterans of Foreign Wars - VFW**

309 South 6th Street  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: 218-829-6393  
[www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org)

Meets the second Tuesday of each month at the  
VFW.

**Woodland Good Samaritan Auxiliary**

100 Buffalo Hills Ln.  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: 218-829-1429

Raises funds for items in the nursing home,  
assisted living and apartments to improve quality  
of life for residents. Meets 3rd Thursday of  
month at 1:30 PM. Annual dues of \$5. All  
interested folks are welcome to join.

**Zonta**

PO Box 177  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: 218-829-7756 (Mary Lippo)  
[Zonta@brainerd.com](mailto:Zonta@brainerd.com)

Call for information and meeting location. Part of  
International, a worldwide organization of  
executives in business and the professions  
working together to advance the status of  
women. Local donations increase Zonta's  
scholarship endowment fund at Central Lakes  
College, as well as support the Meta V program,  
the Parent Mentor program, the Sexual Assault  
Program, local womens programs and PORT  
Group Home.