

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

NOVEMBER 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

Mercy Day of Service 2019



Mercy College of Ohio spent Tuesday, Oct. 22 in service to the wider community for the Mercy Day of Service 2019. Over 100 faculty, staff & students served at 18 different community agencies located in Toledo and Youngstown. They engaged in a variety of activities including assisting with arts & crafts projects for youth & adults with developmental disabilities, preparing food at several soup kitchens and pantries, sorting & organizing clothes and food pantry items, packing food boxes, completing yard work, and working in community gardens. We were also able to do some much needed work around the Toledo campus and prepare the Mercy College Food Pantry for its opening day on Oct. 23. What a wonderful day of being the Mercy Difference!



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NORTHWEST OHIO



MERCY COLLEGE FOOD PANTRY

Date & Time: ongoing, various times

Location: Mercy College of Ohio: Toledo Campus, 5th floor of Madison

Info: Assist with organizing donations and updating the pantry inventory.

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SCOTTWOOD COMMUNITY GARDEN

Service Opportunity: Community Garden Workday

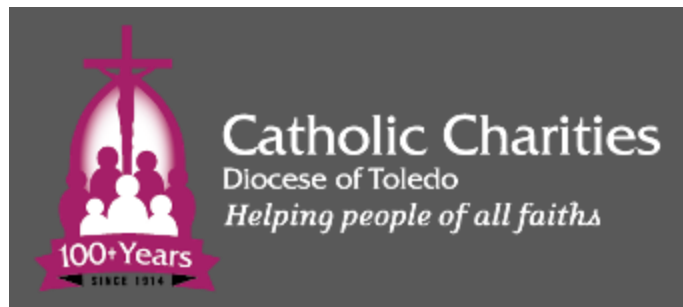
Date & Time: Saturday, Nov. 16, 9am-Noon

Location: Scottwood Community Garden in the Old West End of Toledo (2501 Scottwood)

Info: 10 -15 volunteers are needed to help weed and spread a large load of wood chips throughout our community garden. The work is very labor intensive.

Contact: Jen Robertson, 567-249-8560

jenrobertson619@gmail.com



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.

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METROPARKS TOLEDO

STEWARDSHIP WORKDAYS

Date & Time: Saturdays, 9am-Noon

Location: Wildwood Preserve Metropark (Nov. 30)
Oak Openings Preserve Metropark /Blue Creek
Metropark (Nov 9, 16, 23)

Info: Volunteers assist with removing invasive species and restoring native habitat. Age 12+ (16 & under must be accompanied by an adult).

Contact: Meredith Basic,

Meredith.Basic@metroparkstoledo.com or apply
online at www.metroparkstoledo.com/volunteer

HOLIDAYS PROGRAM ASSISTANT

Date & Time: December 7-15, 10am-8pm, shifts vary

Location: Wildwood Preserve Metropark, 5100 W.
Central Ave. Toledo, OH

Info: Take part in the Holiday season with Metroparks Toledo at the Manor House, located in Wildwood Preserve. The 32,000 sq. ft. mansion, once home to the Stranahans, will be filled with decorations galore! Help direct guests and answer questions as they travel through the historic home.

Contact: Hannah Calandra, 419-407-9840

Hannah.Calandra@metroparkstoledo.com or apply
online at www.metroparkstoledo.com/volunteer

S'MORES WELCOME TENT ASSISTANT

Date & Time: December 7-15, 12pm-8pm, shifts vary

Location: Wildwood Preserve Metropark, 5100 W.
Central Ave. Toledo, OH

Info: Give Holidays guests the best treat of the season --a warm and delicious s'more! Help Metroparks Toledo distribute our special s'mores and stay warm in the process near a cozy fire.

Contact: Hannah Calandra, 419-407-9840

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online at www.metroparkstoledo.com/volunteer



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
www.feedtoledo.org





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**MERCY
HEALTH**

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

sadams1@mercy.com



SouthernCare™
Hospice Services

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@southerncareservices.com

www.southerncareservices.com



**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

rebecca.dungee@redcross.org

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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St. Mark's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Service Opportunity: Wednesday Night Live Supper Volunteer

Date & Time: every Wednesday night at 5:30pm

Location: 315 S. College Dr. Bowling Green, OH

Info: Wednesday Night Live is a free weekly meal for anyone in the community. Every week, more than 100 meals are served by dozens of volunteers. Education opportunities, devotions, and activities for children are also offered weekly. Volunteers are always welcome to help! There are many different ways to get involved from cooking to serving to helping with the children's activities.

