

## 07.2019 – Community Engagement Opportunities

For more information about any of the community engagement opportunities listed below, please reach out to the contact person listed for each organization or contact Annie Devine, the Director of Campus Ministry and Service Learning, at 419-251-1866 or [annie.devine@mercycollege.edu](mailto:annie.devine@mercycollege.edu)

### SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES – TOLEDO AREA

#### BETHANY HOUSE

**\*GROUP OPPORTUNITY**

**Event:** Fall & Spring Cleaning

**Date & Time:** Fall & Spring, date and time is flexible

**Location:** Toledo, Ohio

**Info:** We are looking for a group of 10-20 to commit to bi-yearly cleaning at Bethany House, a domestic violence shelter in Toledo, Ohio. Time and date is flexible. Groups must sign confidentiality forms as our address is not publicized for the safety of our program participants.

**Preferred Number of Volunteers:** group of 10-20

**Preferred Attire for Volunteers:** Cleaning clothing

**Contact:** Delray Busch, (419) 727-4948, [engaged@bethanyhousetoledo.org](mailto:engaged@bethanyhousetoledo.org)

**Website:** <http://www.bethanyhousetoledo.org/>

#### SOUTHERNCARE HOSPICE

**Service Opportunity:** Clerical Assistant or Patient Visitor

**Date & Time:** ongoing; flexible times

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

**Tasks/Responsibilities of Volunteers:** Clerical Duties in office or visiting patients in surrounding Toledo Area facilities.

**Preferred Attire for Volunteers:** Casual is fine

**Any Additional Information:** This is an ongoing need, not a single event

**Contact:** Dani Beamer, (740) 408-3953, [danielle.beamer@southerncareinc.com](mailto:danielle.beamer@southerncareinc.com),

**Website:** <http://www.southerncarehospice.com/>

#### MERCY HEALTH – FRANKLIN AVE MEDICAL CENTER

**Service Opportunity:** Mercy Health Activity Academy

**Date & Time:** Wednesdays, 4:30pm-5:45pm

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

**Tasks/Responsibilities of Volunteers:** Help with a Community outreach program aimed at educating youth of the inner city on nutrition, mindfulness, exercise, and other health-related topics. This event runs all year with no scheduled end date. Volunteers can be utilized at any time and are not limited to the posting date.

**Contact:** Sam Adams, [sadams1@mercy.com](mailto:sadams1@mercy.com), (419) 251-2578

#### MERCY HEALTH – FRANKLIN AVE MEDICAL CENTER

**Service Opportunity:** Starting Fresh Program; Food Pantry, Clothing Closet

**Date & Time:** weekly, various times

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

**Tasks/Responsibilities of Volunteers:** Weekly programs are offered to children (grades K-6) with a focus on healthy eating, nutrition, exercise, safety, etc. 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 weekdays

**Contact:** Sam Adams, [sadams1@mercy.com](mailto:sadams1@mercy.com), 419-251-2478

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

**Event:** Friday Night Lunch Packing

**Date & Time:** Every Friday night at 6pm

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

**Info:** We need to volunteers to assist us with packing lunches for our Saturday picnics. This is one of our most popular volunteer opportunities, mainly because it's a lot of fun! We welcome groups and people of all ages and abilities to help with packing lunches for Saturday distribution.

**Contact:** Caitlin, [caitlin@feedtoledo.org](mailto:caitlin@feedtoledo.org)

**Website:** <https://feedtoledo.org/>

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

**Event:** Saturday Mini-Mobiles

**Date & Time:** Every Saturday morning; the first route leaves at about 10:00am and the second leaves around 11:30am.

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

**Info:** Each Saturday morning, 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](mailto:caitlin@feedtoledo.org)

**Website:** <https://feedtoledo.org/>

## TOLEDO GROWS

**Date & Time:** Every Wednesday, March through October; 9:00am-noon

**Location:** Toledo GROWS urban farm, 900 Oneida Street, Toledo, OH 43608

**Info:** We will be expecting you, so no need to call in advance! Just show up! No matter your level of gardening experience, you can help in the garden beds, in the greenhouses, and all around the property growing and cultivating food!

**Preferred Attire for Volunteers:** Bring or wear clothes you can get dirty, gloves, and drinks or snacks you may need.

**Website:** [www.toledogrows.org](http://www.toledogrows.org)

## DONATIONS NEEDED – TOLEDO AREA

### LA POSADA FAMILY SHELTER

**About:** La Posada Family Emergency Shelter offers temporary housing and supportive services to homeless families of all faiths and backgrounds in the Toledo area. Direct services through La Posada include shelter, food, clothing, personal hygiene products and case management.

**Contact:** Willi Meyer, [wmeyer@toledodiocese.org](mailto:wmeyer@toledodiocese.org), (419)-244-5931

**Items Needed:**

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| • shampoo                    | • cooking utensils    | • canned soup           |
| • conditioner                | • pots and pans       | • peanut butter & jelly |
| • deodorant                  | • silverware          | • pasta                 |
| • lotion                     | • vacuums             | • instant potatoes      |
| • body wash                  | • storage containers  | • powdered milk         |
| • baby wipes                 | • shower curtains     | • rice                  |
| • diapers (all sizes)        | • kitchen towels      | • juice                 |
| • toothpaste                 | • wash clothes        | • condiments            |
| • feminine hygiene products. | • cleaning supplies.  | • coffee                |
| • pillows                    | • macaroni and cheese | • sugar                 |
| • twin & full size bedsheets | • cereal              | • creamer               |
| • comforters                 | • canned fruit        |                         |

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES – YOUNGSTOWN AREA

### 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

**Tasks/Responsibilities of Volunteers:** 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.

**Any Additional Information:** This is an ongoing need, not a single event

**Contact:** Christina Wagner, 330-792-5522 ext. 102, [chwagner@shfbmv.org](mailto:chwagner@shfbmv.org)

**Website:** <https://mahoningvalleysecondharvest.org/>

### THE WAY STATION

**Service Opportunity:** Various Volunteer roles

**Date & Time:** Varies

**Location:** 769 Springfield Rd. Columbiana, OH 44408

**Tasks/Responsibilities of Volunteers:** 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

**Any Additional Information:** People interested in volunteering are asked to complete an application and return it to The Way Station. You may also call Vicki Ritterspach (contact info listed below).

**Contact:** Vicki Ritterspach, 330-482-5072

**Website:** <http://www.thewaystationinc.org/>

## DONATIONS NEEDED – YOUNGSTOWN AREA

### NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRIES

**About:** Neighborhood Ministries shines the light of Christ by partnering with others to build relationships that create safe, supportive and empowered communities, one person at a time. We operate three neighborhood centers – the Kirwan Homes Community Center in Campbell, the Rockford Village Community Center on Youngstown's East Side and the West Side Community Center, also in Youngstown. We also manage a food distribution program with sites throughout Mahoning County.

**Website:** <https://www.ohionm.org/>

**Contact:** Mark Samuel, [Mark\\_Samuel@ohionm.org](mailto:Mark_Samuel@ohionm.org), 330-755-8696

**Items Needed:** Furniture, clothing, household items

**Info:** Items can be dropped off at 75 Jackson Street, Campbell, OH 44405 every Wednesday between 10am-4pm. If this is not convenient, please call (330) 755-8696 to schedule a specific time to drop off donations.

