

Community Service Week 2018 Final Report

October 21 - 28, 2018



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▶ Executive Summary

The Montgomery County Volunteer Center celebrated the 31st annual Community Service Week on October 21st through October 28th. Community Service Week is an opportunity to shine the spotlight on the organizations and causes that work to help sustain culture, community, and civic engagement in our county. **1,952 volunteers** provided **9,277 hours** supporting over **60 service projects** throughout the week. Projects ranged from building computers, to neighborhood cleanups, to feeding the homeless, and so much more to make Montgomery County a great place to live, work, and play.



We met some really great people and my boys were really happy that they volunteered and were able to give back and asked to go again!!!!

- Carolyn Jackson,
MV Chiefs Football



Regardless of race, ethnicity, and socio-economic differences, one thing we all have in common is the intuitive desire to give back and help others.

- Dilshad Fakroddin,
ICCP Hunger Van

“Pulling into the parking lot this morning, I immediately noticed the clean-up at our sign! Looks like there was a lot of hard work put in this weekend! Thanks to you and all of the volunteers!”

- Kerri Pitts,
DHS Business Manager

“One of the cutest moments was from one of the children that worked for nearly 1.5 hours to make a tied scarf. When it was done he wanted to keep it. He said, “It’s too nice to give away” then after thinking about it for a while said, “I want them to have it because they need it more than I do.”

- Roxanne Yamashita,
Small Things Matter

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Agency/ Organization	Community Service Project	Project Achievements	Volunteers	Volunteer Hours
A Wider Circle	Project Sparkle	Worked together to clean the 4,200 square foot showroom floor, improving the shopping experience for families.	25	80
Anacostia Watershed Society	River Terrace Trash Trap Cleanup	Collected trash and monitored the trash trap to stop trash before it ended up in the Anacostia River.	4	12
Audubon Naturalist Society	Forest Restoration	Transplanted a willow oak (<i>Quercus phellos</i>), and planted a sweet gum (<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>) and black walnut (<i>Juglans nigra</i>).	3	6
Bethesda Big Train	Grounds Cleanup	Trimmed hedges, raked leaves, weeded, and picked up trash. Volunteers found seven baseballs, one tennis ball, and one frog.	5	10

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Beverly Farms Elementary School PTA	School Garden Clean Up	Volunteers cleaned up the grounds at the Beverly Farms community garden to prepare it for winter.	25	75
Bikes for the World	Loading Bikes for Costa Rica	Loaded 512 bikes for a project in Costa Rica.	11	44
Bridges to the Future	Children's Mental Health Resource Table	Educated the public about children's mental health.	2	8
CHIRAG	Diwali Food Drive	Volunteers who help us to set up tables, tracked donations received, and sorted canned food items and inventory. 1000 items were collected and donated to Nourish Now.	30	90
City of Takoma Park	Monster Bash	Volunteers helped set up games and activities at the Takoma Park Co-Op and Old Town, judged the costume contest, set up road blockades, and helped with the take down of the event.	12	84

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CollegeTracks	Access to College	Assisted 1st generation and low income Montgomery County students apply to college, apply for financial aid, and tutor for the ACT.	48	110
Comfort Cases/County Executive's Office	PJ bundling and backpack stuffing	Bundled 200 pajamas and packed 30 backpacks for foster children.	11	33
Community Ministries of Rockville	Paint Exam Rooms at Kaseman Health Clinic	Volunteers painted 7 exam rooms at CMR's Kaseman Health Clinic.	27	104
Damascus Community Recreation Center - Montgomery County Recreation Department	Crisp Autumn Festival Volunteers	Volunteers made and handed out kettle corn, worked on the 'lifecycle of a pumpkin' books, moved mulch in the garden, played games with children, cut the fence panels for garden doorways, monitored the maze, and planted bulbs on the hillside.	5	35
Damascus High School PTSA	DHS PTSA Campus Beautification Work Day	Volunteers worked at 10 landscape work stations across the Damascus High School campus, plus two trash/recyclable pick up crews. They filled one large trailer and 2 pickup trucks with large cuttings/pruned tree limbs, 10+ bags of trash/recyclables collected, 30+ lawn bags with leaves/trimmings.	40	280
Damascus Senior Center, Montgomery County Dept of Recreation	No-Sew Scarves	Made 32 No-Sew Scarves and donated them to victims of domestic violence at the Betty Ann Krahnke Center.	14	47

