



Voluntary Action Center

the heart of service in Boone County
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2017 Holiday Program



The beginning of September saw the start of both sponsor and client Holiday Program sign-ups. This annual program matches low-income families with individuals, families, businesses, or groups who wish to sponsor them for the holidays. In 2016 the VAC Holiday Program provided gifts and food for almost 1,000 households! This year, our goal is to assist at least 1,000 households in need. Our sponsors are the ones who make this program happen!

If you or your business, organization, group, school, or family wish to sponsor a family, call VAC at 573-874-2273 or email vac@vacmo.org. If you wish to sign up electronically visit our website vac@vacmo.org and select the Holiday Program tab.

After the sign-up period ends we will match you with clients according to your requests and provide you with a wish list for those you are sponsoring. We request that you provide food for the holidays and at least one new gift per family member who is under the age of 18, is disabled, or is elderly.

This can be done in a variety of ways:

Purchase gifts and deliver them to our holiday distribution center with a gift card for food or a donation for VAC to write a food voucher for the family. Drop off dates for gifts and food will be one of the following days (which will be assigned when signing-up): December 5, 11, or 12.

Purchase gift certificates at local grocery and department stores and bring them to VAC before November 21. VAC will deliver them to the family.

Provide VAC with a monetary donation and we will write vouchers to local grocery and department stores to let the family do their own shopping. We recommend \$50-75 per person eligible for gifts and \$15 per each person in the family for food.

We need volunteers for collection and distribution for VAC's Holiday Program!

If you would like to help, visit

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f4eafab22a6fe3-vacholiday3>
and be a part of this amazing program!



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VAC's annual karaoke competition is back!

October 25, 2017 from 6-9p.m.
Café Berlin (220 N 10th Street)



Mark your calendar to join us for The Voice: Mid-Missouri!

Teams of 2-6 people will raise money for VAC with a goal of \$2,000 per team. The team that raises the most money will be crowned "The Voice: Mid-Missouri People's Choice Winner!"

\$20 admission gives you food, two drink tickets, and helps your favorite team to win.

This years Spotlight Sponsor is My Sister's Circus and Bank of Missouri is the Drink Sponsor.

October 25 | 6 - 9 p.m. | Café Berlin

Contact Nick Foster for more information at dir@vacmo.org or 573-874-2273



Warm Up Columbia



Saturday, November 4, 2017

8:30 a.m. - Noon



The Armory, 701 East Ash Street

We are happy to announce that **D&H Drugstore** will once again team with VAC to sponsor Warm Up Columbia!

This annual program helps low-income individuals and families of our community stay warm through the cold Missouri winter.

Warm items such as coats, blankets, scarves, gloves, hats, and socks are distributed to those in need.

If interested in volunteer opportunities with Warm Up Columbia please visit vacmo.org/programs/warm-up-columbia/

Please contact VAC with any questions at 573-874-2273 or email Ashley Jarrett at sw3@vacmo.org.

Please note that all individuals who wish to receive items must be present on the day of distribution and all items are given out on a first come, first serve basis.



Good Health is Just Around the Corner



VAC is a proud participant of the **CARS Donation Program!**

Do you have a car, truck, van, SUV, boat, motorcycle, ATV, RV, trailer or airplane you would like to get rid of?

You can donate it to VAC using the CARS Donation Program!

Simply use the following link to get started:

vacmo.org/donations



As you think about your end-of-year giving, please consider making a donation to support VAC's critical services to the Boone County community. There are several ways you can give:

- You may send a check to our office: 403A Vandiver Drive, Columbia, MO 65202
- You may donate online by visiting www.vacmo.org/donations/
- Make a gift of appreciated stock or some other item of value. Call our office for more information: 573-874-2273
- Donate your car or other vehicle through VAC's CARS program



From December 1-31, VAC will participate for the fourth year in an online donation competition with 113 other local organizations - CoMoGives! When you donate this way, you help us to receive matching funds from the Community Foundation of Central Missouri. Such grants will be awarded to the nonprofit with the highest total of donations, with the highest number of individual (non-repeated) donors, with the highest number of donors under age 35, the nonprofit with the most donations \$250 and over, and other categories. Last year, CoMoGives raised over \$567,000 for local nonprofits!!

Visit **www.comogives.com** in December
to be a part of this amazing donation competition!

Bridge Builders Society

Getting from here to there is sometimes hindered by unanticipated obstacles. A short span of support can make all the difference in making progress along life's road.

The Bridge Builders Society will provide a way over the divide between need and stability for many who live in our community.

Bridge Builders Society members are VAC contributors who make our work possible, who participate in carrying out our mission: To help low-income individuals and families bridge the gaps between crisis and stability and improve quality of life in Boone County.

Society members will receive an invitation to a special event, after the first of the year, that will offer recognition for their participation as well as the opportunity to be updated on critical VAC initiatives.



Bridge Builders Society

Membership Levels	Quarterly	Annually
Vanguard	1875	7500+
Innovator	1250	5000+
Trailblazer	750	3000+
Pioneer	250	1000+
Visionary	125	500+

Ever wonder how well the VAC programs you are donating to are going?
Here are statistics for some of the 2017 programs your donations made possible:

Homes for Computers: 40 computers distributed benefiting 206 individuals

Air Conditioner Exchange: 75 new air conditioners distributed cooling 154 individuals

Summer Fans: 353 new/used fans distributed aiding 975 individuals

Lunch in the Park: 3,099 lunches served and 360 hours of volunteer time

Back-to-School Health Fair: over 700 children received school supplies and health screenings
296 children received school supplies after the Fair



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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 in-kind items 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!

Holiday Sign-Up for clients: Through October 13 (noon)
Holiday Sign-Up for Sponsors: Ongoing
The Voice:Mid Missouri: October 25
Warm Up Columbia: November 4
Holiday Collection and Distribution:
Monday- Thursday, December 4-14

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