



VOLUNTEERS MOVE THE EARTH

Archimedes is quoted as saying "Give me the where to stand, and I will move the Earth." What, you may ask, does that have to do with volunteers at The Samaritan Center? Archimedes, a Greek who lived some 300 years before the birth of Christ, was a scientist and mathematician. In this statement he was referring to the theoretical limitless mechanical advantage of a simple lever. For our purposes, we can apply Archimedes point to the limitless potential of volunteers. In this case, we have given you the where to stand, here at the Samaritan Center when you apply your efforts, you can indeed "move the earth" it may not seem to move much, but remember, given enough time a drop of water can erode a boulder. If our mission to help others is the soul of the Samaritan Center, then the volunteers are the lifeblood. They are essential to every service we offer, to our very existence. It would be financially impossible to operate without volunteers. The Samaritan Center is supported by a staff of over 700 volunteers including Volunteer Executive Director Marylyn DeFeo. There are only six salaried employees. These volunteers contribute approximately 2,400 hours a month at a worth of \$43,000.00 per month. There is no financial reward for services here only that which money cannot bring. The rewards are so much greater. "Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received - only what you have given: a full heart, enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice and courage." The words of St. Francis of Assisi, words any volunteer will understand and take comfort in. There is more going on here than just helping the people who come though the door in need of services. By serving others we serve ourselves. From receptionists, to intake, to lawyers, to carry-out, to drivers, to medical providers, and so many more skills that are

provided. Each of our volunteers makes a difference, touches a life, and moves the Earth. Applaud yourselves, praise each other. You are worthy of as much.



Some facts about National Volunteer Week, taken from www.pointsoflight.org.

National Volunteer Week is "the" time to thank one of America's most valuable assets – volunteers – and call the public's attention to all that they do to improve our communities. This year's National Volunteer Week is April 17th to 23rd.

Sponsored by the Points of Light Foundation & Volunteer Center National Network, National Volunteer Week began in 1974 when President Richard Nixon signed an executive order establishing the Week as an annual celebration of volunteering. Every President since has signed a proclamation promoting National Volunteer Week.

National Volunteer Week is celebrated annually during the third full week of April, unless Easter or Passover occurs, then the Week is moved to the fourth week of April.

MARYLYN'S MESSAGE

What Do You Do With A Couch Without A House?

Have you ever wanted something so bad that you were willing to sell your couch and all your furniture to have it? One of our friends that had good health, employment and a secure future came to us for help. She said, "My world changed when I was diagnosed with cancer". She asked herself "now what"? A treatment program was prescribed and she entered the program and became very ill and unable to work. She lost her job and medical insurance. Things were not going well financially so when the rent was due she sold her furniture to keep from being evicted. She came to the Samaritan Center where food and clothes were plentiful but they had no furniture. She left in tears. Later that afternoon she received a call from the Samaritan Center with good news. A twin bed with linens and a blanket had been donated and would be delivered to her home the next day. She cried again, but these were tears of joy as God had heard her prayers!

This has been a month of disappointment for many of our friends who live on so little and have their Medicaid cut. One such elderly gentleman who goes no where without his oxygen shared that he just does not know what will happen to him. He said, "I live on \$10.00 food stamps and if it were not for the Samaritan Center I would have no food to eat". When you stop and think of all the really hard times that the people in our neighborhoods bear every day it make us even more grateful for what we have and what we can share with others.

Some of our volunteers are helping people fill out all the miles of paperwork so that they can receive their medications free from pharmaceutical houses. This takes many hours. But one of the volunteers was exclaiming with joy the other day that her lady had received her medications. Time well spent to help our friends in need.

Volunteers continue to be the heart and soul of the Center. We thank you all during this month of April that honors Volunteers for all the time, talent and treasure that you give to make the Samaritan Center that beacon of hope for those in crisis. God Bless All of You!! We welcome any of you that think you might have a few hours to spend in service of others.. Come by and we can find something for you that you will like.

Remember we need volunteers to help us with the Letter Carriers Food Drive on Saturday May 14th.

CURVES PACKS ON POUNDS, OF CANNED GOODS

Curves, located in the Eastland Shopping Plaza, recently held a food drive for the Samaritan Center. Over 1,500 pounds of food was collected by staff and members. Curves is a fitness center designed especially for women. Food drives like this which are held in offices or clubs are a great help to the Samaritan Center. They may not individually bring in 30,000 pounds like the Letter Carrier's drive, but they add up fast and help keep the center running!

Thank you to all who helped make this drive and many like it a success!



LETTER CARRIERS FOOD DRIVE ALERT

The largest, most important annual food drive for the Samaritan Center is quickly approaching. The Letter Carriers' Food Drive brings in over 30,000 lbs of food to the Center. This is a drastically important supply that helps to sustain the Center's food pantry for 6 months. Without the generosity of the community and the letter carriers the Samaritan Center would be forced to purchase the food raised through the drive, which would be a catastrophic hit to its operating budget.

HERE'S SOME
THOUGHT FOR FOOD!



The Letter Carrier's Food Drive will take place Saturday May 14th. Please place non-perishable food items in a bag by your mailbox and the postal employees will pick it up.

Thank you in advance for all your donations, it is through your generosity that the Samaritan Center is able to function and bring comfort to so many people in need.



The Honorable Mary Russell, Missouri Supreme Court Justice, reads to children during the April installment of Book Buddies. Book buddies is a program designed to encourage reading in children which is sponsored by Scholastic and the Samaritan Center. The program is held monthly during the school year. Guest "celebrity" readers share stories with the children who are also treated to a snack and a selection of free books donated by Scholastic.

CLOTHING NEEDS

The Samaritan Center is in need of summer clothing in good condition. Please have it on hangers if you can. We have hangers to replace those that you donate if you need them. Clothing is accepted the first week of each month. Our policy is always to treat persons in need with dignity and respect, so we offer clothing that is clean and in good condition.

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF LUCY HUDSPETH
SAMARITAN CENTER SUPPORTER AND VOLUNTEER
MAY SHE REST IN PEACE.**

SUMMER HOURS

Effective May 1st, The Samaritan Center will be closing at 4:00 PM Monday thru Wednesday and Friday. Thursday nights we will continue to be open until 6:00 PM.

THANK YOU

A special thank you to Jefferson City Fire Department Station One B-Shift and to Stokes' Electric for their assistance in hanging our Volunteer Week banner.

DATES TO REMEMBER

May

- 2-13 Distribution of Mother's Day Baskets
- 8 Mother's Day
- 14 Letter Carriers Food Drive 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
- 30 Memorial Day Samaritan Center Closed

June

- 18 Kidsfest at Washington Park sponsored by KRCG call 896-5144 with questions

Remember our Dinner Auction July 19th

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Hours of Operation

Open to Public: 9:30am-11:30am Monday-Thursday
4:00pm-6:00pm Thursday

Medical Clinic: 4:00pm-6:00pm Thursday

Dental Clinic: by appointment Only,
call (573)761-3473 for information

Staff Office Hours: 8:00am-4:00pm Monday-Friday

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