



# **May Newsletter**



Volunteers from Vision Quest share a laugh in the mission center after unloading our food shipment and stocking the food pantry.



# WE'RE EXPANDING!!

The mission center is doubling its space in 2024! Help us raise \$15,000 by 2025 so that we can expand into the building next door, allowing us to better serve our neighbors in need!

We welcome new faces to the mission center every day and our capacity is being pushed to the

limit. This expansion will allow us to create a cafe-style gathering area for clients to enjoy fellowship and respite, a private onboarding and counseling room, an enlarged food pantry and storage area, and a dedicated room for community organizations, like the health department and social services, to meet with clients.

We ask you to SHARE this crowdfunding campaign on your social media platforms and send it to anyone who may be interested in supporting the betterment of our community! Below, you will find the link to our GiveButter campaign where you can learn more about our mission center and expansion, donate towards our cause, and share with your friends and family! Thank you for your support!!

Click Here to Access Our GiveButter Campaign



#### VisionQuest Volunteers at **One Mission Cambridge**

We are thrilled to welcome our newest volunteer group at the mission center! VisionQuest, a residential treatment program for troubled young men, has offered to unload our shipment of food and restock our food pantry every three weeks to encourage the youth in their care to give back to their community!

Vision Quest operates in Maryland through Morningstar Youth Academy, a CARF accredited residential program and day-school located in Woolford, MD. They operate two different programs: a six to nine month residential program that assists teenagers from all over the US overcome substance abuse and addiction, and a forty four day educational program that concentrates on helping local youth overcome troubles, create connections within their community, and teach necessary life skills to better their future. This includes smaller class sizes and more one-on-one support than they receive in public school. VQ's programs incorporate equine assisted therapy, individualized care, educational support, and 'Extraordinary Experiences' such as outdoor recreation, group outings, and community service to achieve the overarching goal of preparing youth for independence and success.

VQ encourages the hundreds of youth that enter their programs to give back to the communities in which they reside, and we are so grateful that they have selected One Mission Cambridge as an organization they would like to support! We are excited to work with the team at Morningstar and welcome new faces each time they visit!

Pictured: Students from VisionQuest's Morningstar Youth Academy help restock the









shelves of our food pantry.

# Participate in our June fundraiser!



#### Father Daughter Dance Fundraiser at 447 Venue

This year, celebrate Father's Day by giving you and your daughter a memory that will last a lifetime! One Mission Cambridge is hosting a Father Daughter Dance on Thursday, June 13th from 5pm to 8pm at the gorgeous and sophisticated 447 Venue in downtown Cambridge. Not only will there be dancing and a DJ, there will be a princess craft corner, face painter, a raffle for a \$75 gift card to Easton's Be With Me: Playseum, and snacks and refreshments!

Tickets for this event are \$50 and include you and your child. If you would like to gift this same opportunity to an economically disadvantaged family so that another little girl can have her princess moment, we are offering discounted tickets at checkout. We will disperse these gifted tickets through our mission center clients and local after school programs.

We fully understand not all children have a father and would love to welcome any moms, grandparents, guardians, etc. that would like to participate. Additionally, if you have a son that would like to attend, we'd love to have you both!

This event has been generously sponsored by Living Water Ministry and The Garden Church who both operate church services out of 447 Venue.

#### PURCHASE TICKETS NOW!



### Calling all past and present volunteers!

Please consider attending our Volunteer Luncheon on Saturday, May 11th at 11AM so that One Mission Cambridge can show our gratitude and appreciation for the service you have gifted us! Come hungry for a buffet of food and stay to mingle with your friends and fellow volunteers! This event will be held in our community dinner room behind the mission center.

Are you not yet a volunteer but are interested in helping out at the mission center? We'd love to have you, even if you can only spare a couple hours here and there! Contact our pantry manager, Susan at manager@onemissioncambridge.org to learn about the various volunteer opportunities.

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