

MAY 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.

Client Services Team: Transportation

We are interested in developing a proposal for a comprehensive program to better provide transportation services to our clients for medical appointments, job interviews, occasional shopping, etc. The team will be considering existing services available for referral and possibly new services we could provide to fill in any gaps. We are looking for several volunteers to work with Sharon Pratt and Steve Yahoodik, supported by our Benefit Counselors, to investigate, develop and recommend a solid plan for transportation services to the Board of Directors. Volunteers are needed to provide some investigative leg work, but mostly to participate in some brainstorming and selection of great ideas! Your thoughts will be what makes the proposal work. If you are interested, please contact Steve Yahoodik at (585) 280-8258 or email syahoodik@gmail.com.

Help Wanted: Volunteer Coordinator & Editor for Donor Newsletter

We would like to recruit 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 at webcommchest.org/help-us and they appear to be well-received. If interested, please contact Michael Grenier, WCC Board President at mgrenier@frontiernet.net.

HUGE Thank You #2!!!

THANK YOU to everyone who has donated items for both our Easter collaborative distribution (cereal, cooking oil, broth), our women's programs (craft supplies) and our HomeHub (household items)! We appreciate all of your donations and for your support in helping us help our community. Here are some updates on these programs:

- Our Easter/Spring collaborative distribution fed 162 families this year!

- Our women's programs are going well. Please contact our Benefits Counselors at (585) 671-2060 or webcommchest@gmail.com if you are interested in either women's self defense or CAFES (crafting community group).
- We are hoping HomeHub will open in either June or July so we will keep you updated as to when we can start actively taking donations.

Meal Center: Food Drives

Our Meal Center always needs food donations (we are overflowing with bags so hold off on those for now!). 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 you 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 a drive for us! Let us know if you are interested! To see the list of food items we collect, click on this link and scroll down to bottom section of page: webcommchest.org/meal-center.

If anyone knows of an additional potential food donation drop off site, 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 for your support of the Webster Community Chest and our community. Your Friends at the Webster Community Chest.