



OCTOBER 2026 VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

Thank you for offering to volunteer your time with the Webster Community Chest. If you have any questions or would like to discuss WCC volunteer opportunities further, please email our Volunteer Coordinator, Carol Lowe at communitychestvolunteers@gmail.com and she will get back to you in a timely manner.

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Meal Distribution Outside Team – July Impact (submitted by Tracy Dennis)

Meal Center Report from the OUTSIDE Team: THANK YOU to our September Meal Center OUTSIDE & DELIVERY volunteers: Denise & Judith (who led the charge since Tracy was out of town) in addition to Bill C, Sharon & David, Alex S, Bill G, Mary Lynne, Heather, Rick, Ellen & Russ, Alicia & Carol. THANK YOU!

September Meal Center Distribution Summary

We fed 158 families! Meal bags had four meals and there were also green peppers, onions, garlic, and bags of apples. All families were given two hygiene items (hand soap and scrubbing bubbles or glass cleaner) thanks to the WCC Hygiene budget and Good360. Thirteen lucky clients received beautiful bouquets of flowers. Special bags this month were gluten free, soft foods (x2), low sodium, and low carb/low sugar. Thank you, Michael, for putting these bags together.

If you are not a scheduled regular OUTSIDE/DELIVERY volunteer and you are interested in observing one of our Meal Center Distributions, please contact Tracy at webcommchest@gmail.com or [585-671-2060](tel:585-671-2060).

Here are some thank yous from recipients to share. YOU are what make these monthly Meal Center distributions successful!

"I also want to thank you with all of my heart for delivering it to me. Also want to apologize for taking so long to sending my heartfelt thank you for being so

generous with all this wonderful food. You have no idea how much it actually means to me. The difference of enjoying some really awesome belly filling wonderful nutritious food to not having it. You all are such amazing people I am so grateful to have you all in my life. Thank you so very much. And I thank God every day for all of you. Thank you all again and again. And I can't wait for the day that I can return the favor and do something wonderful for others. I have a feeling it's coming soon. Thank you again. God Bless You All"

"Thank you very much for another helpful delivery. I appreciate you all."

Meal Center 2026 Monthly Distributions: 10/29, 11/19, 12/17

Future Holiday/ Seasonal Distributions: Thanksgiving Event: 11/17

Meal Center September Impact (submitted by Trish Knisley)

We packed 160 meal bags in September. The bags included ingredients to prepare four recipes: Tuna farfalle, chicken and Spanish rice, shepherd's pie, and Italian night. Fresh produce consisted of garlic, green pepper, onion, cheddar cheese, and apples.

We Appreciate Our September Volunteers

Bagging: Judith, Anne, Delia, Sam, Kathy and Linda V.

Food Pickup at Wegmans: Bob H. and Bill C.

Saturday Deliveries: Charlie delivered 5 meal bags

Special Project Assistance for October: Thank you to CDS Life Transitions-Unistel for their generous remote bagging project

Pickup at Webster Library and Webster Rec Center locations: Mary Lynne

Mark Your Calendars

October Food Bagging Date: Friday, October 23 at 10:30 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church

Food pickup at Holt Road Wegmans: Thursday, October 22 at 1:30pm

RSVP to Trish 585-704-3936

Thank You for Staying Committed to Our Mission!

Our specific needs: A canned goods drive or donate food listed on our website:

webcommchest.org

Our current drop-off locations: Webster Community Library, Webster Recreation Center (proteins: chicken, tuna, pancake mix), and Bernardi & Co. (40 Barrett Dr).

We accept brown grocery bags, suggestions for shelf-stable food drop-off sites, and hosts for Fill-the-Van events.

Can you help Webster neighbors by partnering with us?

Women's Empowerment Programs: Come Join Us

Most Thursday nights, the Webster Community Chest hosts our Women's Empowerment Programs at the Webster Recreation Center. We hold two programs and you are invited to join us at any time.

Women's Self Defense classes, taught by Master Jason Lee of Kuk Sool Won of Ontario, from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. These classes are for women of ALL ages 13+ and ALL fitness levels and abilities. Please contact Tracy about the upcoming session schedule.

Every other week: CAFES: Creative Amazing Friendship Empowerment & Support from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Community building for women through structured craft activities. Join us to learn a new craft, spend time with some amazing women, or even teach us a craft if you would like to be a guest artist!

For more information (including current schedule) on both of these programs, please contact Tracy at webcommchest@gmail.com or [585-671-2060](tel:585-671-2060).

Thank you for your continued support of the Webster Community Chest and our community!

Your Friends at the Webster Community Chest

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