

Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy. Those who go out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with them. Psalm 126:5-6

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THE OUTREACH

Reaching Out With Care To Our Community Since 1996

2019 Marks 23 Years of Service



Merrily, Merrily, Merrily, Merrily **Children's Christmas Joy is ringing**

Our Children's Christmas Joy clothing give away will be here in 83 days. Thank you to all of our volunteers who have helped us give over 1,000 NEW clothes for Christmas. The children also receive NEW hats, mittens, books and usually a wooden toy or stuffed animal, when available. Please put December 6th & 7th on your calendar to be available to help at this JOYFUL event. There are various opportunities to help, from setting upon the morning of December 5th to working for 2 1/2 hour shifts on Friday and/or Saturday. Opportunities include greeters, personal shoppers, re-stockers, gift wrappers, door monitors and floaters. We have been shopping the sales all year for jeans, shirts, hats, mittens and books. As you are out shopping this holiday season, please consider adding to our inventory with new jeans, shirts, mittens, hats and books.



If you are part of an organization that would like a barrel to collect these items please contact the mission. We also take cash donations and we will do the shopping for you. Again, thank you for your donations of clothing and time in the past. We look forward to you joining us once again for this JOYFUL event.

Ruth Scott and Diana Wells

School Shoes for Kids Give-A-Way 2019

1640 Shoes & Socks Distributed ~ 225 volunteers

One of my favorite experiences so far working at Mission Community Outreach Center has been our yearly shoe event. This year I felt like we needed a larger community presence. This was important to me because this event brings the community together and by including different service providers, we are helping bridge some gaps that we see in Spokane. In order to serve more families and create a better environment for our volunteers and customers we moved this event to Stevens Elementary School. We want to thank the school and district for letting us use the building as well as our vendors who came to hand out items and information to our customers.

This year's event was one day only for 10 hours and in that time we were able to distribute 1640 pair of new shoes & socks to kids in our community. I am so thankful for all of the support we received this year and for all the families we were able to serve. We couldn't have done this without the help of our sponsors, volunteers and community vendors. Together we are making a difference and I am very grateful for the platform that MCOC gives me to do the work that I truly love. Thank you to everyone who donated shoes, socks and funds to help with this event.

Ali Norris: MCOC Executive Director



St. Aloysius
SPOKANE, WASHINGTON
A Roman Catholic Parish with a Jesuit Tradition

FLEET FEET
SPOKANE



Local Churches, Community Groups & Businesses

- Avista
- Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church
- East Spokane Kiwanis
- First Presbyterian Church
- Hamblen Park Presbyterian
- Holy Cross Lutheran Church
- Progressions Credit Union
- Safeway - Mission & Hamilton
- Shadle Park Presbyterian Church
- Skechers
- Southside Senior Community Center
- Spokane County Title
- St. John's Lutheran Church

- St. Joseph Catholic Parish
- St. Luke Lutheran Church
- Spokane Valley United Methodist Church
- Teal Ladies

Vendors

- Avista
- CHAS
- Food for Kidz
- McKinney- Vento HEART- Program
- SNAP
- Stevens Elementary School
- The City of Spokane Water Department
- The Salvation Army
- United Health Care



MCOC Spotlight

I first heard about MCOC shortly after joining Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Spokane. Bob Fisher gave me a tour of the facility and spoke about the mission and impact it has on the lives of so many in our community.

I recently found myself between jobs and Bob asked if I would assist with the annual Shoes For Kids Event. I jumped at the challenge and started the process of sorting, tagging, stacking, and arranging our shoe donations. I also was involved in planning the logistics, flow, and process of our Shoes For Kids event held in the new and larger venue of Stevens Elementary School. I worked closely with Ali, our Executive Director, in ensuring a smooth event on the day of and was there to lend support and leadership in any way I could.

I was also tapped on to finish the painting of the back room and hall as well as numerous other duties at MCOC. I've worked the front desk and the back rooms and always try to give a hand or a smile to anyone who may need it.

When asked if there have been any stand out moments in my short time with MCOC a few come to mind.

