MARCH 2025 VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

Hello and thank you volunteering your time with the Webster Community Chest. If you have any questions or would like to discuss WCC volunteer opportunities further, please send an email to webcommchest@gmail.com and we will have someone give you a call.

Help Wanted: Volunteer Coordinator & Editor for Donor Newsletter

We would like to solicit a Volunteer Coordinator to maintain the spreadsheet list of volunteers, compile and send out the monthly emails including the Volunteer Newsletter, and coordinate volunteer appreciation. This person will work with the Board and Officers and with the Meal Center staff. Do you like people? This may be the job for you! If you're interested or just want a little more information, send us a quick email at webcommchest@gmail.com and let us know!

We are also seeking an Editor for our Donor Newsletter. Our editor must be adept with Microsoft Word or equivalent and be proficient with spelling and grammar. Very little writing is required. The Editor will solicit articles from Board members, edit them for clarity and conciseness, and compile them into a two- to four-page newsletter once each quarter. We have written three of them in the past six months (see them on our website here webcommchest.org/donors) and they appear to be well-received. If interested, please contact Michael Grenier, WCC Board President at mgrenier@frontiernet.net.

Easter/Spring Collaborative Event: Donations Needed

The Webster Community Chest is collecting the following items for our Easter/Spring collaborative food distribution event. We partner with Webster Hope and Gathering Place Webster and expect to have upwards of 200 families sign up! We are specifically looking for donations of chicken broth (32oz), cooking oil (canola, vegetable, etc.), and cereal, but ANY and ALL DONATIONS ARE WELCOME AND WILL HELP US REACH OUR GOAL! If you would like to donate/collect and pledge us any of these items or make a monetary donation to this event, please send an email to webcommchest@gmail.com for more details. Thank you!

NEW Women's Empowerment Programs and HomeHub

Are you interested in participating in Women's Self Defense classes and/or CAFES (a community building program for women through craft activities, snacks, and music)? Interested in teaching a craft activity to our CAFES group? We are looking for both participants and/or volunteers for these programs! To be successful, we need participants from our community and we would love to have you join us!

We are looking for the following donations, so please keep us in mind as you start your spring cleaning!

- Any and all craft supplies, including, but not limited to, paper crafting (paper, cards, envelopes, stamps, stamp pads, etc.), crochet/knitting yarn arts (hooks, needles, yarn, etc.), diamond painting, coloring, painting, scissors, adhesives, stickers, etc., etc.!! If you'd like to donate, please drop your items off at our 3/27 Meal Center distribution, 3-5pm, Immanuel Lutheran Church, 131 W Main St, Webster.
- Gift cards for Savers and Goodwill (for our HomeHub program). Drop off at our 3/27 Meal Center distribution, 3-5pm, Immanuel Lutheran Church, 131 W Main St, Webster.
- New or gently used home goods such as pots and pans, plates, flatware, bakeware, small appliances (coffee maker, toaster, air fryer, etc.), sheets, comforters/quilts, blankets, towels, etc. <u>Please save these for us... we cannot</u> <u>receive donations until our space is set up, estimated to be early April)</u>

Donor Newsletter: 1st Quarter 2025

Take a look at our latest <u>Donor Newsletter</u>. There are many articles and links showing what WCC is doing for our community. Thank you to all volunteers who play a part in making our programs successful!

Meal Center: Food Drives

Our Meal Center always needs food donations (we are overflowing with bags so hold off on those for now)! Any donations can be brought to our monthly food distributions or dropped off at the Webster Public Library (look for the drop off bin labeled "Webster Community Chest").

If you or someone you know would like to coordinate a food drive for our meal center, please let us know. Thank you!

We would like to hold a "Fill the Van" food drive and we are looking for volunteers interested in working on this event. We have the van, we need the food donations, and we need <u>YOU</u> to help us make this happen!

Our Meal Center is a perfect location to hold a DRIVE-UP Donation Drive. Would you like to organize one for us? We will supply the place and volunteers to receive the food... we just need YOU or YOUR organization/company/group to organize and publicize a drive for us! Let us know if you are interested!

To see the types of food we're in need of, visit the meal center page on our website (<u>webcommchest.org/meal-center</u>) and scroll down to bottom section of page.

If anyone knows of an additional potential donation drop off place, please let us know. We can use more.

Do you have ideas for recipes for meals that we can add to our Meal Center repertoire? Please send your ideas to webcommchest@gmail.com for us to look into. Thank you.

Thank you for your support of the Webster Community Chest and our community. We couldn't do our work without you!

Your Friends at the Webster Community Chest