

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." Ephesians 4:32



The Outreach

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2021 Impact

Though the last two years have been filled with uncertainty and changes, the need for our services in the community has not. Thanks to you we have been able to continue our work. In July we reopened to the public and changed our shopping hours to better serve our customers. Our new shopping hours were made possible because of our dedicated volunteers. I am excited to share our 2021 numbers with you, but our customers are much more than just a number. Our new and returning customers are important to our mission and all have a unique story that brought them to us. We love being part of their story going forward.

Ali Norris, Executive Director

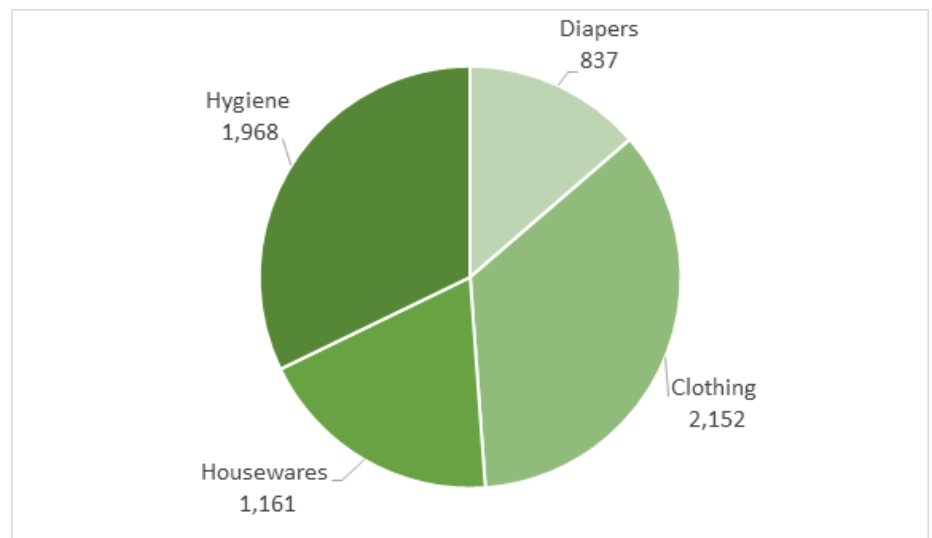
2021 VISITS

20,925- Diapers given

458- Kids served at Children's Christmas Joy

896- Kids served at our School Shoes for Kids event

3103.85- Volunteer hours



Spokane Homeless Connect

On March 1st, the annual Spokane Homeless Connect event took place at the Spokane Convention Center. After having to skip last year and postponing this year due to COVID, the event was much needed for our community. This event brings together service providers to serve individuals and families in one place on one day. There were over 100 volunteers, 84 vendors, 500 attendees, 40 pet appointments, 60 haircuts, 36 showers and 18 first or second COVID vaccines given. MCOC attended again this year and handed out information as well as travel size hygiene items to guests. MCOC also helped with the clothing bank which was a much-sought after service. We made great connections with other service providers and are looking for new ways to partner.



New Underwear & Sock Drive

MCOC is always looking for new ways to meet the needs of our community. Our customers often ask if we have new underwear available. So in 2022, our goal is to keep the floor stocked with new underwear and socks.

During the month of April we are focused on collecting new socks and underwear. If you prefer not to go shopping yourself, we are also accepting monetary donations so we can purchase them. If you are member of a group that would like to participate in this collection, please let us know and we will send you a flyer.

Help us by donating

- new socks (infant-adult)
- new underwear (toddler-adult)
- monetary donations



In Memory of Walter Shields

With sad hearts we share with you that one of our founders, Walter Shields, passed away on February 14, 2022. Over a quarter century ago Walt recognized the need to have more support services for the low-income families and individuals in East Spokane. Driven by his passion to help others Walt and a group of friends from their local church (Mission Community Presbyterian Church) combined their efforts to start Mission Community Outreach Center. Everyone attending our 25th Anniversary celebration last summer was so pleased to see Walt and his wife Barbara attend with big smiles on their faces. With a gold cross always attached to the collar of his shirt Walt wanted everyone to know that his efforts to help others was an extension of Christ's love to everyone.

Walter has asked for no services. Memorial gifts can be made in Walter's name to the Mission Community Outreach Center P.O. Box 3581 Spokane, WA 99220.



Walt & Barbara Shields at MCOC -2005



Walt at our 25th Anniversary Celebration -2021

MCOC IS NOW ON INSTAGRAM

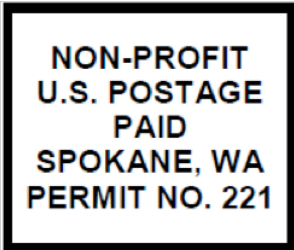
We are excited to be able to connect with customers, volunteers and donors on Instagram. If you are on Instagram make sure to give us a follow.



Are you a member of a church or community group that would like to know more about MCOC?

We would love to come talk to your group or give them a tour of our facility. Sharing our mission and passion is what we love to do! Let us know if you are interested.

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ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUESTED



Join us on March 26th to clean up our community!



KEEP YOUR
CITY CLEAN

MISSION AVE.
COMMUNITY CLEANUP

SATURDAY MARCH 26TH
9AM-12PM
Mission Community Outreach Center
1906 E. Mission Ave.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Come help us clean up
our neighborhood.
Trash bags & plastic
gloves will be
provided. Please park
on side street.



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