

“Take a look at the flowers and plants blooming around you. They didn’t worry their way to awesomeness. And you can’t either. God cares about you, so let Him carry your worries and fears”
1 Peter 5:7



THE OUTREACH

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Reaching Out With Care To Our Community Since 1996

2018 Marks 22 Years of Service



2017 - What a Year!

14,486 customers served
6,466 volunteer hours

1,905 infants served
22,860 diapers distributed

Hello Mission Community Outreach Family

My name is Ali Norris and I am the new Office Administrator here at MCOC. I graduated from University High School in Spokane Valley. I am a proud Idaho Vandal alum and recently graduated from Eastern Washington University with my Master’s in Public Health. I am so proud of the work we do here at MCOC and the important role we play in the community. I am also grateful for the past employees that have made MCOC a successful organization here in Spokane. I look forward to continuing the vital work of this amazing non-profit and get to know our volunteers, donors & customers.



Ali Norris

Children’s Christmas Joy 2017 Review

Our 8th Annual Children’s Christmas Joy event was a huge success. We served 809 children in two days with the help of 83 wonderful volunteers. We had parents lined up outside our building for hours before we opened on Friday. Blessed with donations of new jeans, shirts, hats, gloves, books and handmade wooden toys parents were able to shop for their children’s Christmas presents. All of the presents were beautifully wrapped for the parents by our volunteers. This Christmas event is unique because our focus is gifting new clothing for children instead of toys. This event is made possible by the hard work of Ruth Scott, Diana Wells and their team of volunteers. They are already purchasing clothing and keeping inventory for our 2018 event. Our 2018 Children’s Christmas Joy event is scheduled for December 7th & 8th.



New Website Coming!



We are launching a new website very soon. The new website will be updated regularly with MCOC

events and information about our upcoming diaper and hygiene drives. The new website is user friendly and will help us connect with different parts of our community. The new website will also be a great marketing tool for gaining new volunteers and sponsors. Please check out our new website at 4mission.org... soon.

Save the Dates!

April 16th -30th
Spring Diaper Drive



June 4th-18th
Summer Hygiene Drive

June 14th
Ignite Theater Event

August 17th & 18th
School Shoes for Kids Distribution



September 7th-16th
Fair Parking

October 8th-22nd
Fall Diaper Drive

December 7th & 8th- Children's
Christmas Joy Distribution

Hygiene Drive

We are mid-way through our Winter Hygiene Drive. We have been extremely low on hygiene products this winter so we are only giving out one item per family instead of two. Please donate at our center M,W,Th, 1:30-4pm. If your work or church family is interested in collecting items for MCOC and need any information or assistance please contact us. (we accept hygiene products throughout the year as well)

2018 MCOC Hygiene Drive February 5-22nd

We provide hygiene items every 60 days to low-income and homeless Spokane families in need.
Can you help us provide these very basic items?

Soap	Diaper Cream
Shampoo (children & babies, too)	Toothpaste
Conditioner	Toothbrushes
Deodorant	Chapstick
Lotion	Shaving Cream
Combs/Brushes	Razors
Baby Powder	Women's Hygiene Products



Mission Community Outreach Center first opened its doors in 1996. The needs of Spokane's low income and homeless families have continued to grow and today we provide clothing and hygiene items to more than 1,200 people and infant care items for more than 250 infants each month.

Donations can be brought to the Center
Mon, Wed & Thurs, 1:30-4pm. Thank you!



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WSU Nursing Student

We are excited to have Alycia here on Wednesday afternoons from Washington State University College of Nursing. She can perform blood pressure checks and blood glucose checks for our customers. She is also organizing a hygiene drive for MCOC through her Community Health class. We are so thankful to have her working at the center.

Volunteer Appreciation

We would like to send a huge Thank You to our dedicated volunteers for all of their hard work in 2017. In December our board of directors hosted an appreciation event for our weekly volunteers. With the difficulties that last year brought we are so grateful for the consistency in volunteers. You are the reason that we are able to do what we do.



School Shoes for Kids 2018

Drive July 2- August 10th

Shoe event August 17th & 18th

Our wonderful neighbors at The Bricks Conditioning Lab are letting us use their space again for shoe distribution. We have been gifted with a storage unit to store shoes for this event and we already have collected 150 pairs of shoes to start our inventory.

As we prepare for this year's give away we are looking for event sponsors to help us collect and purchase over 1,000 pairs of shoes.

Last year we ran out of a few popular sizes and our goal this year is to make sure we can fit shoes for all the children that attend this event. MCOC is in need of a wonderful group of volunteers that want to coordinate this year's event. This volunteer position would entail helping us gather new shoe donations, purchasing new shoes, keeping track of our inventory and assisting with logistics for the two day event. If you are interested in working on this event please email us at mcoc.spokane@gmail.com.



5 Things You Can Do for MCOC

1 Donate gently used clothing, shoes, housewares, bedding to the Mission.

2 Invite friends and family to join our email and newsletter lists.

3 Get a team together to do a deep cleaning event at the Center.

4 Plan a super sorting day at the Center and come help us prepare clothes for our families. Weekends are an option.

5 Become a weekly or monthly volunteer.



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Non-Event Event

In November the MCOC Board of Directors decided we needed to plan a quick fundraiser to bring in some monetary donations. Bob Fisher came up with a very creative event that we called the Non-Event Event. I am sure most of you received the letter inviting you to this non-event. You were able to purchase tickets, tables, and wine. From this non-event we sold 36 individual tickets, 5 family tables, 5 bottles of wine and we raised \$7,268. These donations were a huge blessing for us at MCOC and helped start off the New Year on a good foot.

Thank you!



Fred Meyer Rewards

Are you a Fred Meyer Customer? If we all make the effort to use our Fred Meyer Rewards Card for MCOC we can generate approximately \$500.00 annually for the Center.



You are able to link your Rewards Card to MCOC by following the link below. Whenever you use your Rewards Card when shopping at Freddy's, you will be helping MCOC earn a donation from Fred Meyer. If you do not have a Rewards Card, you can sign up for one at the Customer Service Desk of any Fred Meyer store or at this web address: <https://www.fredmeyer.com/topic/community-rewards-4>

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