



JULY 2026 VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

Hello again and 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. If you are no longer interested in receiving this email, please send a separate email to communitychestvolunteers@gmail.com stating you do not want to receive the monthly newsletter and/or would like to be removed from the distribution list.

UCC Caring Concert

Please join us for a musical night out at the United Church of Christ, 570 Klem Road, on Wednesday, August 5 from 6 p.m. until 8:30-ish. This is a fundraising event for the WCC. We typically receive about \$1,000 from this concert – a very generous gift from the United Church of Christ. It will be a great event that features Mitty and the Followers this year. They are one of the hottest Motown/R&B and variety acts around. Enjoy the concert while doing light duty!

We will need volunteers to staff our table with Community Chest information, pass the baskets during intermission to collect voluntary donations, and assist the UCC food tent with collecting trays. Please send an email to communitychestvolunteers@gmail.com by July 27 if you are interested in volunteering for this event.

Webster Jazz Fest August 14 and 15 (Friday and Saturday)

Volunteers are needed to hand out WCC information. Come enjoy some great music while supporting our organization. Two volunteers are needed for each of the following shifts:

Friday, August 14: 6pm – 8pm
Friday, August 14: 8pm – 10pm

Saturday, August 15: 4pm – 6pm
Saturday, August 15: 6pm – 8pm
Saturday, August 15: 8pm – 10pm

You will be working with an experienced volunteer, so no prior experience is needed. Please send an email to communitychestvolunteers@gmail.com no later than August 5 if you are interested in volunteering for one of these shifts.

Work-From-Home Opportunity

This project will build a database of local businesses for our annual fund drive. To continue operating our end-of-month food distributions, our Aid to Individuals Emergency Funding, and all of our many other programs, we need to raise more funding this year than ever before so we are expanding our outreach to local businesses.

We are looking for assistance with building a list of local businesses, starting with members of the Chamber of Commerce. You will look up a defined list of businesses – for example, on the Chamber of Commerce’s website – and copy their contact information into a document. Call Michael Grenier at (585) 671-8738 or mgrenier@frontiernet.net to learn more.

June Meal Center Distribution Summary

146 families were fed. Meal bags included 4 meals. Also included was cereal, PB&J, bread, and eggs. All families were given 1-2 household items thanks to a donation from 4imprint. Thirteen lucky clients received beautiful bouquets of flowers. Special bags this month were gluten free, soft foods (x2), low sodium (x2), and low carb/low sugar.

THANK YOU to our OUTSIDE & DELIVERY volunteers: Fred, Judith, Denise, Pam M, Linda V, Mary Lynne, Bill G, Joey, Bill C, Heather, Alicia, Carol, Ellen and Russ.

We are grateful to Lynn, Delia, Cheryl, Pam, Anne, Jane, Ellen, Linda V, and Jean (bagging), Charlie, Bill, and Bob F. (food pickup), Charlie (Saturday deliveries), and Lynn (pickup at library).

Once again, the weather was not our friend and, as expected, you all worked as a team and made the magic happen!

Mark your calendar for food pickup at the Holt Road Wegmans on 7/23 and 7/30 at 10:30 a.m., bagging on 7/24 at 11:00 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, and produce bagging on 7/30 at 11:00 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church. RSVP to Trish (585) 704-3936.

Remaining 2026 Meal Center Monthly Distributions

Thursdays from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on 7/30, 8/27, 9/24, 10/29, 11/19, and 12/17.

Future Holiday/ Seasonal Distributions

Summer Event: Tuesday, 7/14 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Thanksgiving Event: no date yet

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.

Thank You for Staying Committed to Our Mission

These are our current specific needs. Can you help our Webster neighbors by partnering with us?

- A canned goods drive or a donation of food listed on our website at webcommchest.org
- School's Out for Summer: Cereal, peanut butter, jelly, granola bars, and shelf-stable food listed on our website webcommchest.org
- Our current drop-off locations: Webster Community Library and Bernardi & Co.
- We are accepting brown grocery bags, suggestions for shelf-stable food drop-off sites, and hosts for Fill-the-Van events.

Women's Empowerment Programs (submitted by Tracy Dennis)

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

One week: Women's Self Defense classes, taught by Master Jason Lee of Kuk Sool Won of Ontario. 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. These classes are for women of ALL ages 13+ and ALL fitness levels and abilities.

Alternating weeks: CAFES (Creative Amazing Friendship Empowerment & Support): 6:00 p.m. 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!

JOIN US IN 2026! For more information on all of these programs, please contact us at (585) 671-2060 or webcommchest@gmail.com.

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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