

# YMCA Van Buren Shelter Services

# Monthly news & updates



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## DRIVE CHANGE.



The Van Buren Center has an upcoming donation drive initiative and needs your help.



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## Welcome, Cristo Rey Student Interns!



Help us welcome our newest student interns joining us from Cristo Rey Columbus High School. We are looking forward to an amazing year working with the students and are grateful for the opportunity to have them be a part of our organization.

## Community Spotlight



This summer the **Student Leadership Excellence Program** hosted by **Lead the Way Learning Academy** had a group of students organize Snack Shop with the goal of raising money to donate to a community organization. The team members chose the Van Buren Center as their organization because they were impressed by the work we do in our community. We received their donation this week and are in awe of the students and all of their hard work to make a difference and contribute to our cause.

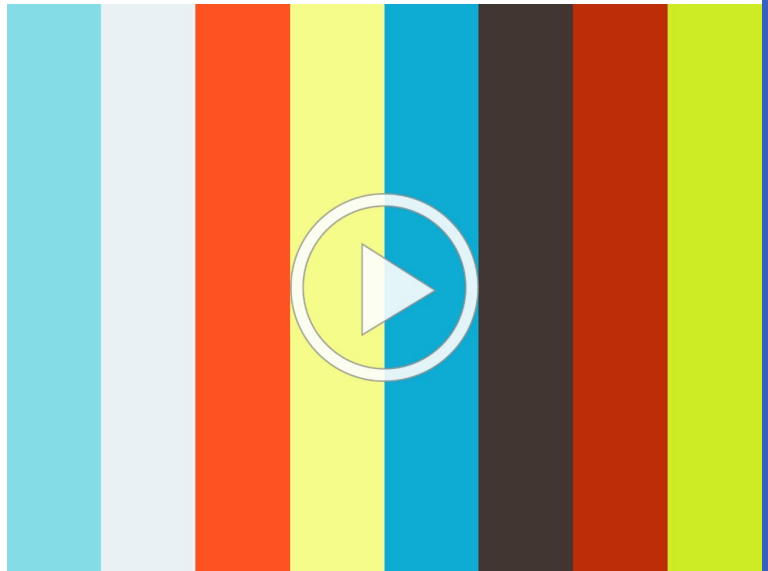
Thank you so much to the Team Snack Shop students Kiara, Mikaya, Neveah, and Nyiazia for leading the way to a better tomorrow and working together to make a positive impact on the lives of the men, women, and families at our shelter!

## Get Ready, Get Set For The Best Year Yet!

The children have started the new school year. The first day back for the kids at Van Buren Center went great. All of the buses arrived to get them transported and off to school!

Enjoy this quick video with some more fun moments and awesome memories captured from this year's Back to School Rally.

[Video Link](#)



## Great Minds Think Alike!



A couple of weeks ago, Van Buren's Office Manager, Carolyn Sledobnik, and Executive Director of Shelter Services, Shameikia Smith showed up to work only to realize they had worn the same thing!



And, then it happened again! Earlier this week, Van Buren's Director of Health and Nutrition, Kyra Jones, and Shameikia were twinning in their matching outfits.

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