

Community Service Week 2017 Final Report

October 22 - 29, 2017



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► Executive Summary

The Montgomery County Volunteer Center celebrated the 31st annual Community Service Week on October 22nd through October 29th. 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. **1,601 volunteers** provided **5,185 hours** supporting **73 service projects** throughout the week. Projects ranged from building sandboxes, neighborhood cleanups, spreading cultural awareness, feeding the homeless, and so much more to make the County a great place to live, work, and play.



“This project made me feel so generous. I feel like we should do it every week!”

- Hazma, 11 year old volunteer



“There was friendly competition between floors in the building to see which floor will gather the most food!!”

- Montgomery County Health and Human Services



“The recipients were so incredibly happy to have Chinese food and toiletries all in the beautifully decorated bags that were made by volunteers at the World of Montgomery Festival.”

- Islamic Community Center of Potomac



“Our Director of Operations, Kaitlynn O'Leary, and our Director of Facilities, Sean Skelley, said that they noticed a big difference in how clean our facility was when they arrived on Monday morning.”

- A Wider Circle

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► Agencies/Organizations, Project and Volunteer numbers

Agency/ Organization	Community Service Project	Project Achievements	Volunteers	Volunteer Hours
67 Blankets for Nelson Mandela Day	Wrap the City in Warmth & Love - Scarf Project	Donated over 30 scarves and helped donate to Veteran's families.	15	40
A Wider Circle	Help make A Wider Circle's Showroom Sparkle!	Worked together to clean the 4,200 square foot showroom floor.	14	28
Audubon Naturalist Society	Invasive Vine Control	Cut down invasive porcelain berry and disposed of its fruits before they could reproduce, tackling three large areas of the invasive plant.	14	42
Bikes for the World	Loading bikes for Barbados	Loaded 492 bikes for Pinelands Creative Workshop in Barbados and prepped bikes for our next shipment to Madagascar.	11	43
Brookside Gardens *	Pumpkin Panache	Volunteers assisted with set-up, crafts, and cleanup for this kid-focused event	12	48
Button Farm Living History Center	Campfire Circle and Landscaping	Fire circle restoration, used for camping and school program	5	20

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Celestial Manna *	Facility Overhaul and Admin	Removed and cleaned out refrigerators. Cleaned and painted walls, floors and laid tile, sorted canned goods.	1	4
Chinese Culture and Community Service Center	Entertain seniors at CCACC's 35th Anniversary	Prepared grocery bags for seniors who cannot easily carry their belongings. Helped at the main event of Dragon Folk Dance, chorus performances entertaining 350+ seniors.	30	180
City of Rockville *	Twinbrook Stream Cleanup	Trash cleanup of Twinbrook Park stream.	20	80
City of Takoma Park *	Monster Bash	Set up / break down of games, activities. Judged the costume contest	23	92
City of Takoma Park/Friends of Dorothy's Woods	Invasives Removal and Woods Cleanup	Remove English ivy, cut back honeysuckle, and removed kudzu. Removed trash, large and small.	18	30
Claude Moore Colonial Farm At Turkey Run	Event Take-down Assistant	Tear down the event	25	64

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Community Services Foundation	Meal Pack Challenge	Volunteers packed 50 meals for Interfaith Works	15	22
Connecticut Ave. Estates Civic Association and Montgomery Housing Partnership	Community Clean-up Day	27 bags of debris, cleaned the creek	15	60
County Council	Make Your Mark 5K	Filled water cups and cheered on around 200 participants in the race.	7	2
Dayspring Farms *	Prep our Community Garden for Winter	Cleaned out the garden and prepped them for winter	36	2
Damascus High School PTSA	Damascus High School PTA-Campus Beautification Project	Removed approximately 20 trash bags of weeds, branches and tree trimmings from the area.	15	45
DC SCORES *	Annual Fall Frenzy	Round robin soccer tournament for 1200 underserved children and families	50	150
Department of Environmental Protection	Community Cleanup - Silver Spring	Collected about 7 bags of trash and 7 bags of recycling from a two block area for a total of 70 pounds.	7	7
Department of General Services	Cornerstone Montgomery crisis home walking path	Filled the walking path with mulch, planted flowers, and spruced up the landscaping on the property.	30	6
Disability Partnerships *	Cheers for Charity Event	Helped with event to promote awareness of employment for persons with physical disabilities	2	4

