

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



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The cool air is starting to arrive and Canal Winchester Human Services is gearing up for our busiest time of year! Here are the quarterly updates.



Food Outreach Updates

News

Our busy season is quickly approaching and we are working with our partners to help make this holiday season as successful as possible!

Pop-Up Markets

Thank you to the Nourish Network for their generous support! Because of their partnership, we are able to provide complete shelf-stable meal kits for those in need. Each kit includes everything required to prepare a full and nourishing meal. These kits will be shared at our upcoming pop-up markets, helping us reach even more families in our community.

Quarterly Stats for The Community Food Pantry & Market Day Programs

- ~We served 1,466 people and provided 20,598 meals.
- ~We gave out 19,508 pounds of food.
- ~We served 31 new households this quarter.

Feeding Our Future (2025-2026 school year)

432 Total Meals Provided to date
Average of 40 Students Served per Week

Amazon Wish List



<https://a.co/8hJBMm9>



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Senior Transportation Outreach Updates

Quarterly Stats for Monday-Friday Transportation & Group Trips



- ~We provided 1,191 one - way trips.
- ~We drove 8,647 miles this quarter.

Annual Transportation Survey

We would like to thank our transportation clients who took time to complete and submit the annual transportation survey. We value your feedback! We enjoy reading all the compliments and suggestions for future fun trips.



Senior Transportation Information

Daily Senior Transportation services are available to anyone who is 60 years of age or older and permanently resides in the Canal Winchester School District, the Village of Lithopolis, or within the Canal Winchester City limits. For more information about this program please visit our website or call us at 614-834-4700.



<https://cwhumanservices.org/senior-transportation>

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Senior Outreach Updates

Fall Community Care Day

This year Fall Community Care Day will be held on Friday, October 31st. The sign up deadline is Tuesday, October 21st. Please see the attached flyer for more information.



Smiles for Miles



We officially kicked off the new program, Smiles for Miles at the end of July with the help of board member & volunteer Kelly Macbrair! Each month, a volunteer will deliver a small gift and a little joy to seniors in our community who may be homebound, feeling isolated, or just need a reminder that someone is thinking of them. 😊

If you know of a senior who could use a smile, please reach out to Aletha at aletha.mullins@cwhumanservices.org with their name and address. Participants must live in the Canal Winchester School District or in Lithopolis.



Tuesday Senior Lunch



The 3rd Tuesday of every month, Canal Winchester Human Services prepares and serves the Tuesday Senior Lunch meal. Seniors can take part of this meal by paying \$5.00 or donating the items asked for that month.

**Canal Winchester Human Services does provide transportation for our clients to and from lunch. If you would like a ride or more information about our Senior Transportation Outreach please give us a call at 614-834-4700.

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Adopt A Family



If you would like to adopt a child (children) or help with the program in another way, please reach out to Aletha at aletha.mullins@cwhumanservices.org.

If you or someone you know is in need of help this holiday season our Adopt A Family application is available online at cwhumanservices.org/community-outreach. It can be found near the bottom of the page, highlighted in green.



Event Updates

Tools for School



We have been able to assist 146 students so far this school year (25–26) with school supplies. We would like to thank everyone who helped make this possible.

XO Week 5K Fundraiser

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the 5K or volunteered during the 5K. Together \$1,736.22 was raised and donated to our Emergency Assistance program!

Upcoming Events

Reindeer Games & Poker Crawl

Please see the attached “Save the Date” flyer.

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Marion Breidenbach

We are sad to report that Marion has officially retired from Canal Winchester Human Services. He has been with Canal Winchester Human Services since 2011 (employee & volunteer) and will be greatly missed! We decided to ask him a few questions about his volunteering experience here.

What first inspired you to start volunteering with us?

Having retired from Riverside Hospital in 2008 after 36 years, I had the opportunity to begin volunteering for Honor Flight Columbus, Ohio Benefit Bank, the USO, and raising puppies with my wife, Gayle, for Pilot Dogs. I also began volunteering with our local Food Pantry, based out of David's UCC, having been started by our Church's Youth Group some years earlier. From that time forward to 2025, I stayed with the Pantry as it grew through the years to become part of Canal Winchester Human Services.

Looking back, what's been the most rewarding part of your volunteer work?

As a firsthand witness, I had the opportunity to see the growth of the Food Pantry in terms of the numbers of people served, the size of the service area, and the scope of programs offered to so many clients. I enjoyed my experience with the organization so much that I joined the CW Human Services team as a shuttle driver for 10 years, 2011-2021.

Is there a moment or memory that stands out as especially meaningful?

My best memories regarding the Pantry are having had the opportunity to work with other devoted volunteers on the Monday afternoon group and more recently the Late Pantry team, as well as having met so many clients over the years.

What advice would you give to new volunteers just starting out?

My advice to any potential volunteer...Careful, it can be addictive!

Anything else you would like to share?

What I've appreciated most, however, was the opportunity to serve an organization so true to its mission statement. The leadership and staff of Canal Winchester Human Services create an outstanding environment for employees, volunteers, and clients and generate tremendous support from the community.



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Ways to Follow Us



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Fall COMMUNITY CARE DAY

Friday, October 31st



Senior Citizens in the *Canal Winchester School District* who are in need of outside help

**(ex. raking, picking up sticks, etc)
contact**

**Canal Winchester Human Services at
614-834-4700 to sign up.**



**Sign Up Deadline:
Tuesday, October 21st**

****Ranae Hamilton (CW High School Staff Member) will call after the deadline to schedule a time for Oct. 31st*

SAVE THE DATE

REINDEER GAMES AND POKER CRAWL

*(All proceeds from this event go to our
Adopt A Family program)*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13TH



**More information &
signup link coming soon!**