

“From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets,
the name of the Lord is to be praised.”

Psalm 113:3



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THE OUTREACH

Reaching Out With Care To Our Community Since 1996

2019 Marks 23 Years of Service

**One Day
Only!**

9th Annual

School Shoes for Kids

Friday August 16th - 9:00am - 7:00pm

We are excited to announce a few changes for this year's shoe distribution. We will be moving our event to Stevens Elementary School, which is across the street from MCOC, due to the increasing size of our event we have outgrown our building. This change will allow us to serve more customers at a time as well as allow us to give our customers and volunteers more space to work. Last year we gave out 1496 pairs of shoes and socks. This year our goal is to collect 1,700 pairs of shoes and socks for this event. This year we decided to extend the hours and make it a one day event instead of two. In the past we have had some confusion about the inventory we can provide for day two which puts extra stress on our volunteers. With a one day event we can help reduce that stress and serve as many people as we can in 10 hours.

Please consider donating shoes, socks, funds or volunteering with us on August 16th to help kids in our community. Please go to our website to sign up to volunteer and if you know families that could benefit from this event please send them to our website or our Facebook page for more information.



Mission... Possible

As many of you know, we launched a new campaign here at MCOC in February that we are calling Mission... Possible. The goal of this campaign is to update our building to enhance the experience for our customers and volunteers. We set our fundraising goal at \$25,000 and we have raised \$10,000 so far which is a great start. With those funds we have completely updated one bathroom, ordered new countertops for the check-in counter, created a utility room, taken out old wiring and security systems and updated the office.

We are in the beginning phases of updating the second bathroom and have plans to start painting the building this summer. Our biggest challenge will be raising enough money to replace the carpet throughout the center. We are so excited about the changes we have made so far and are so thankful for those who have helped us either with funding, supplies or volunteered their time. If you would like to donate to this campaign please specify on your check by putting Mission..Possible on the note line. Please let us know if you have connections that may help us with these projects.



Volunteers play a huge role in our mission here at MCOC. Without them none of the work we do for the community would be possible. I am so thankful for each of our volunteers, their dedication to MCOC and our community. I couldn't do my job without their constant support and guidance. I asked a few volunteers to write about their experiences working with us and what MCOC means to them, so read below to see how volunteering has impacted their lives.

Ali Norris

Volunteer Spotlight

When I retired 9 years ago, I began volunteering at MCOC, ironing and sorting clothes in the back room with other volunteers. After time off for some medical stuff, I began working with baby clothes on Tuesdays when the center is not open for shoppers. It is a fun job to see all those cute, tiny outfits and to make layettes for new parents. I work with some awesome people who have become friends.



Recently, I began checking in shoppers at the computer on Wednesdays. On shopping days, I see the other side of volunteering. There is a great variety of people who are regular shoppers and they spread the word and bring new neighbors to use the service we offer. People are so grateful that we are here! Our school shoe event and Christmas shopping for parents are a boon for many who might not be able to provide those things for their kids.

If you have time to volunteer, you will be appreciated and make some new friends. If you can't volunteer, bring your gently used clothing donations to the center. Some other family will be very happy that you did.

Judy McMillian

Derek has been volunteering with various organizations and events his whole life, including spending a week building a house with Habitat for Humanity in Spokane. Maggie remembers starting when she was 8 years old, when she volunteered as a docent at a history museum. Both of them have a deep rooted interest and passion to give back to the community. Derek and Maggie have been volunteering together at the Mission for almost 6 years. Derek started in 2013, delivering donations from their church on a semi-regular basis. After Maggie moved to Spokane, she began looking for something to do in the community. They mentioned their interest to Bob Fisher, who told them that Mission Community Outreach Center needed new point people for the hygiene room.

They both have a background in inventory management, and the challenge was a much needed relief from their desk job lives. They enjoy coming into the Mission after-hours, and restoring order when chaos enters the little room. This is a great activity for them to do as a couple, and rewarding feeling to know they are helping change the lives of the community around them. They both say they get great satisfaction from knowing they are making a difference and improving people's lives, in any small way they can.

Maggie & Derek Fisher

In Memoriam

On May 15, 2019 God called home Marilyn Kraffenberg. Marilyn and her husband Irvin Winship were instrumental in starting Mission Community Outreach Center. She was a dedicated volunteer and supporter of MCOC thereafter. We received her final generous monthly donation just a few days before she passed away. Her obituary asked that memorial gifts be left to MCOC. Marilyn was a true and faithful servant throughout her life. Her obituary sharing her wonderful life story can be found online at legacy.com



MCOC Endowment

Drip, drip, drip... a glass full of water contains a lot of individual drips and it takes a long time to fill it. That is just the way things are, you can't grow a garden overnight nor can you save for retirement with a single one-time investment. At Mission Community Outreach Center, we started an endowment fund a little over four years ago. Our account balance recently topped \$33,000. Now that it has been nourished and fed for a few years, we are starting to see growth from reinvested investment returns and from additional donations.

One recent donation came from a former volunteer at MCOC. She stopped volunteering a few years ago when her health issues did not allow her to continue. Periodically she still made financial donations which helped us serve the needy in Spokane. Sadly, she passed away last year. Several years ago, as she prepared to leave her estate to her children and grandchildren, she also considered how important it was to support Mission Community Outreach Center, one of her most favored charities. Her assets had been invested and set aside for her care should she need them. A percentage of her

Volunteer with us!

Are you looking for a great volunteer opportunity?

We have a spot for you!!

Wednesdays 1:30-4:00pm

working at the front desk helping customers, or

Monday, Wednesdays and Thursdays 1:30-4:00pm,

helping sort, organize and re-stock the floor with clothing for our customers to shop.



If you are interested in reading our 2018 Annual Report you can find it on our website at www.4mission.org

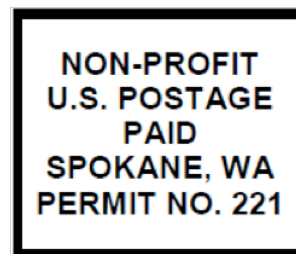


account was to be left to the MCOC endowment fund. Just as she had planned, we received a nice check after she passed away. Those dollars have now been invested in our endowment fund to provide future support for the good work done here at MCOC.

Have you considered something similar? It is truly easier than you might think. If you are at all curious about how to give a lasting gift, either today or in the future, please let us know. We'll be happy to visit with you about it. Most of all, you'll be pleased to know your donation will continue to bless others for generations to come.

Bob Fisher

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Thank you!