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Doing Good with the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington	Doing Good with Mitzvah Mavens and JCADA	Promoted teen prevention programs and created relaxation kits for new clients	75	150
Environmental Protection	Community Cleanup - Burtonsville	Collected about 1,500 pounds of trash from wooded areas of a Homeowners' Association.	20	60
Family Services, Inc.	Building a sandbox at FSI's Early Head Start Discovery Station	Built an 8 X 8 sandbox for the playground at Family Services, Inc.'s Early Head Start Discovery Station.	5	2
Girls on the Run of Montgomery County	Girls on the Run 5K Prep (2 days)	Assembled and organized approximately 2,500 medals, counted and organized 11,200 safety pins, and labeled and organized 3,500 race bibs.	13	49
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.	5	20
Graysfullygiving	Sock Drive	Collected two large boxes of socks and donated them to S.O.M.E	2	20
Health and Human Services	HHS food drive for Manna Food	Led food drives in several HHS buildings.	20	400

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House of Hope Maryland Day School *	Harvest of Hope Yard Sale	Assisted with donation sorting, pricing, and running the event benefitting the Maryland Day School	15	105
ICCP Hunger Van	ICCP Hunger Van	Made food and toiletry kits for 100 people in need and delivered in decorated bags made by volunteers at the World of Montgomery Festival two weeks prior.	23	8
Interfaith Works *	Step Forward for the Make Your Mark Montgomery 5K/1K	Handed out cups of water to participants in a 5K road race.	7	28
Jubilee Association of Maryland	Clean-A-Thon	Cleaned the kitchen, basement, and yard of Jubilee individual's homes	8	17
Jubilee Association of Maryland	Halloween Party	Helped with set up, decorations, meeting and greeting guests, art & games activities, building individual's social and communication skills, clean up	2	7
Jubilee Association of Maryland	Betty Mae Kramer Community Service Award	Helped with set up, decorations, meeting and greeting guests, responded to guest inquires, clean up	3	9
Julius West Middle School PTSA *	Food Drive	Collected food for Manna and coats for area shelters	30	60

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KEEN Greater DC-Baltimore (Kids Enjoy Exercise Now)	Teens sports	Volunteer coaches work with youth with disabilities.	10	35
KindWorks	Throw a Birthday Party for the ladies of the IWWC shelter in Rockville	Helped celebrate October birthdays with 35 women of the IWWC shelter.	8	16
KindWorks	Help Cook Weekend Breakfasts for the men's shelter	Used recovered food (by Nourish Now) to make 200 hot meals being delivered to the MCCCH men's shelter on Gude Drive	18	45
Learning Disabilities Association Of Montgomery County (LDAMC) *	LDAMC outreach event	Compiled info packets sent to local schools to share awareness of services for parents of children newly diagnosed with learning disabilities. Made outreach calls..	7	28
Lifeline Horse Rescue and Rehabilitation, Inc.	Lifeline Horse Rescue Open House	Displayed information and engaged with the public on topics such as basic horse care, composting, recycling (especially as related to farms), careers related to horses, ideas for science projects.	23	68
Living Independently for Everyone *	The Employment Forum	Helped with annual luncheon to recognize employers employing people with disabilities	8	40