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Eta Pi Zeta Chapter (Zeta Phi Beta)	Domestic Violence Care Packages	Assembled 26 care packages for victims of domestic violence. Items included personal, feminine, and oral hygiene products.	30	90
Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture	Fall Frolic Festival at Glen Echo Park	Volunteers maintained craft supplies at tables, helped families with their arts & crafts, and monitored pumpkin distribution.	25	75
Family Services, Inc.	Landscaping project at Family Services' Outpatient Mental Health Center	Volunteers picked up sticks and raked the area before mulching the grounds, re-stoned the walkways and planted mums, hostas, and spring tulip bulbs.	9	11
Fisher House	Fisher House - Marine Corps Marathon Event Help	Supported runners at the Marine Corps Marathon on October 28th and helped in the tent at the finish line.	300	1200
Girls on the Run of Montgomery County	Fall 5K Material Preparation	Assembled and bagged 1082 medals, labeled 3027 bibs.	9	22
ICCP Hunger Van	Toiletry kit project	Facilitated the making of 100 toiletry kits for the homeless at MCC's Men's shelter in Rockville. Contents included: socks, tissues, combs, deodorant, soap, shampoo/conditioner, lotion, toothbrush, toothpaste, and sanitizing wipes.	100	700

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Interfaith Works	Interfaith Works Clothing Center	Volunteer helped with the daily operations of the center: sorting, hanging clothes and getting it ready for distribution to the 13,000 neighbors served. Some also helped receive donations at the loading dock.	52	375
Interfaith Works	Interfaith Empowerment Center	Hosted a bingo party to celebrate the clients of Interfaith Works.	19	40
Interfaith Works	Race to Empower 5K/1K	Volunteers helped with race logistics, such as packet pickup, water stations, course marshall positions, chip recovery, race cleanup, and parking.	16	56
John L Gildner Regional Institute for Children and Adolescents	Shelter Donations	Staff donated for the Stepping Stones Shelter in Rockville. Girl Scout Troop #33083 packaged the donations, creating 10-14 bags of toiletries.	32	32
KindWorks	Bingo Party at an Emergency Day Shelter in Silver Spring	Threw a bingo party for 30 clients of the Interfaith Works Empowerment Center.	6	54
KindWorks	Cook Recovered Food Together for Men's Shelter	Cooked food recovered by Nourish Now and made 170 hot weekend brunch meals for the men staying at the MCCH men's shelter in Rockville	17	34
Lifeline Horse Rescue and Rehabilitation, Inc.	Clean Up Wildcat Forest	Picked up trash, recyclables, and debris and filled 2 large recycle bins with bottles and cans removed from the forest. Removed 4 bags of trash (non-recyclable items).	15	30

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Living Word International Christian Church	Community Health and Wellness Fair	Provided educational information and free screenings.	100	1050
M-NCPPC, Montgomery Parks	Volunteer Trail Workday NW Branch	Constructed a natural surface trail.	8	32
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Manna Food	Community Service Weekend Food Drive	Volunteers solicited food donations at local grocery stores.	210	840
Maryvale Elementary School PTA	15th Annual Fall Fling and Silent Auction	Volunteers assisted with an indoor family festival and silent auction that benefits Maryvale Elementary School's PTA.	1	4
Meals on Wheels	Volunteer Welcome Area	Upgraded the volunteer welcome room coat rack, moved furniture, and hung curtain panels around storage.	2	6
Menare	Winter Preparation	Volunteers refinished picnic tables and repaired the garden beds	7	28

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Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection	Storm Drain Art painting in Wheaton, Sunday, October 21, 2018	Volunteers painted a storm drain in the Wheaton Urban District. The goal of overall project was to educate everyone on protecting our local waters - everything that flows into storm drains eventually flows to our rivers and streams, harming the environment.	9	36
Montgomery County Department of Transportation and Rockville Bike Hub	Donate a Bike	Volunteers accepted bikes from donors and preparing the bikes for transit and transported/picked up from other places donating bikes, like other bike shops.	10	70
MV Chiefs Football	Donate A Meal to HBCAC Men's Shelter	Prepared and served meals to 80 men in the shelter	8	32
National Pan-Hellenic of Montgomery County MD	Assist Interfaith Clothing Center	Sorted 60 bags of items, assisted over 100 clients, and assisted with other duties as needed.	10	30
OASIS, Inc.	A Day at the Farm	Toured the farm, introduced the winter projects, and outlined the needs and direction for spring planting and future endeavors. Prepared all of the materials for greenhouse winter planting of flowers and the materials and seedlings used for Spring planting.	31	84

