

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

OCTOBER 2019



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Welcome to our monthly update on community engagement opportunities for students, faculty, & staff at Mercy College of Ohio.

Have a service opportunity or a community partner you'd like us to share? Contact Annie Devine, Director of Campus Ministry & Service Learning at 419-251-1866 or annie.devine@mercycollege.edu

Community Engagement Highlight

Youngstown Campus



Faculty Members Annette Hinrichs and Shannon Murphy used their Mercy College service awards to fund a summer service learning project with their NUR 123 courses during the Summer 2019 term. They partnered with Rescue Mission of Mahoning Valley which provides services and meals to people experiencing homelessness. Groups of students were given a topic regarding the physical & mental health needs related to homelessness and they designed a mini health station on that topic. The day of the project, students went to

the Rescue Mission with their instructor, set up their station, and interacted with clients during their meal service. They created an educational party for 100 clients (including 30 children). Faculty staff, and students also raised money to help move the Rescue Mission into a better building. They sold T shirts, did a basket raffle, and got donations from all over the community. Over \$1000 was raised for the Rescue Mission!



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NORTHWEST OHIO



MercyCollege
of Ohio



MERCY DAY OF SERVICE

TOLEDO CAMPUS

**TUESDAY
SEPT. 22, 2019
8:30AM-2:00PM**

Students, Faculty, and Staff
are invited to join us in being the
Mercy Difference for our community!

To sign up, email Annie Devine
annie.devine@mercycollege.edu

MERCY DAY OF SERVICE

Date & Time: Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2019 (8:30am-2pm)

Location: Various locations around the Toledo area.

Info: Join Mercy College faculty, staff, and students in being the Mercy Difference for a day! We'll be out at service sites in the morning and then gather back at the college for lunch and conversation. Service sites include Cherry Street Mission, Sunshine Communities, Metroparks Toledo, Padua Center, Mobile Meals, etc. Sign up online or view current openings here:

<https://tinyurl.com/MercyDayofService2019>

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HALLOWEEN HOWL

Date & Time: Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2019 (5:30-7pm)

Location: Mercy College—Toledo campus
2221 Madison Ave. Toledo, OH

Info: Volunteer to help with Halloween activities or to pass out candy. We are also collecting donations of candy as well!

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Need a Service Site for Service Learning?

Community Organization Guides are now available
for Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan.

Contact Annie Devine to get a copy of the guide.

Guides for NE and SW Ohio coming soon!

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Office of Campus Ministry and Service Learning



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Sunshine's Spooky Boardwalk

Sunday, October 13th

2:30-4:30

7223 Maumee Western Rd.

Free Event Open to the Public

**Trick or Treating*

**Open Barn*

**Spooky Fun*

Questions? Contact Lori Richard: (419) 794-1388 lrichard@sunshine.org

Debbie Fallon (419) 794-1382 dfallon@sunshine.org

SUNSHINE COMMUNITIES

Event: Sunshine's Spooky Boardwalk

Date & Time: Sunday, Oct. 13, 2019 (2:30-4:30pm)

Location: 7223 Maumee Western Rd.

Info: Group and individual volunteers are needed! Groups can work a Trick or Treat station, and individuals are needed to guide attendees through the event. Groups are asked to provide candy or prizes for handouts, and decorations for their table (optional). Set up will be between 1:30-2:30 pm.

Contact: Lori Richard, (419) 794-1388, lrichard@sunshine.org



**PROJECT
CONNECT**

*Working Together to
Prevent Homelessness*

PROJECT CONNECT—WOOD COUNTY

Date & Time: Wednesday, Oct. 16 (7:30am-5:00pm)

Location: St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 315 S. College Dr. Bowling Green, OH

Info: Project Connect provides immediate goods and services to individuals and families in need, on one day, at one location. 2019 is the 7th year for Project Connect Wood County and will take approximately 300 volunteers to make this year's event a success.

Areas for volunteering at the event include being a greeter, host, welcoming committee member, working in the kitchen, volunteer registration, working with tangible goods, or being a floater and helping where needed. Depending on need, you may be reassigned to another area contrary to your initial sign-up. All volunteers are required to attend a volunteer training prior to participating at the event.

To sign up: visit <https://bit.ly/2lbwwnB>



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MARCH OF DIMES

Event: Signature Chef Auction

Date & Time: Tues. Oct. 29 (4:30-9:00pm)

Location: The Premier Banquet Hall & Catering
4480 Heatherdowns Blvd. Toledo, OH

Info: Volunteers are needed for the day of and at the event that evening. Opportunities to help include Event Set-up (10am-1pm); Raffle/Revenue Generator Sales (during event); Auction Table (during event); and Event Tear-Down (9-10pm).

Volunteers can come early (10am-1pm) to help with set-up. Night of volunteers should arrive by 4:30pm. Volunteers during the event will be fed!

