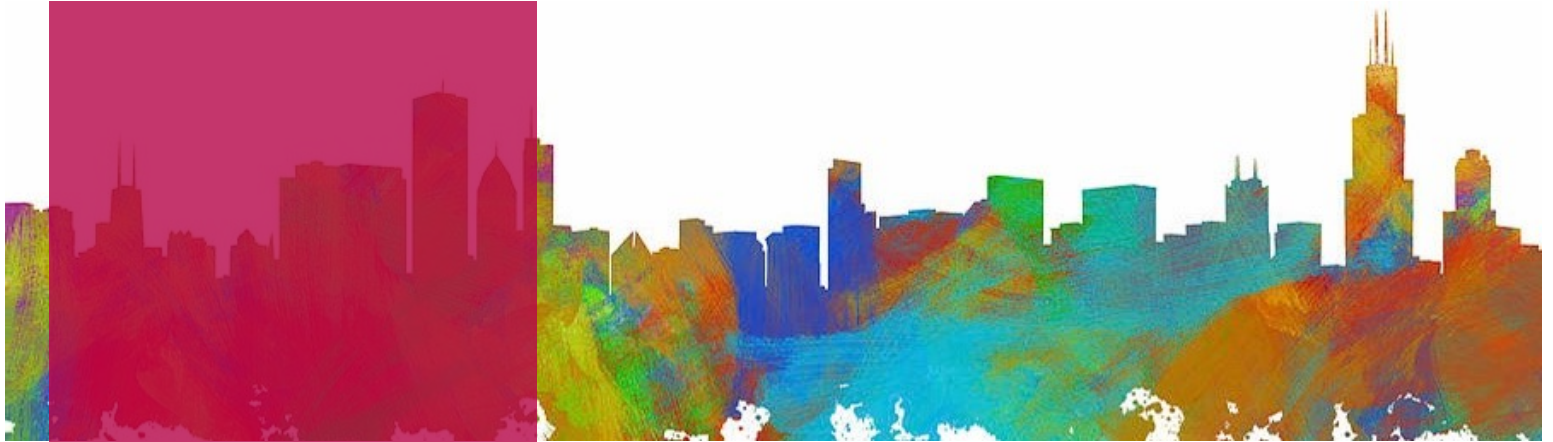




COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

FEBRUARY 2020



Overview:

- Spring Break Service Immersion Trip
- NW Ohio Opportunities
- SE Michigan Opportunities
- Youngstown Opportunities

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

Spring Break Service Immersion Trip

Chicago, IL

This spring break, make it about service, social justice, and community. Join us for the **Spring Break Service Immersion Trip 2020!**

This year, we will be hosted by the [Brother David Darst Center](#) for Justice & Peace, Spirituality & Education in Chicago, IL. We will be learning about a variety of social justice issues and serving at organizations who are addressing homelessness, food insecurity, poverty, and immigration.

Who: Students from the Toledo campus and Youngstown

When: Sat. March 7 - Wed. March 11

Where: Chicago, IL

Cost: \$150 (includes transportation, meals, and housing)

How to Apply: The application link and additional information about the trip can be found at mercycollege.edu/service.

Applications and a \$50 deposit are due Feb. 3



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

NORTHWEST OHIO



BETHANY
HOUSE

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Service Opportunity: 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. 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: Cleaning clothing

Contact: Delray Busch, (419) 727-4948,



METROPARKS
TOLEDO

SWAN CREEK LITTER CLEAN UP

Date & Time: Flexible schedule

Location: Swan Creek Preserve Metropark, 4659 Airport Hwy, Toledo, OH 43615

Info: We are looking for volunteers who are interested in coming out semi-regularly to help maintain the park borders along Airport Highway, Glendale, Byrne and Eastgate. You do not have to come at any set day or time and can come out as often as you would like! Volunteers must be 12+ and have an adult if under the age of 18.

Contact: Meredith Busic,

Meredith.Busic@metroparkstoledo.com



METROPARKS
TOLEDO

RAPTOR MONITOR

Date & Time: Flexible; typically runs March-May

Location: Oak Openings, Secor, Wildwood

Info: Volunteer Training & Info Session takes place Sat. March 14 (9am-Noon) at Oak Openings Lodge at Oak Openings Preserve (Swanton, OH). This is an opportunity for interested volunteers to learn about raptors and assisting us with monitoring them in the Oak Openings region throughout the spring. Raptor monitors commit to walking an assigned trail every two weeks or can serve as a raptor monitor sub. There are also opportunities to monitor breeding raptors that are nesting on or near your property. Raptor ID skills are helpful but not required—training is available but is not required for returning monitors—all are welcome so come check out what this program is about! Volunteers must be age 18+.

Contact: Meredith Busic,

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

STEWARDSHIP WORKDAYS

Date & Time: Saturdays, 9am-Noon

Location: Oak Openings Preserve /Blue Creek Metropark (Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22); Wildwood Preserve (Feb. 29)

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

Contact: Meredith Busic,

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

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American Red Cross

AMERICAN RED CROSS

Service Opportunity: Various Volunteer Roles

Date & Time: Various days/times

Location: Locations all over the US

Info: 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! www.redcross.org/volunteer/become-a-volunteer.html

Contact: Rebecca, rebecca.dunjee@redcross.org



St. Mark's LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Service Event: Wednesday Night Live Supper

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. 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/>

CHERRY ST. MISSION MINISTRIES

CHERRY STREET MISSION MINISTRIES

Service Opportunity: Various Volunteer Roles

Date & Time: Various days/times

Location: Various locations around Toledo but often at Cherry Street's Life Revitalization Center, 1501 Monroe St. Toledo OH.

