

# What's Happening at Van Buren Monthly News & Updates

MARCH 2023



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## HEALTHY KIDS DAY

SATURDAY, APRIL 29 | 9:00-11:00 AM

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:  
**Action for Children**

VAN BUREN CENTER FAMILY SIDE EVENT  
**WHERE: THE KNOWLEDGE CENTER**  
(DOWNSTAIRS ACROSS FROM FAMILY OVERFLOW)

At Healthy Kids Day, children and families will have the opportunity to learn about the importance of healthy eating, nutrition, and physical activity, mental and emotional well-being, and developing healthy habits.

**JOIN US!**

Community Resources Available Onsite!  
More information to come. Fun events, community resources, games, activities, and more!

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## YMCA Healthy Kids Day at Van Buren Family Shelter!

At Healthy Kids Day, children and families currently at Van Buren will have the opportunity to learn about the importance of healthy eating, nutrition and physical activity, mental and emotional well-being, and developing healthy habits. The Van Buren Center is partnering with **Action for Children** for this year's event!

We are in need of volunteers for the event to help with game stations, activities, and crafts for the children.

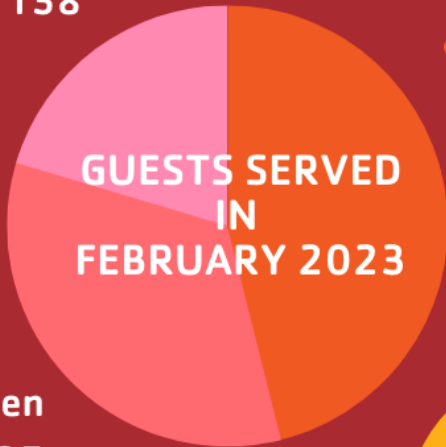
To learn more click on the volunteer sign-up below or email [vbvolunteer@ymcacolumbus.org](mailto:vbvolunteer@ymcacolumbus.org)

[Volunteer Sign Up](#)

# FEBRUARY 2023 IMPACT



Families  
138



Women  
312

Men  
227



## PROGRAM OUTCOMES

**39** Workshops available onsite to guests in February.

**200+** Guests participated and attended a workshop.

**21,673** Meals served in November at Van Buren Center.

**133** Volunteers gave their time, talent, and heart volunteering their services.



## Van Buren Donation Needs

[Visit our Amazon Wish List](#)

- **HIGH NEED** Baby Diapers (size 4, 5, 6)
- **HIGH NEED** Baby Wipes
- Shaving Cream
- Travel-Size Shampoo & Conditioner
- Baby Formula (new)
- Belts (men/women-all sizes)
- Women's Purses (new/gently used)



[CLICK HERE Volunteer Opportunities](#)

Current List of Available Volunteer Opportunities

**New Volunteer Orientation**  
*Virtual*

**Dinner Service**  
Available 7 days a week  
4:50 pm-7:00 pm

Please coordinate your donation drop off by emailing [vbvolunteer@ymcacolumbus.org](mailto:vbvolunteer@ymcacolumbus.org) and include a description of your donation items and the date/time for drop-off.



## Meet Van Buren's Donation Coordinator!

Welcome, **Drina Hall** to the Van Buren Programming Team as our new **Donation Coordinator**. Drina previously worked in our

Intake Department where she did a fantastic job providing customer service to our guests and maintaining shelter systems. We are so excited to have her on the team and overseeing our donation program for the shelter.

Drina will be available to assist with coordinating donation drop-offs and answering any questions you may have about our donation needs and processes.

Minimum age requirement 14 years old (w/ guardian)

### Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 29th

2:30 pm-4:30 pm

Minimum age requirement 14 years or older.

### Healthy Kids Day

Saturday, April 29th

9:00 am-11:00 am

Minimum age requirement 14 years or older.

Questions? Email:

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to coordinate group volunteering, lunch service, community service, and to find out more about other available volunteer needs.

\*Please note YMCA Van Buren events are only available to individuals currently in our shelter.

Are you a business owner or hiring manager ?

**PARTNER WITH  
VAN BUREN &  
HOST A HIRING  
EVENT!**



## Looking for Employees?

Hiring Events at Van Buren brings employment opportunities and information to our guests and increases successful outcomes.

Are you interested in holding a hiring event at Van Buren Center or have connections with employment resources that may benefit our guests?

Email Van Buren Center's Employment and Guest Resource Coordinator, **Melissa Marcum** to learn more and get an event scheduled with us!

[melissa.marcum@ymcacolumbus.org](mailto:melissa.marcum@ymcacolumbus.org)

Learn  
More!

## Cantrell's Corner

It's that time of the month again to share some wonderful news regarding the Van Buren Shelter. We are steadily making subtle changes at Van



Buren. We realize that positive change is not a sprint but a marathon. We listen to your concerns and we try to create a positive environment. So keep the suggestions coming our way! We are choosing our very first Employee of the month. So when we announce the well deserved winner, please make sure you show lots of love! And as a friendly reminder: Please treat people with kindness and respect. Let's help each other create something better for tomorrow.

Sincerely,  
Cantrell Butler

Visit our Website



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