



Voluntary Action Center

the heart of service in Boone County

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Spring into ACTION



Spring Into Action will take place Monday, **May 15, at the University Club**. This year's event will present a new approach as we move to the noon hour and a condensed presentation. And Spring Into Action will be a free event! Friends of VAC will gather for **a complimentary lunch**, hear about VAC's impact in our community, and be encouraged to continue supporting us.

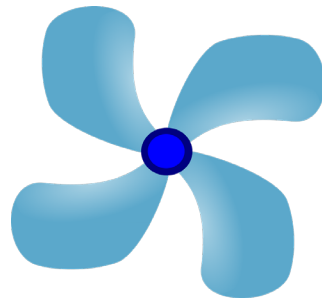
The buffet will open at 11:30 and our program will be completed by 1:00. We hope this new format will allow for many to fit it into their day. **If you would like to attend**, and perhaps bring a friend or two as well, please contact the VAC office to reserve your seat.

You know that Spring Into Action in the past has taken place in the evening and has been a ticketed event. It has been an important fundraiser for VAC just as it is this year. **Many thanks to Central Bank of Boone County** for once again being our Presenting Sponsor!



Fan Program

May 1 - Sept 1



Voluntary Action Center will distribute new fans to low-income Boone County clients who live at a permanent residence and meet one of the following qualifications:

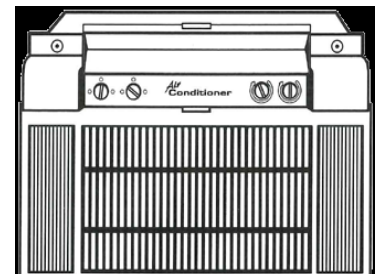
- Children 18 and under
- Persons 60 and older
- Persons with a disability
- Persons who are pregnant

Qualified clients may receive a new fan every other year. Clients who received a new fan in 2016 may be qualified for a used fan based on availability.

**Fans can be donated at the VAC office.
Financial donations are also welcome!**

A/C Exchange Program

Exchange your old window air conditioner for a new one!



**May 2 - Aug 31
Tuesdays & Thursdays
9 - 11 a.m. & 1 - 4 p.m.**

Eligibility requirements:

- Be a current Columbia Water & Light or Boone Electric customer
- Have an older, less efficient and/or broken window unit to exchange
- Have an annual income at or below 200% of the federal poverty level
- Participants in the 2016 program are not eligible again in 2017



On March 21 Voluntary Action Center held our first ever **Bridge Builders Society reception**. Members of the Society were welcomed as a way for VAC to express appreciation for their support. Society founders became acquainted with one another as well as with VAC staff and board members. They were presented with an overview of how VAC is both growing and being challenged and with a vision of future opportunities as well. **Thank you to all of our Bridge Builders Society founders!**

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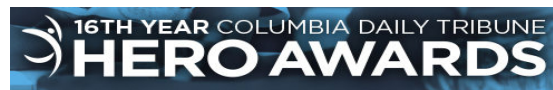
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The Hero Awards reception was held on Monday, April 24 at 4:00 p.m. at the Stoney Creek Inn. The reception recognized all the individuals and groups who were nominated, and awards were presented in seven categories.

Award winners were: Individual Volunteer of the Year - Max & Sherry Wachter, Group Volunteer of the Year - Kappa Kappa Gamma, Youth Volunteer of the Year - Bryce Cordry, Outstanding Volunteer in Education or Literacy - Dr. Elis Ingram, Outstanding Volunteer in Community Protection - Jack Wohlman, Outstanding Volunteer in Health Care - Paula Nichols, and Outstanding Volunteer in the Arts - Kenny Greene.

Voluntary Action Center, Joe Machens Dealerships, Landmark Bank, and the Columbia Daily Tribune joined together in presenting the Hero Awards.

Trivia Night 2017 Recap



We would like to thank everyone who attended and participated in our 2017 Trivia Night. It proved, once again, to be a great success, raising over \$8,000 for VAC!

Thank you to our supporting sponsor:



And thank you to all of our round sponsors:

Boone Hospital Center, First Baptist Church, Flat Branch Home Loans, Kilgore's Medical Pharmacy, Scroggs Architecture P.C., Shelter Insurance, My Sister's Circus, An Anonymous Donor



Christmas in July will be rolling around for the 26th year on Thursday, July 13. This summer event provides a Christmas-themed picnic for low-income individuals and families, and children will have the opportunity to meet with Santa! Last year, we were able to serve over 300 members of our community.

Thank you to Kilgore's Medical Pharmacy our sponsor again this year.



Raffle tickets will be arriving in your mailbox soon, so watch for those. Each ticket purchased will help VAC provide assistance with basic needs throughout the year, and we will enter each donor's name into a drawing for fabulous prizes! VAC thanks you for your support.

Lunch in the Park

June 5th - August 4th

**Monday - Friday
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**



Lunches will be provided again all summer at Douglass Park for children 18 and under, a great service for some families who struggle when school is not in session.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the VAC office!

Sponsored by The Health Department, Voluntary Action Center, and City of Columbia Parks & Recreation.



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To learn more about how you can support VAC's services for low-income families in Boone County, contact Executive Director Nick Foster at dir@vacmo.org. From donations of money or food or hygiene products to volunteering with our programs, you can help us to make a difference in the lives of many. You can donate online at vacmo.org/donations.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

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