



Voluntary Action Center

the heart of service in Boone County

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Fifty years of service. Since 1969, Voluntary Action Center has reached out to the Boone County community to help struggling families. A half century ago, a group of community-minded citizens organized VAC to facilitate and encourage volunteerism. They recognized a growing need for a bridge between those wanting to help and those who most needed help. Through their vision, they created an organization designed to fill the void, a vision that continues to this day. Today VAC helps our neighbors by providing co-pays for medical purposes, work uniforms for new employees, school supplies for students, rent assistance for people who are homeless – and much, much more.

Supporting our neighbors in the areas of Health, Employment, Education, Housing, and Basic Needs, VAC is helping to bridge the gaps between crisis and stability. We do this because our community cares. Because it makes a difference. Because when those among us who struggle, struggle less, we all are better off.



Thanks to our Annual Partners for their support during VAC's 50th Anniversary Year:



2019 Summer Fan Program

May 1 - August 30



Voluntary Action Center will distribute new fans to low-income Boone County clients who live at a permanent residence and meet VAC's income eligibility requirements.

Qualified clients may receive a new fan every other year. Clients who received a new fan in 2018 may be qualified for a used fan based on availability.

Fans can be donated at the VAC office or Lowe's Home Improvement.
Financial donations are also welcome!



Christmas in July will be rolling around for the 28th year on Thursday, July 11. 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 3rd - August 2nd

Monday - Friday

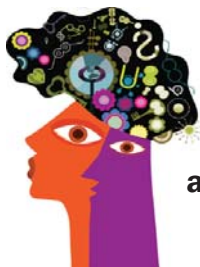
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Lunch will not be served on July 4

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 or visit www.vacmo.org/programs/lunch-in-the-park/

Sponsored by the Columbia/Boone County Department of Public Health and Human Services, Voluntary Action Center, and City of Columbia Parks & Recreation.



Trivia Night 2019 Recap

We would like to thank everyone who attended and participated in our 9th Annual Trivia Night. It proved, once again, to be a great success, raising over \$8,000 for VAC!

Thank you to our presenting sponsor: Veterans United Foundation

And thank you to all our round sponsors:

My Sister's Circus, Influence & Co., Rock Bridge Christian Church, The Callaway Bank, and Lloyd Montgomery

"Dear Amazing People,
I want to thank everyone who has given my family such a wonderful gift. This is something my kids have needed for school for quite some time now, but I was not able to provide it for them. Thank you so much for giving us this computer. It will be well taken care of and is much appreciated. When I told my kids we were getting one they already started making plans on what they were going to do first on it! Thank you again for being so kind.
Always Grateful" - A family from their 2019 Homes for Computers thank you letter



On March 12, VAC held our third annual **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 a tour of our office and 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 members!**

Vanguard

- Boone Electric Trust
- Mr and Mrs Cris Burnam
- Cathy Scroggs
- Veterans United Foundation

Innovator

- Broadway Christian Church
- Robert and Barbara Churchill
- Comprehensive Health Management
- First Presbyterian Church
- Celeste Hardnock
- Kermack-Parker Trust Fund
- MBS Textbook Exchange

Trailblazer

- Central Bank of Boone County
- Edward Coe
- Kilgore's Medical Pharmacy
- Sara Maguire LeMone
- Little Dixie Construction
- Lucky's Market
- Lloyd and Nancy Montgomery
- Cindy Mustard
- Our Lady Of Lourdes
- St. Thomas More Parish and Newman Center
- Barbara Wolf

Pioneer

- American Legion #202
- David Allen and Barbara Rothschild
- Assistance League Of Mid-Missouri
- Atkins Investments
- Ann and Earl Bromstedt
- Mike and Janice Burnam
- Travis Burnett
- Brett Burri
- Virginia Bzdek
- Calvary Episcopal Church
- Ron and Judy Carter
- Columbia United Church Of Christ
- Community United Methodist Church

- D & H Drug Store
- Farm Power Lawn and Leisure
- First Baptist Church
- First Christian Church
- Andy and Jacky Gingrich
- Great Southern Bank
- Greenwing Development
- Drew and Shari Hamilton
- Josh and Dawn Heupel
- Robert Hill
- Home State Health Plan-Centene
- Susan and John Jones
- Kiwanis Of Columbia
- Gene and Deb Koepke
- Landmark Bank

- Joel Mueller and Sara Emily LeMone
- David Leuthold
- Brent and Linda Lowenberg
- Raymond and Judi Massey
- Eastin and John Meyer
- Mid City Lumber Co.
- Mid-Missouri Electric
- Marian Minor
- Missouri Employers Mutual
- My Sister's Circus
- Barry and Tia Odom
- Olivet Christian Church
- Orscheln Farm and Home
- David and Jackie Pittman
- Plaza Commercial Realty

- Dr. Mark W Pressley
- Kelsey and Geoffrey Raymond
- Kevin and Kay Renfro
- Rotary Club of Columbia
- Rotary Club of Columbia Northwest Foundation
- Joseph and Robyn Roberts
- Deborah Robison
- S & S Farms
- Show Me Cabinets, LTD
- George Smith and Marjorie Sable
- StorageMart
- Laura Sweets
- Trinity Presbyterian Church

Visionary

- Roger Allbee Jr
- Ashland Christian Church
- Charles Blackwell
- Billy Borgmeyer
- Bley & Evans
- Boone County Lumber Co.
- Boone County Retired Teachers and Personnel Assistants
- Callaway Bank
- David and Melissa Carr
- Columbia IOOF, Lodge No. 207
- Columbia Rockbridge Lions Club
- Community of Christ
- COMO Smoke & Fire
- Consolidated Electrical Distributors, Inc.

- David Knight Law Offices
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- Bob Feller
- Gary and Connie Fennewald
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- Joanne Fulton
- Tom Gregory
- Wayne and Carolyn Hawks
- Katharine Hunvald
- Kid's First Optimist Club

- Nancy Knipping
- Steve and Jamie Kochert
- Leigh Kottwitz
- Missouri Coalition of Advanced Practice Nurses
- Missouri United Methodist Church
- MO United Methodist Women
- Richard Miller
- William Morgan
- Eric and Amy Morrison
- Gina and Doug Muzzy
- Mr. & Mrs. David O'Hagan
- George and Joan Pfenenger
- Jim Reynolds

- Bob and Ellen Roper
- Chris and Stephanie Roskopf
- Sacred Heart Church
- Mary Ann Shaw
- Larry and Karen Slates
- Phyllis Stoecklein
- Sunrise Optimist Club
- Gary and Anne Tegerdine
- Unity Center Of Columbia
- Louise Weigel
- Steven Westgate
- Doug Westhoff
- Harry Winfrey
- Linda Wycoff
- Bonnie and R.S. Youngquist

VAC is working with **City of Columbia Water & Light** and **Boone Electric Cooperative** once again for the **Air Conditioner Exchange Program**. This program runs May 7 - August 29 on Tuesdays and Thursdays and allows eligible clients to trade out an old, inefficient, or broken Air Conditioner window unit for a new one. Go to vacmo.org for more information on this important summer program.



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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!

Fan Program: May 1 - August 30
A/C Exchange Program: May 7 - August 29
Lunch in the Park: June 3 - August 2
Christmas In July: July 13
Back to School Health Fair: July 27
50th Anniversary Celebration: Fall 2019

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