Preferred Attire: Black Bottoms (pants or skirt) and white shirt

Contact: Cindy Myerholtz, 419-704-3114

cindy.myerholtz@promedica.org



GREAT LAKES CARING HOSPICE

Service Opportunity: Companionship Volunteer

Date & Time: This opportunity is ongoing. Any individual who is interested in becoming a volunteer can choose their own schedule based on their own and their patient(s) availability. Most visits take place between 9-11 am; 1-4 pm; and 6-7:30 pm. Visits can take place on weekdays, evenings, or weekends.

Location: Bowling Green, OH

Info: Great Lakes Caring Hospice has patients located throughout the Bowling Green area who are in need of your friendship. They need compassionate and caring individuals to be companions to patients as they near the end of their life. Patients in Bowling Green, Ohio and surrounding areas are yearning for a friend like you to spend time with them to ease their loneliness and bring them joy. Don't miss out on such an amazing opportunity to not only bring joy to another individual, but to learn and grow from them as well. If you have a busy schedule (don't we all), that's okay! Take a leap, you won't regret it!

Contact: Katelyn Kortokrax, (419) 261-8769

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opportunities delivered straight
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Catholic Charities

Diocese of Toledo

Helping people of all faiths

LA POSADA FAMILY SHELTER

Service Opportunity: Enrichment Volunteer

Date & Time: Ongoing opportunity; once a week, Mon-Fri, 3-4pm

Location: La Posada Family Shelter
435 Eastern Ave. Toledo, OH 43609

Info: Volunteers read, play board games, and help with student homework. Volunteer commitment is one day a week for two months.

Contact: Byron Wynn, 419-276-8334 (text)
bwynn@toledodiocese.org

HELPING HANDS OF SAINT LOUIS

Service Opportunity: Multiple opportunities available with the Clothing Center, the Garden, Opportunity Kitchen, and the Pantry.

Date & Time: Various days/times

Location: Helping Hands of Saint Louis
443 6th St. Toledo, OH 43605

Info: Clothing Closet: help with light lifting, sorting of clothing donations, and helping guests make selections. T, W, TH from 9-noon, some Saturdays; Opportunity Kitchen Assistant: assist instructor in a teaching kitchen environment, provide support and encourage students. Group meal at the end of each class. M and W for 10 weeks, starting 9/10, 1:30-6pm
Pantry Vols: organize & stock food, help guests make grocery selections; must be able to lift 5-20lbs; Tues & Thurs, 9am-noon.

Garden: help with weeding, mulching, and plant care.

Contact: Byron Wynn, 419-276-8334 (text)
bwynn@toledodiocese.org



American Red Cross

AMERICAN RED CROSS

Service Opportunity: Various Roles

Date & Time: Various days/times

Location: Locations all over the US

Info: As a Red Cross Volunteer, you can help your community prepare for and respond to emergencies, deliver hope and comfort, meet new people – all while making a huge, positive impact on the lives of those who need it most. We have volunteer opportunities to match a wide range of interests and time commitment – Disaster Response, Preparedness Education, Service to the Armed Forces, Health and Safety Training, International Humanitarian Services, and Blood Services—as well as roles specific for nursing students! Find out more about volunteer opportunities at <https://www.redcross.org/volunteer/become-a-volunteer.html>

Contact: Rebecca Dungee
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FRANKLIN AVE MEDICAL CENTER

Service Opportunity: Mercy Health Activity Academy; Starting Fresh Program; Food Pantry, Clothing Closet

Date & Time: Activity Academy: Wednesdays, 4:30-5:45pm; Other programs happen weekly at various times throughout the weekday.

Location: Franklin Ave Medical Center, 2213 Franklin Ave. Toledo, OH 43620

Info: The Mercy Health Activity Academy and the Starting Fresh Program are community outreach programs aimed at educating youth of the inner city on nutrition, mindfulness, exercise, and other health-related topics. Volunteers are needed on a weekly basis to help with making snacks and assisting instructors with activities. Opportunities also exist to help with the Food Pantry and Clothing Closet during the week. These programs run year round.

Contact: Sam Adams, 419-251-2578

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SOUTHERNCARE HOSPICE

Service Opportunity: Patient Visitors

Date & Time: ongoing need; flexible times

Location: SouthernCare Office
6545 W Central Ave. Suite 103
Toledo, Ohio 43617

Info: Visiting patients in surrounding Toledo Area facilities and assisting with clerical duties.

Preferred Attire: Casual

Contact: Dani Beamer, 740-408-3953

danielle.beamer@southerncareinc.com

www.southerncarehospice.com



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Service Opportunity: Friday Night Lunch Packing; Saturday Mini-Mobiles

Date & Time: Lunch Packing: Fridays at 6pm; Mini-Mobiles: Saturdays 10:00am & 11:30am

Location: Trinity Episcopal Church, 316 Adams St. Toledo, OH

Info: Volunteers assist us with packing lunches for our Saturday mini-mobiles. We welcome groups and people of all ages and abilities to help with packing lunches. On Saturday mornings, we get to know our neighbors as we share the lunches we've packed with people throughout the downtown Toledo area. Individuals and groups accompany Food for Thought on our normal bus stop routes as we provide food, water or coffee — as well as conversation with the people we meet — sunshine or snowfall.