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Manna Food Center	Food Drive at Giant Stores Countywide	Volunteers collected 23,503 lbs. of food donations from Giant Grocery Store customers.	339	1,017
M-NCPPC- Montgomery Parks	Rock Creek Stream Valley Park Cleanup	Removed 1,331 pounds of trash and recyclables.	33	99
M-NCPPC, Montgomery Parks	Invasive Plant Removal at Norwood Park	Pulled bush honeysuckle and oriental bittersweet.	8	18
M-NCPPC, Montgomery Parks	Cabin John Trail Workday	Fixed up a section of trail along Cabin John Trail	10	40
M-NCPPC, Montgomery Parks	Muddy Branch Trail Workday	Fixed up a section of trail along Muddy Branch Trail	10	40
M-NCPPC, Montgomery Parks	Northwest Branch Trail Workday	Fixed up a section of trail along Northwest Branch Trail	6	24
M-NCPPC, Montgomery Parks	Edgewood Neighborhood Park Cleanup	Cleaned up park, and removed 847 pounds of trash and recyclables	20	50
M-NCPPC, Montgomery Parks	Sligo Creek Stream Valley Park- Kennebec Avenue	Cleaned up park, and removed 50 pounds of trash and recyclables	7	14
M-NCPPC, Montgomery Parks	NW Branch Stream Valley Park at Burnt Mills	Cleaned up park, and removed 740 pounds of trash and recyclables	30	60
M-NCPPC, Montgomery Parks	Black Hill Regional Park cleanup	Cleaned up park, and removed 650 pounds of trash and recyclables	30	60

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M-NCPPC, Montgomery Parks	Invasive Weed Pull on Sligo Creek Parkway	Removed porcelainberry, Bush Honeysuckle, and Wineberry from approx. 1 acre.	11	22
M-NCPPC, Montgomery Parks	Invasive Plant Removal at Muddy Branch Stream Valley Park	Worked near park entrance on Brandy Hall Lane to pull Japanese barberry, wineberry and cut 1 large winged burning bush and 2 large bush honeysuckles.	13	26
M-NCPPC, Montgomery Parks	Rock Creek Stream Valley Park at Cedar Lane	Cleaned up park, and removed 737 pounds of trash and recyclables.	22	66
Montgomery County Human Resources	Nonprofit Fair	Worked with area groups to choose annual volunteer program (Rockville Nursing Home)	Department Wide	----
Montgomery County Department of Transportation	Bicycle drive	Collection of bicycles for area children in need	5	10
Montgomery County Public Libraries	Food For Fines	Collected canned goods from library members to reduce their library fines.	1	1
Office of Intergovernmental Relations	Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)	Supported Melanie Wenger as she ran a race in support of Team CASA and helped the Office of Public Information wrap donated scarves for seniors.	5	10

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Olney Mill Community Association *	Olney Mill Community Halloween Parade	Volunteers ran games, monitored snacks, set up and clean up.	15	60
One Montgomery Green *	Community Shred	Volunteers assisted with traffic control and shred trucks, provided information to attendees.	4	16
Peerless Rockville	Haiti Cemetery Clean-Up	Removed 120+ lawn bags of debris, leaves, garbage, etc., plus 8+ pick-up truck beds full of sticks, branches, trees from Haiti Cemetery.	70	5
Public Information Office (PIO) *	Wrap Scarves for Seniors	Boxed, wrapped, and labeled 100 scarves and hats for seniors in HOC housing	10	25
Police	Haiti Cemetery Clean-Up	Cleaned up a historic cemetery in Rockville.	14	2
Project Linus Montgomery County Chapter *	Make Blankets for Children	Blanketeers knitted, crocheted, quilted, and sewed blankets for newborn to 18-year-old children in need of comfort. Brought them to local family shelters other local orgs serving traumatized children.	10	40
Shou Chu Organization	Help our community!	Picked up trash from community roads	5	10

