

AUGUST 2025 VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

Hello again and thank you for offering to volunteer your time with the Webster Community Chest. Here is our June 2025 Volunteer email. Please read through this monthly email as it is filled with current information regarding our volunteer opportunities.

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 call you back.

West Herr Test Drive Event: We Need YOU!

Come to the West Herr Test Drive event on Saturday, August 9 from 10:00 to 2:30. You can come for 15 minutes or volunteer for a shift.

- Come for 15 minutes and we will be paid \$40 for you to register and test drive a new Ford vehicle.
- The new cars are lined up outside and they are bringing staff in from their other dealerships to expedite the process. Pick which one you want to try out. Hop in, take a short drive, return and hop out. No hard sales. No obligation.
- There will be free coffee and donuts in the morning and DiBella's is catering sub sandwiches and drinks for lunch and all afternoon.
- Free raffle tickets for prizes including Buffalo Bill's swag
- Contact Volunteer Coordinator Carol Lowe at communitychestvolunteers@gmail.com if you can volunteer.

Christmas/Winter Holidays Gift Program Needs Some Special Volunteers

In November, we will begin collecting information from local families who can use some help with holiday gifts for their children. We are looking for one or two volunteers who would like to partner with our Benefits Counselors to make this program a success. Please contact Tracy to ask questions and discuss this opportunity at webcommchest@gmail.com or (585) 671-2060.

Successful Ruby Shoes Concert, Thanks to You

Thank you to everyone who volunteered at the Ruby Shooz concert. Ruby Shooz put on a great show, and it looked like attendees and volunteers all had a great time. Thank you to Andy, Martin, Lynne, Garrett, Addison, Analise (AKA Dorothy) and her family, Sharon, Michael, and Bonnie and her family for all your hard work at this event. Teamwork makes the dream work!

HomeHub is Open for Business!

HomeHub has been open twice so far with a total of 30 families “shopping” in our new space. A huge thank you goes out to everyone who has donated items, helped sort and stock donations, and helped during open hours. THANK YOU to everyone who has already donated home goods for this new program. We accept donations of any of these items:

- Towels and sheet sets (all sizes)
- Gift cards to Savers, Goodwill, Target, Walmart, or any other place that sells home goods (we will use these to shop for items needed)
- New and gently used (clean) items in these categories
 - SMALL appliances (coffee makers, microwaves, toaster ovens, air fryers)
 - Serving/cooking utensils, and silverware
 - Serving bowls, everyday dishes, glassware (nothing too delicate, please)
 - Pots, pans, and baking dishes
 - Bedding (sheet sets, blankets, quilts, mattress pads)
 - Kids’ books

Please contact WCC to get more information on donation drop off or arrange for pick up. webcommchest@gmail.com or (585) 671-2060.

Women's Empowerment Programs: Want to join us?

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. 6:15-7:15pm. These classes are for women of ALL ages 13+ and ALL fitness levels and abilities.
- Alternating weeks: CAFES: Creative Amazing Friendship Empowerment & Support. 6:00-7:30pm. 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 on these programs, please contact us at webcommchest@gmail.com or (585) 671-2060.

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 distribution or dropped off at the Webster Public Library (look for the drop off wagon across from the checkout desk labeled “Webster Community Chest”).

If you or someone you know would like to coordinate a food drive for our meal center or host a “Fill the Van” food drive, please let us know. 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 a list of food products and ingredients we need, visit the Webster Community Chest’s web page: webcommchest.org/meal-center.

If anyone knows of any additional potential drop off place, please let us know. We can use convenient places for the community to drop off donations.

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 continued support of the Webster Community Chest and our community!

Your Friends at the Webster Community Chest

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