Contact: Caitlin, caitlin@feedtoledo.org

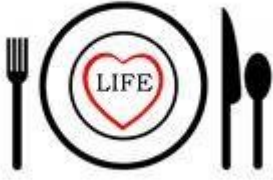
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SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN



LIVING INDEPENDENCE FOR EVERYONE

Service Opportunity: Meals on Wheels Volunteer

Date & Time: varies

Location: Various locations across Monroe County

Info: LIFE is a nutritional program that helps individuals to remain independent. Lunches are served at the "friendship centers" all over Monroe. Home Delivery is also available for individuals starting at age 60 and their spouse. Our meals are served in the area by dedicated volunteers who give of their time and donate space so the meals can be prepared. We deliver to all persons in the Monroe County Area.

Contact: (734) 242-6800 <http://www.lifeindependence.org/>



CAPUCHIN SOUP KITCHEN

Service Opportunity: Various Opportunities assisting with the outreach programs of the Capuchin Soup Kitchen

Date & Time: Varies, year round opportunities available

Location: 3 different sites in Detroit, MI

Info: Volunteer opportunities include serving meals, assisting in kitchens, sorting clothing, preparing emergency food packages, tutoring and mentoring children and teens. Find out more info or complete an online application here:

www.cskdetroit.org/ways_to_give/volunteer

Contact: Services Center - Candice Wroblewski, cwroblewski@cskdetroit.org, 313-925-1370 ext. 3206

Conner Kitchen – Maxwell Morrison, mmorrison@cskdetroit.org, 313-822-8606 ext. 4210

Meldrum Kitchen – Rita Johnson, rjohnson@cskdetroit.org, 313-579-2100 ext. 2213

EARTHWORKS URBAN FARM

Service Opportunity: Volunteer at Earthworks Urban Farm, a program of the Capuchin Soup Kitchen

Date & Time: Our volunteer schedule is seasonal. We have outdoor gardens as well as a greenhouse and hoophouse so we can work rain or shine. 9am-noon on the following days: Wednesdays (2/6-12/18), Saturdays (4/6 - 11/16), Thursdays & Fridays (6/7 - 8/30)

Location: 1264 Meldrum, Detroit, MI 48207.

Info: Various volunteer activities (depending on time of year, weather, etc.) including making soil blocks or germination trays, turning compost, planting/seeding, harvesting/processing produce, cultivating/weeding beds, general cleanup and other tasks generally related to gardening or farming. Unless you're coming with a large group, no need to RSVP. Just show up ready to work. More info about what to expect and what to wear is here:

www.cskdetroit.org/earthworks/get_involved/volunteer

Contact: Patrick or Tyler, earthworks@cskdetroit.org, (313)-579-2100 ext. 2204



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YOUNGSTOWN AREA

Meals On Wheels



MEALS ON WHEELS OF MAHONING COUNTY

Date & Time: Mondays-Fridays, mornings

Location: Various Locations in Youngstown and Mahoning County

Info: Meals on Wheels is a program that has been serving the Youngstown area since 1979. Our funding comes from a variety of sources such as private donations, grants, etc., but primarily from the fees for the meals served. To receive this service one does not have to meet any standards. We provide service to all ages, handicapped, homebound, anyone in need of a daily meal. Meals are delivered hot, are well-balanced, and nutritious.

Contact: (330) 744-3583

mealsonwheelsmc@outlook.com



Second Harvest Food Bank

of the Mahoning Valley

SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK

Service Opportunity: Sort & re-pack food

Date & Time: Mondays – Fridays, 9:00am-noon; and Tuesday afternoons, 2:00-4:00pm

Location: 2805 Salt Springs Road
Youngstown, Ohio 44509

Info: Volunteers are especially needed to sort and re-box food in the warehouse and occasionally work on special projects like Taste of the Valley and Harvest for Hunger. You'll have the satisfaction of knowing that your work is helping to feed people in our community—a child will go to bed with a belly full of food or a senior will be able to eat and purchase the medicine they need because of your efforts.

Volunteers must be able to lift 20 lb. boxes. This is an ongoing need, not a single event. More info can be found at: www.mahoningvalleysecondharvest.org

Contact: Christina Wagner, 330-792-5522 ext. 102, chwagner@shfbmv.org

THE WAY STATION

Service Opportunity: Various Volunteer roles

Date & Time: Varies

Location: 769 Springfield Rd. Columbiana, OH 44408

Info: Volunteers are the lifeblood of our great organization. We are always looking for loving, compassionate individuals to help in various areas:

Clothing Desk Clerk, Childcare Provider, Office Help, Consignment Store Liaison, Display Designer, Cashier/ Receptionist, Retail/Stock Clerk, Household Merchandiser, Food Pantry Assistant. People interested in volunteering are asked to complete an application and return it to The Way Station.

Contact: Vicki Ritterspach, 330-482-5072, www.thewaystationinc.org