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OASIS, Inc.	We're Expanding Our Perimeter!	Prepared the farm for expanding the field fencing to encompass most of the 14 acre venue. Volunteers worked at clearing the land, moving posts, digging post holes and taking debris to the recycling center.	6	101
Open Door Sports	ODS Special Dance Event with ZamDance	Provided a free adaptive and inclusive dance class for the children who participate in our after school sports programs, led by Jackie Zamora of ZamDance.	8	8
Phoenix Computers	Build a Computer for those in need	Assembled 6 desktop computers for low income families.	6	18
Project Linus Montgomery County Chapter	Make Blankets for Children Event	Made 48 fleece blankets for our chapter to donate to local hospitals, shelters, and child welfare agencies.	58	145
Rise Ministry	Crocheting for a Cause	Made handmade crochet items for those in need, like homeless individuals, underserved individuals victims and survivors of domestic violence. Items were donated to Greentree.	8	24
Rukundo International	Sort Shoes for Shoe Drive	Sorted, paired, and bagged 155 total bags of shoes, a total of 3,875 pairs of shoes.	17	30

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Silver Spring Cares	Casseroles for a Cause	Cooked and delivered meals for those in need in the Montgomery County.	3	12
Silver Spring Village	Yardwork	Volunteers helped to clean up the yard of a member of Silver Spring Village.	4	16
Small Things Matter	Fleece Scarves for the Homeless	Made 3 different styles of fleece scarves.	156	187
St Patrick's Catholic School	Yard Sale	Raised \$40,000 through the yard sale. Those funds will go toward building a medical clinic in Haiti.	150	1114
St. Coletta	MOW Bag Decorating	Decorated 97 bags for Meals on Wheels.	49	490
Student Athletes for Educational Opportunities (SAFE0), Inc.	I Promise Concussion Awareness Campaign	Volunteers visited a Walter Johnson High School football game and passed out awareness fact sheets about concussion.	15	60
The Arc Montgomery County	2018 Halloween Gala	Largest fundraising event of the year, which provided thousands of dollars to support our programs and directly benefit people with disabilities.	16	832

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TLC-The Treatment and Learning Centers	Inventory	Volunteers helped with a massive inventory collection. They counted and described items used to support clients with special needs.	1	10
University of Maryland Arboretum & Botanical Gardens	Garden Work	Volunteers worked at 5 events to create a community learning garden and groups helped the storm water manager weed the rain garden	73	73
YMCA Bethesda-Chevy Chase	YMCA Bethesda Fall Festival 2018	Volunteers set up, played games with the children, served food, and broke down the event when it ended.	30	120

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► Project Snapshot

Comfort Cases

Comfort Cases provides children in the foster care system across the country with a small duffel bag or backpack with a purpose to provide comfort for youth as they enter the foster care system. The case provides the essentials for the first few days in a new place as well as comfort items to help ease a scary transition. These items include toiletries, books, blankets, school supplies, toys, and pajamas.

To date, Comfort Cases has served over 40,000 youth. In 2017 alone, they provided over 11,000 cases to children in 32 states.

During the 2018 Community Service Week, Comfort Cases partnered with the County Executive's office to bundle over 200 pajamas and assemble 30 backpacks.



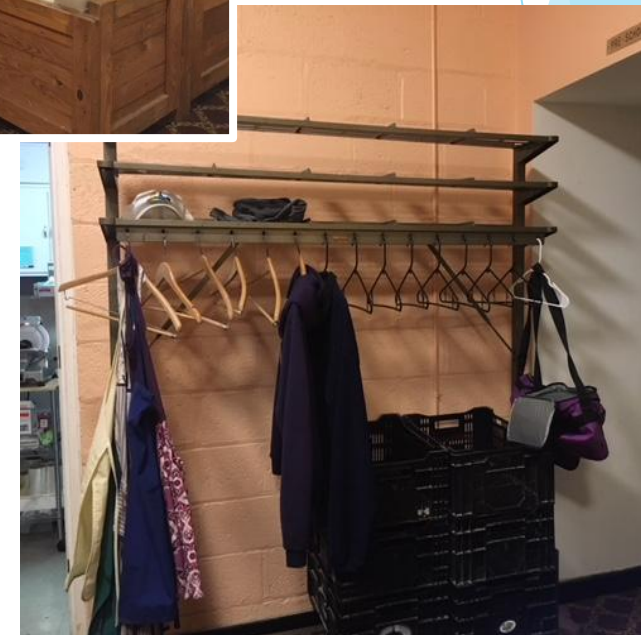
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Meals on Wheels of Takoma Park

Since 1954, Meals on Wheels of America aims to meet the nutritional and social needs of seniors across the county. It supports our senior neighbors to extend their independence and health as they age. What started as a compassionate idea has grown into one of the largest and most effective social movements in America, currently helping nearly 2.4 million seniors annually in virtually every community in the country.

