

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”

Matthew 11:28



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THE OUTREACH

Reaching Out With Care To Our Community Since 1996

2019 Marks 23 Years of Service

2018 Children's Christmas Joy

We served 1,021 children this year at our 9th Annual Children's Christmas Joy event. With the help of 97 hardworking volunteers this year's event was a wonderful day full of loving service and Christmas joy. A

huge thank you to Ruth Scott, Diana Wells and their team of volunteers who plan, shop for and run this event. This event is

what it is today because of their hard work and dedication to our customers and the children in our community. Along with new jeans, shirts, hats, gloves and books, children also received handmade wooden toys thanks to Jerry Wahl, Gordon Decker and Bill Saylor. This year they

made over 300 toys (trains, cars, trucks) for us. Christie Jones, one of our dedicated volunteers and board members, said “each Christmas at our distribution event, these little wooden toys absolutely fly off the shelves”. These gentlemen are so talented with woodworking that they are building us new wooden clothing racks for our shopping floor. I can't wait for next year's event and all the families we will be blessed to serve.



Diana Wells & Ruth Scott



Volunteers wrapping presents for our customers



Gordon Decker & Bill Saylor



Jerry Wahl

Last Year's Numbers

Number of Clients we served: 12,775 ~ Number of Infants we served: 1,650

Number of Diapers distributed: 24,750 ~ Volunteer hours in 2018: 6,383.53



Mission... Possible

Help us care for our building, so we can continue to care for our customers

We are excited to announce that this year we are updating the inside of our building to create a better environment for our customers and wonderful volunteers. These are the projects on our wish list:

1. Update both bathrooms
 - a. New sinks, toilets, paint, floor and baseboards
2. Replace check-in station counter top
3. Paint interior of building & ceiling tiles
4. Replace all carpet & install baseboard
5. Replace or paint brown interior doors

To complete these projects our goal is to raise \$25,000. We are looking for monetary donors as well as volunteers to help with some of the projects. This summer we are planning to paint and replace the carpet, so if you love to paint we would love your help. The completion of these projects is contingent on the funds we raise. If you are interested in donating funds for this campaign please let us know by putting "Mission Possible" on your check or donation slip. Thank you for helping us care for our building.

Hygiene Drive



As many of you know we purchase the hygiene items that are given out to our customers. Every 60 days each household gets two hygiene items and a roll of toilet paper. These purchases can get expensive but we know how much they mean to our shoppers. During the month of March we are going to be focused on collecting hygiene

items. If your church, work, school or family would like to collect for us, let me know and I can get you a donation bin. Shampoo, baby shampoo, deodorant and razors are our most needed items.

Homeless Connect Event 2019

On January 30th, the Homeless Connect Event took place at the Salvation Army. This event is a resource fair for people experiencing homelessness as well as low-income individuals and families in our community. There were housing services, veterinarian services, haircuts, lunch, foodbanks, winter wear, health services and legal services. Mission Community Outreach Center was a vendor and a sponsor this year. Three of our MCOC volunteers handed out brochures and spoke to people about what we do and how we can serve them. The next day we already had new customers coming in that heard about us at the Homeless Connect. We want to make sure that those who need us know we are here to help and this event was a great place to make those connections.

Thank you to our volunteers!



Every day I am reminded how important our volunteers are to MCOC and the community we serve. I honestly couldn't do any of this without each one of you so thank you for "reaching out with care".

Meet our Board of Directors

Mission Community Outreach Center is blessed to have a Board of Directors comprised of eight talented community members. Each has a servant's heart and the desire to help Mission Community Outreach Center succeed in its mission of providing some of the essentials of healthy living to those in need in our community.

Bob Fisher, President. Bob has been involved at MCOC since 1999. He retired after 35 years as a Financial Consultant with Thrivent Financial. He and his wife, Connie, are members of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church. Bob is a member of East Spokane Kiwanis and frequently volunteers at Habitat for Humanity. He has led Habitat for Humanity mission trips to Guatemala and New Zealand.

Mark Kinney, Vice President. Mark is a retired Air Force officer and graduate of South Dakota State University and Whitworth University. He is a member of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church where he serves on the Stewardship Committee and is past-president of Kiwanis Club of East Spokane. He has three grown children, Nicole, Kirsten and Mitch, all living in the Spokane area, and a teen-aged grandson, Kyle, who is his pal. Mark is a former executive director of Mission Community Outreach Center and now works as a Financial Representative at Thrivent Financial.

Greg Griffin, Treasurer. Greg has 17 years of experience in accounting and has been treasurer for various organizations. He currently serves as Admin Svcs Mgr for SRTC. He and his wife, Michelle, have a thirteen year old son and the family enjoys camping and skiing.

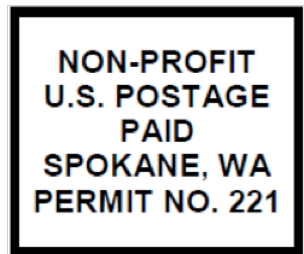
Christie Jones, Secretary. Christie is a member of First Presbyterian Church and sings in their choir. She served on FPC's Mission Committee for several years where she learned about ministries such as Christ Kitchen, Cup of Cool Water and Mission Community Outreach Center. Volunteering at several MCOC events drew her to this ministry. She has been married 25 years to her husband, Rick. Christie works as a

Program Manager for Providence Health & Services in supply contracting at Sacred Heart Medical Center.

Tammy Mason, At Large. Tammy has been a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church her entire life. She loves organizations that help our community and has volunteered for several & also been on other Boards over the years. Mission Community Outreach has become a favorite focus because of all the different people they serve and because so much of their strength is due to their wonderful volunteers. Tammy and her husband, Dan, of 43 years live in Otis Orchards and enjoy spending time together, reading & going to Diamond Lake. Tammy has worked for 27 years as a full time Realtor and owns her own company, Homes 4 You.

Liz Grafos, At Large. Elizabeth Grafos is now into her 2nd year of service on the MCOC Board after many years of support and advocacy. She is a life-long resident of Spokane and a graduate of Central Valley H.S. and the University of Washington. She is a former teacher and along with her husband Dean is the owner of a construction and storage company. Liz is the mother of two grown children and a member of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church.

Jeannie Shepherd, At Large. Although Jeannie is a first time member of the MCOC Board, she has been a regular volunteer for 5 years. Before retiring to Spokane, she was the VP of Operations for a large insurance brokerage in Southern California. Jeannie is a very active member of the Kiwanis Club of Downtown Spokane, serving on their Board, in addition to the Board of the Spokane Kiwanis Charities foundation.



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