

YMCA Van Buren Shelter Services

Monthly news & updates



October 2022

Donation Needs

- **Deodorant** (Men & Women)
- **Adult COATS** ALL SIZES-new or gently used.
- **Kids COATS** ALL SIZES-new or gently used.
- **Hats, Gloves & Scarves**
- **Blankets**
- **Non-Perishable Snacks**
- **Baby Diapers Size 6**

[Amazon Wish List](#)



Give Her Hope

Join Us on Thursday, November 3rd at **The Understory** 2571 Neil Ave. Columbus, OH from 5:00 to 8:00 pm.

Donations to **Give Her Hope** fund resources that help women, men and families leave our shelter and secure stable housing. Giving hope can mean so many things, like an apartment down payment, a ticket to travel to family out of town, or the fee to obtain a birth certificate. Your gift can truly Be The Difference.

Right now, we have over 100 families staying at the Van Buren Center. Your gift truly makes a difference and can help get these families back on their feet and house before the holidays. Join us for our event on November 3rd or consider donating to the Give Her Hope fund today.

[Register Now](#)



Cold Weather

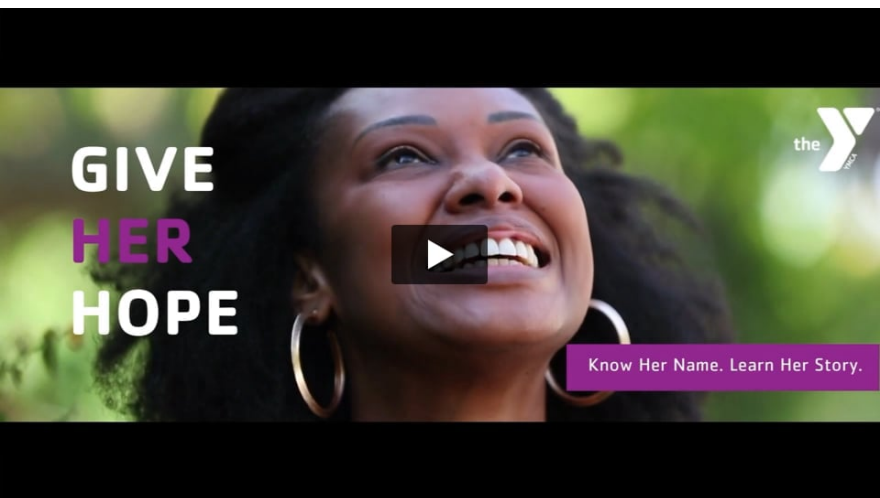
Fall is here which means the

Watch the videos below to learn how Give Her Hope funds have helped in 2022.

days are getting shorter and the temperature is dropping. For the families, women, and men entering our doors seeking a warm bed and safe place to stay, the cold weather is another element and stress they have to deal with each day as they work to resolve their homeless crisis.

We need your help so that the 700+ men, women, and children currently in our shelter have the basic essential items they need to stay warm and safe.

Winter coats are in high need for our adult men and women in addition to coats for children. To find out more or to coordinate your donation drop off email: vbvolunteer@ymcacolumbus.org



Volunteer Spotlight



Community Shelter Board
Volunteer Group- September 16.
Meditation Garden Clean Up

Check out some of the amazing volunteer groups that have joined us at the Van Buren Center in the month of September. Volunteers are essential to the work we do and without the countless individuals who give their time, talent, and heart each day we would not be able to make the incredible impact we do in our community.

To learn more about how to get involved and make a difference at the Van Buren Center email



Ohio Health
Volunteer Group- September 20.
Lunch Service



Franklinton High School
Student Volunteer Group- Month of
September
Kids Programming



Amazon Fulfillment Center
Volunteer Group- September 14.
Kitchen Prep



CoverMyMeds/Besa
Volunteer Group- August 31.
Dinner Service

VAN BUREN CENTER



200

GUEST PARTICIPATED
and attended a workshop at Van Buren Center in September.

37

WORKSHOPS
were offered to the men, women, and families including Legal Aid, housing education, and hiring events.

87

VOLUNTEERS
gave their time and talent helping make a difference at Van Buren.

21

EMPLOYMENT REFFERALS
were made for guests to help them take the next step towards securing housing.

17,154

MEALS SERVED
at Van Buren Center in September.



HOLIDAY GIVING

The holidays are quickly approaching and we would love for you to join us this Thanksgiving at the Van Buren Center. We have volunteer and donation opportunities available this holiday. To find out more click the link below.

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