

*"You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God." 2 Corinthians 9:11*



# The Outreach

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## What does Radical Generosity mean to you?

by Ali Norris, Executive Director

GivingTuesday was on November 29th and as I was preparing our Facebook post I realized I didn't know the story about how GivingTuesday started. "GivingTuesday was created in 2012 as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good". It started at the 92nd St. Y in partnership with the Blefer Center for Innovation & Social Implant in New York City. Now GivingTuesday is an independent non-profit as well as a global movement. As I was doing research to answer this question I came across this graphic that gives their definition of Radical Generosity.

Over the last week those words have been in my head and on my heart. There is so much suffering in our world, country, state, city and within our MCOC community. I understand that the problems we see every day can be overwhelming and sometimes it feels like there is nothing we can do to truly make a difference. But coming across this definition last week was exactly what I needed to get out of that mindset. This definition reminds me that we don't have to solve all the world's problems today or even tomorrow. But if we instead work on small acts of generosity daily, I truly believe it can change everything. Call me naïve, but I know that most people are looking to make a positive impact in their community. Here are a few amazing ways I have seen Radical Generosity in action over the last few weeks:

- Japanese fans at the World Cup staying after games to pick up garbage at the stadiums
- My parents & their neighbors shoveling snow for an elderly couple
- MCOC community donating clothing & money for our Children's Christmas Joy event
- Toms Turkey Drive giving out 11,000 Turkey Dinners for Thanksgiving
- Community members donating & helping deliver furniture to families moving out of homelessness and into apartments

Here at MCOC we believe in Radical Generosity and the belief that generosity happens everyday, because it does here. This next year my goal is to focus on this idea in my personal life just as much as I do in my professional life.

So this Christmas season and next year I challenge you to look for small ways everyday to be generous.

### **What does Radical Generosity mean to you and how can you incorporate it into your daily life?**

To learn more about GivingTuesday visit [www.givingtuesday.org](http://www.givingtuesday.org). To donate or learn more about MCOC, visit our website at [www.4mission.org](http://www.4mission.org)

### Radical Generosity

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noun

The concept that the suffering of others should be as intolerable to us as our own suffering.

GIVING  
TUESDAY



# Volunteers Needed

We are looking for new volunteers to join our family at MCOC. Volunteering at MCOC gives you the opportunity to connect directly with our community while showing love, compassion and generosity to those in need. There are many different ways to volunteer with us.

- Work at our reception desk during business hours
- Sort & display donated clothing and household items
- Volunteer at our special events
- Help collect donations of hygiene products, diapers, clothing and housewares
- Join our prayer team
- Assist with office work and grant writing



Our volunteers are essential to our mission and directly Reach Out With Care to our customers. *"I have been humbled by the gratefulness of those coming into the center for items of clothing and other things that most of us take for granted. The center is helping those who have fallen on hard times or some who have been in our country for a very short time. All are welcome."* Volunteer Charles Brondos

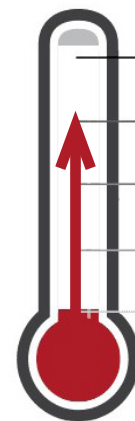


## Winter Gloves & Socks

**\$2,000!**

Winter has arrived in Spokane and we need winter gloves and socks. We are serving many individuals and families that are having to spend a lot of time outdoors this winter. Either waiting for the city bus, school bus, walking to work or experiencing homelessness, they are a much needed item. Winter gloves and socks are so important to keep our community members warm and healthy this winter.

Can you help us raise \$2000 to purchase winter gloves & socks to give out this winter?



## Required Minimum Distribution

Will you be taking an RMD from your retirement accounts this year? Did you know a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA could benefit Mission Community Outreach Center while reducing your taxable income? You must be of RMD age and the distribution must be made directly to MCOC or other charitable organization you wish to support. Please consult your accountant or financial professional for more information.



# MCOC from the Beginning

When MCOC was founded, its first focus was collecting gently used clothing for the community. While we have expanded our services and created new programs, we don't want to forget our core mission... giving good clothing to those in need. Right now, we are doing that at an alarming rate and serving more people weekly than we ever have in the 5 years I have worked here.

In October & November combined we gave out clothing to 1,711 people made up from 453 families. Each person can receive 3 pants, 3 tops, 1 coat, 2 pairs of socks, 2 pairs of underwear, 1 pair of shoes, gloves, hats and other accessories. Most people are leaving with a minimum of 10 clothing items (usually more in the winter if we can). So in the last two months, we have given out over 17,000 individual clothing items! Right now we need warm clothing boots, coats, sweaters, pants etc.

We need your help reminding people that we are ALWAYS accepting clean gently used clothing for our shopping floor.

## Donation Hours:

Monday 1pm-4pm ~ Wednesday 10am-1pm ~ Thursday 1pm-4pm

If you need to set up an alternative time to drop off donations please reach out to us via email at [mcoc.spokane@gmail.com](mailto:mcoc.spokane@gmail.com) or by phone at 509-536-1084.

*\*reminder we do not accept used underwear, furniture, toys or décor\**

## School Shoes for Kids 2022

The largest shoe event we have ever hosted! 1680 kids received a new pair of shoes & socks.

We are so thankful that we can continue to host this event each year and get to meet the amazing kids and families in our community.

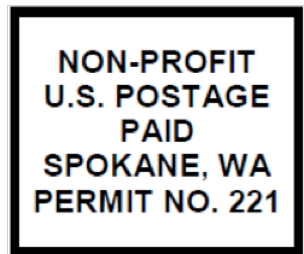
Thank you to everyone who donated and volunteered at this year's event.

## Our Amazing Sponsors:



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ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUESTED



## MCOC Offices Will Be Closed:

Thursday, December 8th &  
Friday, December 23rd - Tuesday, January 3rd

*Have a Very Merry Christmas!*

### SHOPPING & DONATION DROP-OFF HOURS

Monday 1pm - 4pm  
Wednesday 10am - 1pm  
Thursday 1pm - 4pm



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We would love to come talk to you. Are you part of a community group, church or business that would like to hear more about MCOC? If so please let us know! We would love to come speak with you at your next meeting.

*Follow us on*

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