Meals on Wheels of Takoma Park, a chapter of Meals on Wheels of America, delivers meals to anyone in Takoma Park who has physical difficulty preparing meals or going grocery shopping on a regular basis. For Community Service Week, 95 volunteers cleaned up and decorated their center's volunteer welcome area.



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Phoenix ComputersSM is an all-volunteer organization whose mission is to empower low income families, disabled individuals, schools, nonprofits, religious-based institutions, and charities by providing low-cost refurbished computers. Phoenix collects donated new and used computers, equipment, and software. Once refurbished, they are sold to those in need at a low cost.

Phoenix Computers launched in 1995 by Gerry Rosenkratz who began refurbishing computers for the Legal Aid Bureau, then quickly expanded the operation to provide computers to Montgomery County schools. Since then, Phoenix Computers has grown to a group of 20 volunteers who have provided computers and equipment to over 10,000 clients.



PhoenixComputers

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Girls on the Run

Girls on the Run (GOTR) is dedicated to creating a world where every girl knows and activates her limitless potential and is free to boldly pursue her dreams. GOTR Montgomery County serves nearly 5,000 girls each year with the support of approximately 600 coaches each season. Over the past ten years, they have served more than 25,000 girls and have provided over \$1 million in financial assistance to families in need.

Running is used to inspire and motivate girls, encourage lifelong health and fitness, and build confidence through accomplishment. Volunteers gathered this week to prepare race bibs and medals for the annual fall 5K race held on November 18th.



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It's Community Service Week in Montgomery County, MD! Get involved and give back through one of the 40+ local volunteer activities happening this week. Find the one that's right for you at <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/.../Community-Service-Week...>

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Montgomery al Dia Interview - Montgomery County's Spanish language live Radio Show on Radio América 1540 AM



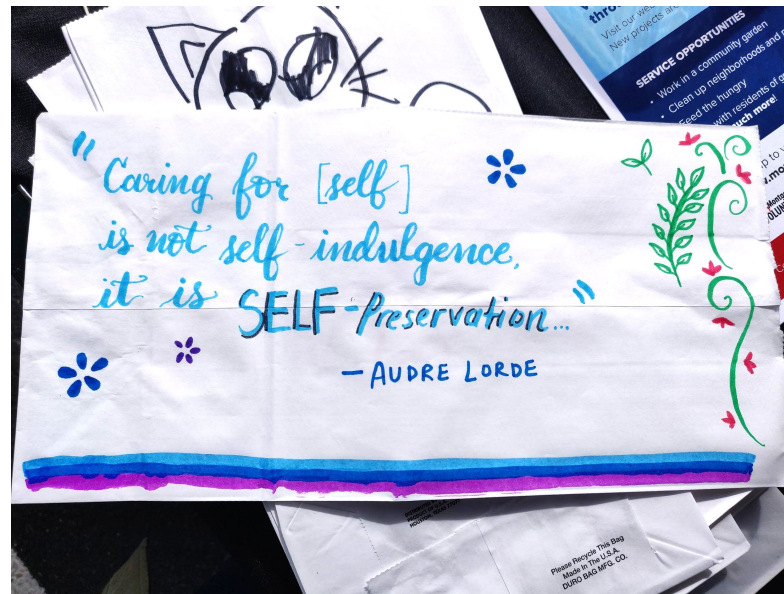
Make a Difference Interview - County Cable, aired during the month of October and on demand



World of Montgomery Festival

The Volunteer Center participated in the 10th Annual World of Montgomery Festival on October 21st to promote volunteerism and service throughout the County and drive awareness and participation in Community Service Week. With 6,000 in attendance and 210 volunteers supporting this cultural event, the team had over 350 interactions with event attendees and distributed an estimated 200 event flyers.

The team hosted a service project benefiting Meals on Wheels. Event attendees were encouraged to give back to the community by coloring and writing personalized and inspirational drawings and sentiments for area recipients. 90 attendees stopped at the Volunteer Center's tables to decorate bags.



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