

"For behold, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land"

Song of Solomon 2:11-12



The Outreach

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Welcome Lauren, Our New Operations Manager

We are excited to introduce Lauren, who has joined Mission Community Outreach Center as our new part-time Operations Manager!

Lauren Martin joins Mission Community Outreach Center with a background in healthcare operations and quality improvement, where she has focused on strengthening team workflows and enhancing the experiences of those served. She is excited to bring a thoughtful and practical approach to supporting MCOC's mission by improving day-to-day operations and expanding community impact.

Lauren officially began in April and is already becoming a valued part of our team. In her role, she will support volunteer recruitment and training, as well as help oversee the daily operations of our "shopping floor."

We are so grateful to have her on board and look forward to the positive impact she will bring to our volunteers, guests, and overall operations. Please join us in giving Lauren a warm welcome.



MCOC 2025 ANNUAL REPORT CARD

We provide gently used clothing (infant-adult), small housewares, personal hygiene items and infant diapers for FREE!

2,485

Kids served at
"School Shoes for
Kids" Event

888

Kids served at
"Children's
Christmas Joy" Event



6062.78

Volunteer
Hours



130,000

Diapers
Given Out



23,395



Number
of People
Served

4,966

Number of
Households Served

240,264

Articles of
Clothing
Distributed



14,898

Hygiene Products
Distributed



Celebrating 30 Years!



This year, Mission Community Outreach Center is honored to celebrate 30 years of service to our community!



MCOCC has worked to support individuals and families with dignity, compassion, and resources. What began as a simple mission to meet local needs has grown into a strong, community-driven effort supported by dedicated volunteers, generous donors, committed staff, and incredible community partners. Every person who has walked through our doors, whether to give or receive, has played a role in shaping who we are today.

This 30-year milestone is not just about



looking back, but also about recognizing the relationships, resilience, and shared commitment that continue to move our mission forward. Over the years, we have seen countless stories of connection, hope, and community in action, and we are deeply grateful to be part of them.

We will be celebrating all year long,



with opportunities to reflect on our history, highlight meaningful stories from the past three decades, and honor the people who have made MCOCC what it is today. Stay tuned for special events, stories, and ways to celebrate together throughout the year as we reflect on the past 30 years and look ahead to the future of MCOCC.

Thank you for being part of this journey, this milestone belongs to all of us, and we couldn't do it without you.



Giving, Reimagined

Recently, the Spokane Civic Theatre made a schedule change that eliminated a performance for which MCOCC and the East Spokane Kiwanis Club together had counted on as a fund-raising event. Many of you likely planned to attend in support of MCOCC. The good news is that we will be back on the Civic Theatre schedule next year. Because of this unexpected cancellation, we thought you might like to consider other ways in which you can help us out. Here are a few:

- Starting in 2026, even if you take the standard deduction on your taxes, you can claim up to \$1,000 for cash gifts to charities, or \$2,000 if you file jointly, providing a tax benefit without having to itemize.
- Our website, 4mission.org, is the place to go to easily make a one-time donation or for signing up to make monthly donations.
- Some employers provide matching funds

for employee donations.

- Thrivent members can apply for Thrivent Action Team Grants. We have lots of ideas for you! How about designating Thrivent Choice Dollars to MCOCC?
- Individual Retirement Account (IRA) owners must start taking your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) in the year in which you reach age 73. One option that can be utilized with the RMD is to use a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). A QCD is made directly to the eligible charity and can count toward your RMD without being taxed. A QCD could be directed to MCOCC. As always, consult your financial advisor and tax advisor for any questions you may have. You'll be glad you did! Check with Ali Norris, Executive Director, for help with these or other donation ideas. We are always grateful for your support!

Theatre Fundraiser

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Spokane Civic Theatre production of *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* has been cancelled, and therefore our June 10th fundraiser is also cancelled.

Refund on tickets are available by calling Mallory Thomas at (509) 954-0823 or Teresa Venne at (509) 994-8227.

Thank you for understanding.



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Volunteer With Us

With Lauren's help, we're growing our volunteer team at MCOC and would love for you to be part of it!

Current Volunteer Opportunities:

- Tuesdays – Clothing & homeware sorting, stocking the shopping floor
- Wednesdays (10 AM – 1 PM) – Front desk, shopping floor, and clothing sorting room
- Thursdays (1 PM – 4 PM) – Front desk, shopping floor, and clothing sorting room

If you're interested in volunteering, please email Lauren at mcoc.volunteer@gmail.com for more information.



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