Just the other day a woman came up to me in the parking lot while she was waiting in line and asked if I was a Christian. I said Yes. She then asked if I would pray with her and over her and her husband as they face some challenges in their life. I was honored and blessed to be able to do just that. She later remarked how she just knew that "I was the person she should ask". It was a very moving experience.

It takes a group of dedicated volunteers and a passion for serving others to make MCOC the special place it is for our community. We all can make a difference by being the difference.

Ken Fay

MCOC Newsletter

We hope you enjoy getting our newsletter every quarter and we appreciate you being part of the MCOC community. If you no longer want to receive a newsletter or know of anyone who would like to be added to our list, please let us know. We would love to add more people to our mailing list but also completely understand if you wish to be taken off. At MCOC we want to make sure we are using our donated resources as efficiently as we can, in order to continue our mission. Thank you for being part of our MCOC community, we love having you.



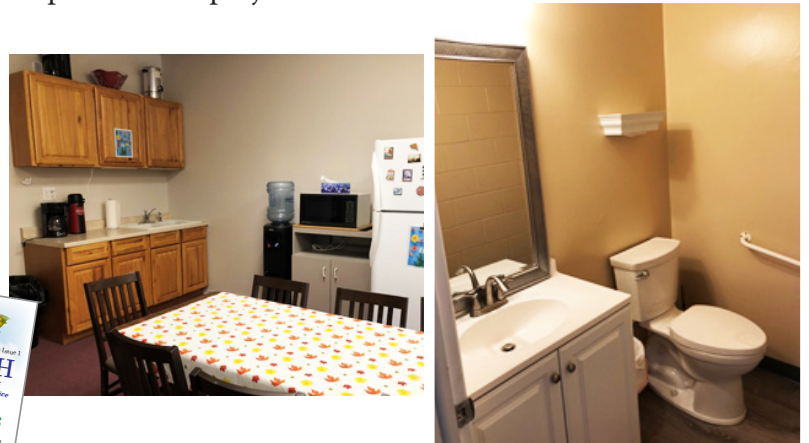
The Mission Community Outreach Center has been reaching out with care to our community since 1996. In all of that time we have become more efficient, more well known, and a blessing for thousands over the years that are in need. As we took a look around our hard working facility we decided to make it a Mission to create a space that would be more inviting to our guests and volunteers.

To that end we launched a new initiative entitled "Mission... Possible"

We've already made great strides in updating our building with new bathrooms and a painted break area. We have also ordered new countertops for the check-in station, created a utility room, updated the office, and rewired some electricity. We are so excited about these changes and so very thankful for all of you who have given of your time, talent, and treasure in making "Mission... Possible" a reality!

Our next few phases will include replacing the carpet, installing baseboards, painting the interior doors and the ceiling tiles. These phases will require additional funding to reach our set goal of \$25,000. With your help we know we can make it.

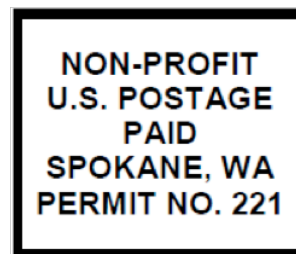
If you would like to donate to this campaign please specify on your check by putting MISSION on the note line. We would also be grateful for any connections you may have to help with these projects.



5 Ways to Help MCOC

1. Purchase new underwear for Men, Women & Children
2. Participate in our Hygiene Drive
3. Volunteer
4. Donate money, or gently used clothing & housewares
5. Help with our Mission... Possible Campaign

We will provide you with a collection barrel



2019 Mission Community Outreach Center Hygiene Drive

Our hygiene drive will take place from October 28th - November 2nd. While you are at the store picking out Halloween candy might you also pick up a few hygiene items? During this drive we are asking churches, businesses and community groups to collect hygiene items for us to give out to our customers. At the end of this week on November 2nd we will be collecting items from customers at the Fred Meyer store on Thor from 9am-6pm. This has been a very successful way to get hygiene donations in the past and we are thankful that Fred Meyer has invited us back.

My goal is to collect enough hygiene items to get us through Christmas and into the New

Year. If you would like to help with this drive we will need volunteers to help on Saturday November 2nd at Fred Meyer as well as volunteers to organize drives at churches, businesses and community groups. If you are able to help please reach out to us and we can provide you with collection barrels, event flyers and more information.