Contact: 419-353-9305 or sign up at <https://stmarksbg.org/2018/09/wednesday-night-live/>



 Great Lakes Caring
Part of the Elara Caring Network

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

kkortokrax@greatlakescaring.com

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DONATIONS NEEDED - TOLEDO

CHERRY STREET MISSION MINISTRIES

About: We are the largest organization serving low-income and homeless men, women, and children in NW Ohio and SE Michigan. We provide basic services (food, clothing, housing) as well as mentoring, education, training, and job placement.

Location: Cherry Street's Life Revitalization Center, 1501 Monroe Street (Donations may be sent to/dropped off here on weekdays from 9am-2pm)

Contact: Sam Guidry, 419-214-3008.

sguidry@cherrystreetmission.org

Items Needed:

- Waterproof winter gloves
- Women's underwear
- Wash cloths & Towels
- New Bed Pillows
- Men & Women's Razors
- Men & Women's Deodorant
- Sanitary products
- Toilet Paper
- Canned Meat
- #10 Canned Fruits and Vegetables
- Fresh fruit
- Lunch meat
- Bottled Water

NIGHTINGALE'S HARVEST

About: Nightingale's Harvest provides nutritious food, hygiene products, and resources to aid in improving the health and wellness of families experiencing cancer. More info can be found on our website at

www.nightingales-harvest.org

Location: Lutheran Church of Our Savior (2820 W. Alexis Rd. Toledo, OH)

Contact: Lisa Kronbach-Eisenbach, cell: 419-779-2961, lleisenbach@aol.com

Items Needed: In winter there is a great need for protein and canned vegetables as well as toiletry items. We are especially looking for donations of:

- Beans (Chili, kidney, and Great Northern)
- Peanut Butter
- Jello or pudding
- Dish Soap
- Hand soap
- Body bar soap
- Toilet paper

MOM'S HOUSE

About: Mom's House strives to break the cycles of poverty and welfare. It is our mission to guide at-risk single parents through the process of achieving educational goals and provide tools and resources needed to become effective parents.

Location: 2505 Franklin Ave. Toledo, OH

Contact: (419) 241-5554

Items Needed:

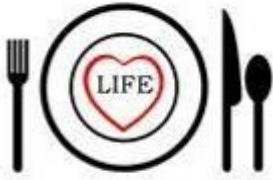
- Snacks: pretzels, cereal (Cheerios, Kix, Rice Krispies), tortilla chips, pita chips, chex mix
- Baby Wipes & Diapers (sizes 4, 5, & 6)

- Rolls of Paper towels (rolls)
- Toilet Paper
- Garbage bags (all sizes)
- Children's gifts: new clothes (sizes 6mo.-5T), new toys, new books
- Mom's gifts: toiletries, grocery store gift cards, school supplies
- Batteries (all sizes)
- Cleaning Supplies: dish soap, laundry detergent
- Facial Tissues
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruit (in 100% fruit juice)



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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 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

DONATIONS NEEDED YOUNGSTOWN

OUR COMMUNITY KITCHEN

About: Our Community Kitchen is a nonprofit charitable organization that provides meals, community programs, and medical services to those in need. All donations, whether services, clothing, food, or monetary, will have a positive impact on Our Community Kitchen and will enrich the daily lives of those who are most in need

www.facebook.com/ourcommunitykitchenohio

Location: 551 Mahoning Avenue, Youngstown, OH

Contact: 330-770-2224, sbarone@ockohio.org

Items Needed:

- Volunteer time and assistance
- Sponsor breakfast / lunch with a donation
- Bring volunteers and food to prepare a meal and serve
- Have a donation drive for canned food, clothing, and/or personal care items (e.g. toilet paper, feminine products, diapers)
- Assist with job training, health care services,