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St. Patrick's Catholic Parish/Life Connection Mission	Annual Yard Sale		40	80
The Arc Montgomery County	Gala event staff	Assisted in overall set-up, decorations and event check-in	20	120
University of Maryland Arboretum & Botanical Gardens	UMD Arboretum Garden Work	Weeded area around Frederick Douglass statue on University of Maryland campus.	6	6
Upcounty Community Resources	Halloween Costume Karaoke Party!	Costume party along with weekend enrichment program serving adults with disabilities	4	24
Winter Growth, Inc.	Celebrate Autumn	Stuffing and creating scarecrows Raking leaves Carving pumpkins	2	6
World of Montgomery Festival	Celebrate Diversity!	Support country and partner tents	100	400
WSSC	Road Clean-up	Road clean-up near WSSC headquarters	5	5

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► Montgomery County Departments

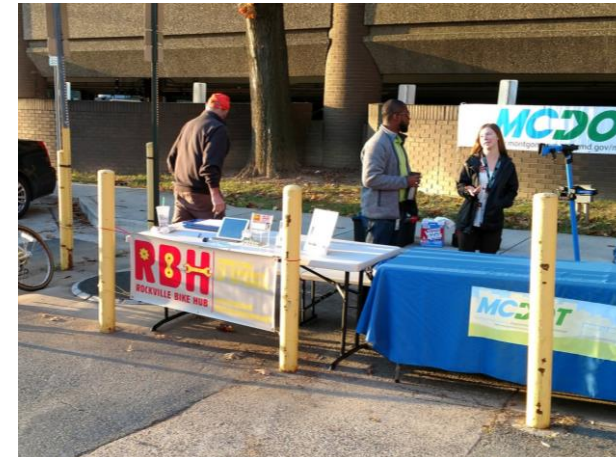
The Montgomery County government launched an Employee Giving Campaign beginning in October 2017. In conjunction with the Campaign, county departments participated in **Community Service Week** as a part of their giving efforts. Giving initiatives ranged from projects directly benefiting county programs, inter-departmental collection drives and participation in Community Service Week projects.



Department of Environmental
Protection Cleanup 2017



Manna Foods – Food Drive
Office of Agriculture



Rockville Bike Hub – Bike Drive
Department of Transportation

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Highlights of the work accomplished by the County Departments:

County Department	Community Service Event/Project
County Executive	Packaged Food for Nourish Now, for distribution to MCPS students
Corrections	Nadim Khan Homeless Resource Day
Finance	Coat drive benefiting Children's Inn at NIH
General Services	Collection boxes at DGS divisions for Manna Foods "Food and Fund Drive" Served food at Shepard's Table
Health and Human Services	Food drive
Libraries	Food for Fines program benefiting Manna Food
Management and Budget	Bake sale benefiting Comfort Cases
Office of Agriculture	Food drive benefiting Manna Food
Procurement	Collection of cat and dog food Toothbrush, toothpaste and soap drive benefiting Interfaith Works Turkey Tuesday Drive benefiting Manna Food
Transportation	Donate a bike campaign for Rockville Bike Hub

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► Project Snapshot

Project Linus Montgomery County Chapter



Project Linus' mission is to provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need through the gifts of new, handmade blankets and afghans, lovingly created by volunteer "blanketeers."

On Monday October 23rd volunteers, young and old, gathered in the community room of a local Synagogue to make blankets for hospitalized children.

The project comes full circle for some of the young volunteers, as they were once recipients of blankets themselves. Bret, a 12 year old heart patient, was six when he received his blanket, which is still used by his little brother. He felt compelled, with the help of his mother, to pass on the warmth and comfort of a blanket made with love.

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Bikes for Barbados



Bikes for the World makes quality used bicycles and parts affordable and available to lower income people and select institutions in developing countries, to enhance their lives and livelihoods through better transport.

Bikes for the World accepts bikes year-round. They ship two (2) containers a month (close to 1,000 bikes), an average of 10,000-15,000 bikes per year to help children in Barbados, Costa Rica, Panama, and other partner countries. Every part of the bike is used and reused to provide access to bicycles for others.

