

"Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven"

Psalm 85:11



The Outreach

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Heart Led, Mission Focused

We are excited to share the good news of how in the midst of a pandemic we have been continuing to help those in need. Through the years we have refined how we collect, display, and distribute good quality clothing and related items. Year 2020 pretty much turned everything upside down. Out of necessity we sought new ways to do our job, and by the grace of God we found some successes. We learned new ways to partner with other agencies; we developed new methods to distribute hygiene items through stand-alone events and we created on-line request forms for our Children's Christmas Joy event and for daily ongoing operations. We continue working to find new ways to help those who come knocking at our door. We know we can do more and we know that we must do more. Unfortunately, for a number of reasons, it is still not possible to "open as usual." Thank you for understanding our plight. However, please know that we are committed to doing our best every day. We will always seek to live by these words found in the Gospel of Matthew: "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Thank you for your support as we strive to continue that mission.

Bob Fisher, Board President



Children's Christmas Joy 2020
We served 490 kids



Hygiene Drive Thru at
Stevens Elementary School

Different Ways to Donate Funds to MCOCC

Fred Meyer Rewards Card

Do you shop at Fred Meyer? Did you know you can earn Rewards Point, Fuel Points and Rebates for yourself while earning donations for Mission Community Outreach Center? It's a Win Win! Here's how the program works:



- Sign up for the Community Rewards program by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to Mission Community Outreach Center at www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards.
- You can search for us by our name or by our non-profit number GT825 (this is our new number).
- Every time you shop and use your Rewards Card, you are helping us earn a donation!
- If you do not have a Rewards Card, they are available at the Customer Service desk of any Fred Meyer store.

For more information, please visit www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards.

Amazon Smile

AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of all eligible purchases to your favorite charity when you shop.

1. Go to smile.amazon.com and log into Amazon using your credentials.
2. Once you have logged in you can choose Mission Community Outreach Center of Spokane, WA.
3. Start Shopping!

You can add a bookmark for smile.amazon.com to make it easier to shop in the future, while continuing to support MCOCC.



You can always donate funds through our website at www.4mission.com via Paypal or you can send a check to: MCOCC, PO Box 3581, Spokane, WA 99220. Your donations help us continue to serve families and individuals in our community.

2020 Photo Roundup

Last year forced us to change the way we live out our mission. I am so proud of what we have been able to accomplish this last year and all the people we have been able to serve. These pictures tell the story of how our MCOCC community continued "Reaching Out With Care" last year. I am honored to represent MCOCC everyday and so thankful for this community that I am blessed to be apart of.

Ali Norris, Executive Director



Volunteer delivering supplies to a local Homeless Shelter during the COVID Pandemic



Volunteers helping us prepare for our Bare Necessities Give-A-Way Event



Volunteers from First Presbyterian Church painting our fence

"Just over two years ago, a homeless camp formed on the sidewalk in front of Spokane City Hall as a protest against the lack of an adequate warming center during winter weather. Toward the end of the week when the camp was there, it snowed one night. The next day the Police moved in and cleared out the campers and their tents. The images of that week and the struggles of the homeless campers challenged me to put myself in their position, and my reflections began to express themselves in this free-verse poem. Thank you for allowing me to share it with you."

By Maurice Smith

It Snowed Last Night, God

A Free-Verse Reflection
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It snowed last night, God.
Thanks for that.
It's pretty, and covers everything like a big white sheet.
It covered anything that was left from our homeless camp
Where me and some others had been camping.
They took everything away yesterday,
and the snow made everything look like we were never there.
But we were there. I was there. I hope someone remembers.

It snowed last night, God.
Thanks for that.
For just a little while the snow made the world look pretty
Almost beautiful.
It covered up some of the ugliness we have to live with every day.
The ugliness is still there,
But for just a little while it's hidden.
But it'll come back when the snow melts.

It snowed last night, God.
Thanks for that.
The snow made everything get really quiet.



Sort of like that song about a silent night
That people in church like to sing this time of the year.

So quiet I imagine I can hear the angels
whispering to each other.
Sometimes when I watch it snow
I imagine that the snowflakes are feathery
Angel tears.

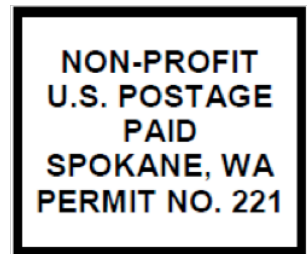
Do Angels cry, God?
And if they cry, do they cry for us
Who are cold with no place to go
On snowy silent nights like this?

It snowed last night, God.
Thanks for that.
I think I'll enjoy the snow more
When I can watch it fall
Looking out the window of my own place.
I had my own place once.
I didn't always live like this.
But stuff happened, and, well
You know the rest, God.
I hope you'll help me get my own place again,
God.

I want to watch it snow,
and hear the Angels whisper to each other
From my own place someday.

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What's Next?

As we move forward and hopefully out of this pandemic we are beginning to prepare for future events. We know the need in our community is large and we are dedicated to safely serving our customers any way we can. Please check our website at www.4mission.org, and follow us on Facebook to stay updated on future events. You can also give us a call at 509-536-1084 or email us at mcoc.spokane@gmail.com for more information.

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