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Monthly Newsletter



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1,000 Pounds of Peanut Butter

A huge shout-out to our local Hy-Vee stores, Hy-Vee corporate, and Hormel Foods for collaborating to donate 1,000 pounds of peanut butter to our Food Pantry! The peanut butter will provide a large supply of shelf-stable protein. Our Food Pantry has experienced over 11,000 visits this year, serving about 250 people per week. Studies show that 9% of Muscatine County residents are food insecure, and this includes 1,700 children. With our incredible community, we are able to assist those who face barriers with regular access to enough food for a healthy lifestyle.

And Jelly to Match

We challenged Muscatine to collect jelly to match the generous donation from Hy-Vee, and two sophomores at Muscatine High School rose to the occasion. Abbie & Emma Yerington used funds from their Coins for Christmas fundraiser to purchase 1,000 pounds of jelly to donate to our Food Pantry. Thanks to these sweet girls, we have enough supplies to make over 16,000 sandwiches!



Domestic Violence Awareness Month



October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and this month we spent much of our time visiting local schools, painting pinkies purple, posting facts and statistics about domestic violence, and more. Research shows that on average, almost 20 people per minute fall victim to intimate partner violence. Additionally, on average, over 20,000 calls per day are made to domestic violence hotlines across the United States.

The MCSA Domestic Violence Shelter is here to help. Our shelter is the only shelter in Muscatine County, is staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and offers free and confidential services to those in need. Assistance with housing and job options, food, clothing, and basic needs is available. In 2018, the shelter served 70 individuals, including over 30 children.

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence, you are not alone and there is help available. **Our Crisis Line number is 563-263-8080.**



Red Bag Fundraiser

MCSA is so excited to have been selected as the recipient of Hy-Vee's Reusable Bag fundraising program! For the month of November, \$1 from the purchase of these great reusable bags will benefit MCSA.

Support the environment while also helping us achieve our mission of providing housing, basic health care, educational and support services for those in need in Muscatine County.

You can find these bags at the 2400 2nd Avenue location here in Muscatine, and if you dine in the **Market Grille Express on November 14th**, MCSA will receive a percentage of sales!



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