

YMCA Van Buren Shelter Services

Monthly news & updates



January 31, 2022



2021 Community Impact Van Buren Shelter Services

The impact Van Buren Center has in our community continues to strengthen and grow each year because of the incredible work our staff, volunteers, community partners, and board members provide for our guests. Take a look below to learn more about our impact for the 2021 year and what we were able to do with your support.

Impact for December 2021

- **315** Single Adult Women
- **351** Single Adult Men
- **122** Families, or **407** individuals.

- Total # of individuals served and provided with emergency shelter.
- Total # of volunteers and volunteer hours.
- Total # of meals served.
- Total # of workshops provided & participants.

Thank You!

Urgent Donation Need: Hats & Gloves



Severe winter weather and frigid temperatures continue for Franklin County. The forecast for this week is predicting severe winter weather and cold temperatures. This means our men, women, and children at Van Buren will continue to need essential

Emergency Shelter 2021 Impact



The Van Buren Center served a total of 4,194 individuals in Central Ohio who experienced a homeless crisis in 2021.

1,276
Single Adult Women

provided with emergency shelter and program services in 2021.

1,530
Single Adult Men

provided with emergency shelter and program services in 2021.

408
Families

provided with emergency shelter and program services in 2021.
(1,388 Individuals)

winter apparel to keep them safe in the elements. Our current supply of hats and gloves has gotten extremely low.

We are in high need of hats and gloves for our adult men, women, and children.

To donate hats or gloves now please visit our Amazon Wish List by clicking the button below. Or, email vbvolunteer@ymcacolumbus.org to coordinate a donation drop off.

[Amazon Wish List](#)

Van Buren Center Volunteer Program

Check out the impact your help made through volunteerism in 2021:

1,388

volunteers gave their time and talent.

3,994

hours served by volunteers, valued at more than \$88,467.

30+

opportunities were offered to volunteers.



Van Buren Center The Caring Kitchen

2021 Meal Service Impact

187,798

meals served to men, women, and families from the Caring Kitchen in 2021.

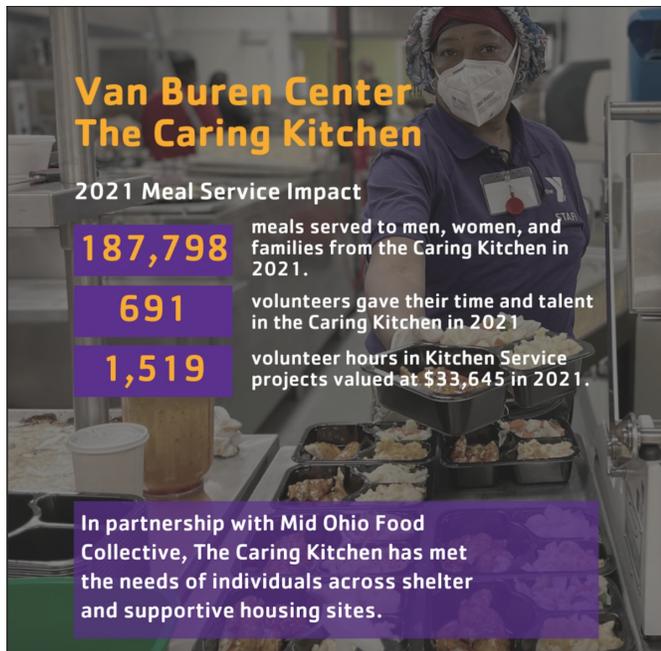
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volunteers gave their time and talent in the Caring Kitchen in 2021

1,519

volunteer hours in Kitchen Service projects valued at \$33,645 in 2021.

In partnership with Mid Ohio Food Collective, The Caring Kitchen has met the needs of individuals across shelter and supportive housing sites.



Van Buren Workshops 2021

Workshops are available to all program guests. There are weekly and monthly workshops available specializing in a variety of topics pertinent to housing & rental education, employment and job readiness, self-help/empowerment, substance abuse, medical services, food assistance, legal services and much more.

174

workshops provide to guests in 2021.

564

individuals staying at Van Buren participated workshops in 2021

17

new community partnerships made for workshops in 2021.



Van Buren Center Employment Opportunities

Are you passionate about service and are a cause-driven leader looking to make a difference in your community?

We're hiring! Consider joining our team and helping us in our mission to make a difference in the community.

To apply now click on the desired position below and complete the application.

[Team Coordinator](#)

Current Available Positions:
Team Coordinators
Food Service Specialist
Intake Specialist
Case Manager
Executive Director of Shelter Services.

Food Service Specialist

Intake Specialist

Case Manager

ED Shelter Services

For more information about current employment opportunities with the YMCA of Central, [Click Here](#).

Looking Ahead Volunteer Experience in 2022

Get Ready!



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It is because of the amazing team of volunteers and community partners working with the Van Buren Center that our organization is able to make the incredible impact it does each year. For the 2022 Volunteer Program year, we want to work even harder to make certain we provide our volunteers with all the tools and resources needed for a wonderful experience and make sure we offer a variety of opportunities and projects so we can increase our impact.

Stay tuned for updated volunteer training, virtual volunteer projects, and more opportunities for volunteers and community partners to share feedback and input. We look forward to connecting and sharing with you all the amazing things in store for 2022.

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