Bikes for the World welcomes volunteers that are ready to learn how to prepare bikes for shipment. No prior experience is needed, just a willingness to learn, work hard, and change lives.

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KindWorks - Interfaith Works

Interfaith Works has built a mission to pursue social justice with an emphasis on identifying and meeting the needs of the poor by leading and engaging Montgomery County's faith communities in service, education, and advocacy.

With the coordinated efforts of KindWorks, the women's shelter celebrated the birthday of all the women residents born in October. They provided all the party essentials from balloons and cake, to a few rowdy rounds of bingo.

A group from the local Warby Parker, eye glass retailer, attended the party to show their support of the community.



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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 November 19th. Volunteers were joined by Rosa Segura, Program Manager, who quickly added Coach to her title to help her empathize and support the hundreds of volunteer coaches throughout the County.



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Brookside Gardens Pumpkin Panache



Children, and volunteers, dressed up in their favorite costume and joined together at Brookside Gardens for an evening of games and activities. Dressed as fruits and vegetables, volunteers walked around sharing fun facts about the benefits of healthy eating and even simply posed for the ever-adorable photo-op with witches, dragons, and an assortment of superheroes.

Throughout the year, Brookside Gardens welcomes volunteers to aid in trash cleanup, removal of weeds, building and restoring natural surface paths, gardening, and other beautification projects.

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Jubilee Association of MD, Inc.



The Jubilee Association of Maryland provides opportunities and support for adults with intellectual and other developmental disabilities to live in and enrich their community while fulfilling their personal, family, social, and spiritual needs. They provide the highest-quality community-based residential services and supports and have served people who have developmental disabilities throughout Montgomery County since 1978.

During the week, the team at Jubilee celebrated an evening of not-so-spooky fun, while enjoying good food, music, and friends. Volunteers helped set-up for the party, engaged with party attendees, and ensured a good time was had by all.

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Dayspring Church

Dayspring Church is home to nearly 200 acres of land in which they've created a one acre permaculture garden. The goal is to be able to grow enough food in surplus so that the church can give to local food banks in the area.

Throughout the week, volunteers of all ages came out to “tend to the garden with much love and care”, as Jean from the Dayspring Garden Committee so kindly remarked. The garden provides a place for volunteers to come and enjoy a state of ‘being’. Simply being amongst nature, learning about the plants, the soil, and the life growing around them, while at the same time helping to cultivate land that will provide food to those in need.



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Manna Food Drive (multiple sites)

Manna's mission is to end hunger in Montgomery County through food distribution, education, and advocacy. This is achieved by increasing access to nutritious food for all those experiencing hunger and food insecurity, through strengthening community food skills that empower healthy eating, and by connecting the needy to resource providers and to each other.

Volunteers as young as 7 years old came together this week to encourage people to donate food items to help feed the homeless in their neighborhoods. The food drives, held at Giant stores across Montgomery County, provided an opportunity for families and friends to engage in a rewarding experience which benefits their local community. For some families it was their fourth year volunteering at a food drive, while for others it was their very first time, but were excited about future opportunities to volunteer!



World of Montgomery Festival

The Volunteer Center participated in the 2017 World of Montgomery Festival on October 15th to promote volunteerism and service throughout the County and drive awareness and participation in Community Service Week. With 7,000 in attendance and **100 volunteers** supporting this cultural event, the team had over **350 interactions** with event attendees and distributed **250 event flyers**.

The team hosted three (3) service projects benefitting area organizations. Event attendees were encouraged to give back to the community by coloring, creating, and crafting personalized and inspirational drawings and sentiments for area recipients.

1. The Islamic Community Center of Potomac receives 120 bright and cheerful toiletry bags
2. Meals on Wheels Montgomery County receives 82 hand crafted lunch bags for meal deliveries
3. First Book receives 111 inspirational and personalized bookmarks for children from low-income communities receiving new books and educational resources



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