

YMCA Van Buren Shelter Services

Monthly news & updates



May 28th, 2021



Join us in our efforts to make sure our guests have the essential items they need and, visit our wish list for YMCA Housing and Shelter Services!

[Amazon Wish List](#)



Visit our Volunteer Hub to check out some of the amazing programs we have happening and find out how to get involved.

[Volunteer Hub](#)



In April 2021, YMCA Van Buren Emergency Shelters served:

- **338 Single Adult Men**
- **272 Single Adult Women**
- **67 Families (216 individuals)**

Van Buren Community Garden
Growing Hope and Creating Community



2021 Growing Season

We have kicked off our 4th growing season at the Van Buren Center Community Garden! The women and families at Van Buren have done an amazing job helping prep and weed the garden beds. The garden is so important for our guests, not only does it supply some of the food we use for our meals but it provides them with a therapeutic place to visit and volunteer.

Interested in volunteering to help out with our garden?

Click on the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050f48aca62ca5fe3-spring>

Want to help support of Garden Re-Building Project or learn more about our Community Garden?

Email: kristian.tucker@ymcacolumbus.org



Re-Building Our Garden Beds

With all the elements that Ohio weather brings each year our garden beds are in need of repair. So, far we have received donations and funding that allowed us to repair 4 beds but have 20 more to go. We would love your help!

Our goal is to have all 24 beds rebuilt by the 2022 growing season but we are going to need help. We are looking for assistance with securing the following:

- Severe Weather Pressure-Treated 2x6x8 lumber
- Premium Exterior Coating 10x3 1/2-inch screws.



Van Buren Mural Project

Family Side Mural

Our second mural at Van Buren Center is finished on the Family Side in the cafeteria! The mural project is intended to bring color, images of hope, community, and positivity to our guests. The children had a chance to help paint the mural and learn about how a mural is painted while getting to watch

the progression. During meal service, you can hear the kids talking about the characters, stories, and colors they see in the mural. They love being able to see people who look like them doing creative and positive things.