Info: Our goal is to connect your passion with your purpose here at Cherry Street. We would love to introduce you to all the serving opportunities here (including serving meals, conversation partners with guests, assisting in the library, etc.) at Cherry Street. Our Volunteer Orientation Sessions are a great place to do just that. Orientations take place on the second floor of Cherry Street's Life Revitalization Center, 1501 Monroe St. Toledo OH. More info about volunteering and schedules can be found here:

www.cherrystreetmission.org/get-involved/volunteer

Contact: Susan Graalman, 419-214-3419

sgralman@cherrystreetmission.org

Need a Service Site for a Service Learning course?

Community Organization Guides are now available for Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan. Contact Annie Devine at 419-251-1866 or annie.devine@mercycollege.edu to get a guide.

Guides for NE and SW Ohio coming soon!



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NORTHWEST OHIO



LA CONEXIÓN

Service Opportunity: Volunteer Tutor

Date & Time: Tuesdays & Thursday for Spring 2020
5:45pm-7:30pm

Location: Bowling Green, OH

Info: La Conexión is a nonprofit organization in Bowling Green that offers a variety of services for the Latinx families in the area. One of their programs, Nuestros Niños El Futuro, is in need of volunteer tutors in all subjects to help out students (grades K-10th) with homework and other academic needs. This Tutors can volunteer both Tuesdays and Thursdays or choose one day.

Contact: To get involved, email us at laconexionwc@gmail.com or call 419-308-2328.



Special Olympics



SPECIAL OLYMPICS OHIO

Service Event: Special Olympics Ohio's 2020 Winter Games

Date & Time: February 21-23, 2020
Various times over the three days

Location: BGSU, Bowling Green, OH

Info: Special Olympics Ohio's 2020 State Winter Games will take place February 21-23 at Bowling Green State University. The Winter Games will feature sports competition in Basketball, Cheer-leading, and Swimming as well as social and health opportunities. Roughly 1,500 athletes will compete over the games weekend.

They won't be able to host this weekend of fun and sport without help from volunteers. They're looking for people to help with competitions, ceremonies, socials, and more!

Visit www.soooh.org/2020-winter-games for more information

Contact: Questions? Contact Megan Modene at mmodene@sooh.org or (614) 239-7050



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN

LITTLE BLESSINGS VETERAN AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Service Opportunity: Assisting with the equine therapy program

Date & Time: varies

Location: Duke Farm, 44 Samaria Rd.
Temperance, MI 48182

Info: Our Mission is to make a difference in the lives of our veterans, families, and our communities with the use of our animals and our passionate and qualified resources. We provide wellness programming and equine therapy for veterans and their families. See more information about opportunities to be involved here:

littleblessingsveteranoutreach.com/get-involved

Contact: (419) 779-0342



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





COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

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



OUR COMMUNITY KITCHEN

About: Our Community Kitchen is a nonprofit charitable organization that provides meals, community programs, and medical services to those in need. Our vision is to give those in need the respect and dignity they deserve while ensuring they receive a hot meal in a warm and welcoming environment.

www.facebook.com/ourcommunitykitchenohio

Date & Time:

Location: 551 Mahoning Avenue, Youngstown, OH

Contact Info: Assist with serving meals or run a donation drive for canned food, clothing, or personal care items. Experienced volunteers are also needed to assist with job training, health care services, and counseling.

Contact: Kelly, kcocca@ockohio.org, 330-770-2224

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Service Opportunity: Various Volunteer roles

Date & Time: Varies

Location: Dining Hall (252 E Wood St, Youngstown, OH); Food Pantry (317 Via Mount Carmel, Youngstown, OH); Thrift Store (Williamson Ave, Youngstown, OH)

Info: Volunteers can help prepare and serve hot meals at the Dining Hall as well as help at the Food Pantry or the Thrift Store.

Contact: Complete the Volunteer Inquiry form at

www.mahoningsvdp.com/volunteer; More information about services offered can be found here: www.mahoningsvdp.com/services





COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

DONATIONS NEEDED

Help in the fight against Food Insecurity

This past fall semester, we opened up a Food Pantry on the Toledo campus and have started organizing a more integrated effort to assist students at Toledo and Youngstown who are facing food insecurity. This is an increasing need on campuses across the country — as many as 1 in 3 students could use help with their meals. Our Mercy College mission and values call us to respond to this need and we seek to provide immediate assistance with compassion and respect for human dignity.

The Mercy College Food Pantry on the Toledo campus provides food and toiletry items for Mercy College students, faculty and staff who may be experiencing hunger or struggling to buy food for their household. At Youngstown, a shelf is stocked in the student lounge with snacks and shelf-stable meals for students who come to campus hungry.

We are supported by the Division of Student Affairs and Seagate Food Bank of Northwest Ohio but we also rely heavily on donations of food and toiletry items. Please see below for items that we are currently in need of.

TOLEDO

- Canned Chicken
- Canned Tuna
- Granola Cereal
- Jelly
- Apple Sauce
- Canned Green Beans
- Canned Peas
- Canned Vegetable Soup (Vegan)
- Powdered Milk
- Toilet Paper
- Toothpaste
- Menstrual Pads (ultra thin, various sizes, smaller packages)
- Tampons (small boxes with various sizes)
- Laundry Detergent (small bottles)

YOUNGSTOWN

- Cup of Soup or Noodles
- Microwaveable Mac & Cheese Cups
- Oatmeal Cups
- Granola Bars
- Breakfast Bars
- Pop-Tarts
- Applesauce Cups
- Peanut Butter Crackers
- Cheese Crackers

***All Food items for both locations must be shelf-stable.**

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