

# Community Outreach

THE UNIVERSITY CHURCH

Our vision: There will be no people left hungry in our neighborhood.



On the third Thursday of each month we transform our facility into a community center and welcome our neighbors by providing a variety of nonperishable foods, meats, eggs, and garden produce, so that families have healthy options available to them. We offer meal samples and recipes based on the foods distributed.



We offer shuttle service between neighboring apartment complexes and the church.

We need 20 volunteers to set up, serve, and tear down each month for this outreach to run effectively.



Shuttle service



Blood pressure checks



Personal shoppers



Children's activities



Garden produce



Try a meal



Fresh produce



Meal samples



Preparing meals

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JOIN US IN MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Cooking meals

## Community Voices

*Once I missed a month and they called to see if I was okay. The next day they dropped food at my house. They do not know but I cried because I did not know how we were going to eat that day.*

*We love the church. Thank you all so much for everything.*

*I am thankful for this church and what they do for this community. I am comfortable here and do not feel ashamed.*

*I hadn't eaten in almost two days, until I came here.*

*I have never experienced kindness like I have at this church.*

The food we distribute comes from Toledo Northwest Ohio Food Bank and Toledo Seagate Food Bank of Northwest Ohio. Fresh produce comes from our Community Garden and from local farms.

In addition, we offer personal needs items for families 4 times a year. We include an extra large bottle of laundry detergent, 4 rolls of toilet paper, shampoo, soap, dish soap, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, feminine products, deodorant, band aids, and baby items if needed. We always have bags of travel-sized hygiene products for families in emergency situations and any overflow is taken to St. Paul's homeless shelter in downtown Toledo.

In 2016, we spent an average of \$150 per month to fully fund this outreach ministry, including 6-8 bags of food per family, transportation to pick up the food, shuttle service for community members, a hot meal, personal needs items, and snack and activities for children.



Each month, one or more of our partners helps by providing advice and assistance during our community outreach. Our own Community Health Workers typically participate while The Ohio Benefit Bank helps families navigate the entitlement system to see what resources are available to them. The Ohio State University Extensions provide some of the nutritional resources we use and medical students from The University of Toledo provide blood pressure and glucose checks. We also offer voter registration materials during elections while representatives from CareSource Medicaid or Buckeye Community Health Medicaid provide advice on health insurance issues.

In 2016, we served 127 households including 153 seniors and 606 children with a total of 1,285 individual service events.

Cookie Chambers leads our team of volunteers in organizing and executing our Third Thursday Community Outreach.

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Thank you for your interest in our community outreach work. We look forward to seeing you on the third Thursday of the month and invite you to support this work with your financial contributions.

