

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives.
Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” John 14:27

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THE OUTREACH

Reaching Out With Care To Our Community Since 1996
2020 Marks 24 Years of Service

2019 Numbers

Client Visits: 13,300 ~ 3,700 Families ~ Infant Visits: 1,687 (15 diapers a visit)
Diapers Distributed: 25,305 ~ Volunteer Hours: 5,481

Covid-19 Response from our Executive Director- Ali Norris

In order to protect our volunteers, customers and community, we are closed to the public until further notice. Even though we are closed we still want to serve our community anyway we can. So, for the last few weeks we have been donating clothing, hygiene items, and diapers from MCOC to agencies, families and shelters that are in need. Shelters and many other non-profits agencies are still working during this shelter in place order. We here at MCOC feel that this is the perfect way for us to safely continue to serve our community. We have made drop offs to 10 agencies as well as some individuals over the last few weeks. Not directly serving our community has been difficult for me, but I am so glad that we have the ability to help agencies that are doing amazing work for all Spokane residents.

At this time, we do not have a re-open date. I anticipate that when we do re-open we will see an increase in customers as many people are out of work and struggling. So we will be in HUGE need of clothing, housewares, and hygiene items. If you are

going through your house and doing some spring cleaning while at home, please save your donations for us. Please share this information with your family and friends as we will need all the support to keep our floor stocked in the coming months. Thank you all for caring so much about MCOC and our community. During times like this it helps me to think about the importance of community and I hope you are feeling the love from our community, state, nation, and world. We are stronger together and we will get through this together.



Note from our Board President - Bob Fisher

Stimulus checks have already arrived or will be arriving soon for many of us. We all know how vitally important that these checks go to those who need them the most – the unemployed, the under-employed, those who have had their hours cut back, those who struggle to maintain secure housing, the ill and disabled. For those of us who are still receiving our income whether we are working or not, for those of us who have enough and don't really need the extra funds, let's consider passing some or all of the stimulus payments we receive on to those who really need them. This could be: 1) Relatives, friends and neighbors in need. 2) Your church as it cares for members and families in their neighborhoods. 3) Non-profit organizations that are caring for those who need basic supplies to survive the crisis. 4) International organizations that are addressing the desperate situations of millions around the world in dire need. Imagine the impact on our community and the world if thousands or perhaps millions of us who are able would donate a portion or even all of our stimulus payments to help others!

Our doors at MCOC are not currently open as we strive to protect the health of our volunteers and our clients. None-the-less, good work is still being done here. It is a privilege to help other organizations maintain their critical human care work. From a very practical standpoint we still need your monthly and periodic donations. We must rebuild our supply of hygiene products and diapers. We must pay for basic things like the rent, utilities and insurance. We will, at a future time, need your donations of good clothing and household supplies. Our Board of Directors is committed to do everything possible to maintain a viable organization so that one day, when we are again able to directly serve others, we will have a well-stocked facility for them to come to for help. We never take your generous donations for granted and we cannot thank you enough for helping us serve many of the less fortunate members of our community. We are extraordinarily grateful for our steadfast fan base! God bless you in this time of quarantine and challenges. And, as Easter week has just passed let us all remember "He is risen. He is risen indeed, Alleluia!"

Who do you love?



Thank you to our voters,
STCU & KREM2 for this
\$2,500.00 donation!

Thank you!



Your donations make a huge impact!

- With \$2,500 we can buy 166 new pair of shoes
- \$1,000 pays our utility bill for two months
- \$500 provides hygiene items to our customers for a month
- \$250 provide diapers to 80 kids
- \$100 covers cost of postage for one newsletter mailing

Meet our New Board Members

Betty Thompson, At Large

Betty joined the MCOC Board in 2019. Betty is a member of Hamblen Park Presbyterian Church and serves on Hamblen's Mission and Service Committee. When asked if she would join the Board at MCOC as a voice and contact for Hamblen, she said YES. She's been amazed to see up close the great work this small center does for so many families and individuals in Spokane. The committed Christian Board Members, loving volunteers, and Spokane's unselfish commitment have all confirmed to her the need for Hamblen to continue to support this small but loving and effective center. Betty and husband Keith both grew up in Spokane and are finding retirement in Spokane a true blessing.

De Ann Tangvald, Member at Large

De Ann moved to Spokane at the age of 6 and started attending Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church. This is where she met her husband and raised their 4 children. Twenty-five years ago, she started her own CPA firm, which keeps her busy when not involved with her family and many volunteer projects. Mission Community Outreach Center holds a special place in her heart for their work in the community and as the site of her son's Eagle Scout project. She is honored to be on the Board and thankful for this opportunity to serve.



School Shoes for Kids 2020

As many of you know every August we have our School Shoes for Kids Give-A-Way event. Last year we gave out 1640 new pairs of shoes and socks to kids going back to school. In these uncertain times we are not sure what this event will look like this year. But we are still dedicated to getting shoes to kids in need before school starts. There are so many different variables that we can't control, but our mission of Reaching Out With Care hasn't changed. We want to let you know that at this time we are still raising funds and collecting shoes for kids in our community. Due to the economic impact of Covid-19 we are aware that our services may be needed by more people in the coming months. We are dedicated to helping families get shoes for their kids this August anyway we can. We will need funding, shoes, socks and



volunteers to ensure that in this difficult time we are still here to serve our community.



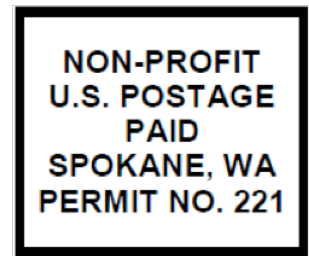
Mission... Possible

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

Thanks to our donors, volunteer contractors and community groups for helping us with this campaign. I am so proud of the changes we have made so far and how it these changes have helped create a better work and shopping environment.

We still have projects we hope to complete. How can you help? This summer we still hope (depending on

Covid-19) that we can get the exterior of our building painted. If you know of a painting or construction company that would like to help with the labor for this project, please let me know. We are also still fundraising to purchase and install new carpet. If you have a volunteer group that is interested in helping with smaller projects, please let us know!



Children's Christmas Joy 2019

**We served 1,030 children at our 10th Annual
Children's Christmas Joy!**

This family favorite event has grown in popularity over the years and owes its success to the many community groups, churches, businesses, and individuals who donated their time and talent to bring it to our community.

A BIG Thank You goes out to CHAS and the Spokane Kiwanis Charities Foundation for sponsoring, as well as our wonderful Children's Christmas Joy team that puts on this event each year. Due to everyone's response; every child in K-6th grade received a new pair of pants, shirt, gloves, hat, underwear, a book and Christmas decorations for the family. These items were joyfully wrapped by our volunteers and given with all the care and love that the Christmas Season can bring.

