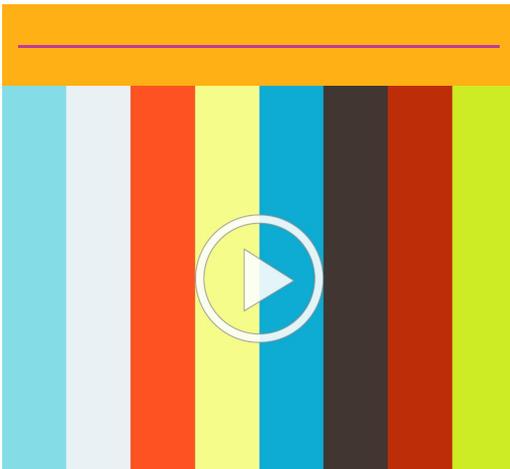


YMCA Van Buren Shelter Services

Monthly news & updates



April 16th, 2021



Submit a Video

SHARE YOUR STORY
Have you RSVP yet?

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VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

Virtual Luncheon

May 5th, 2021
11:30 AM on Zoom
Van Buren Center

Join us virtually as we celebrate our volunteers and their impact.

TO GET THE ZOOM LINK
RSVP ONLINE AT:
vbsvolunteer.constantcontact.com/sites.com/events

VIDEOS!
RAFFLE!
NEW VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

RSVP Now!

Happy Spring!

In this month's newsletter make sure to check out:

- [Van Buren's Volunteer Appreciation Virtual Luncheon](#). Join us *virtually* on May 5th on Zoom. Don't miss out! [Click here to learn more.](#)
- [Earth Day 2021 Van Buren Community Garden Rehab Project](#). Scroll down for more information.
- The second mural is underway at the Van Buren Center on the Family Side in the cafeteria. Check out the pictures below!

920
Individuals Served
IN MARCH
2021
AT VAN BUREN
EMERGENCY
SHELTERS

This past month in March, YMCA Van Buren Emergency Shelters served:

- **418** Single Adult Men
- **291** Single Adult Women
- **65** Families (211 individuals)

EARTH DAY- Van Buren Community Garden

Get Outside and Get Involved!



Help us prep our garden for the growing season next Thursday!

Keep an eye out for coming volunteer opportunities in May to help us plant the vegetables.

To sign up visit:

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

Earth Day Garden Clean Up and Rehab

LOCATION

Van Buren Center Community Garden 595 Van Buren Dr. Columbus OH 43223

DATE AND TIME

04/22/21 10:00am-04/22/21 2:00pm

Sign up to join us on Earth Day to clean up our garden and outdoor area.

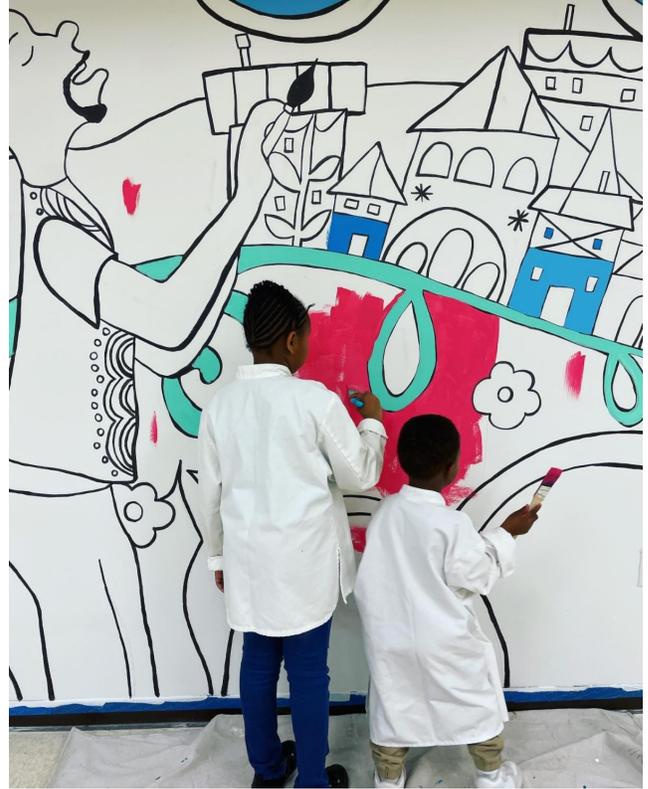


Van Buren Mural Project

Family Side Mural

The second mural at Van Buren Center is underway! It is located on the Family Side Cafeteria. The kids have had a great time helping paint and watching it come alive. For the kids featured in the photo on the right, it was their first time ever painting! The mural has been a great opportunity for kids to explore their creative side and work with new materials.

In next month's newsletter, we will share pictures of the completed mural!



The Value in Van Buren

Spreading Positivity and Building Community

A guest from our Single Adult Women shelter wrote this poem (below). We love her willingness to share her creativity with us all.

Housing Van Buren

Many situations,
folks from all kinds of places,
need spaces, help in time.

Food lines, stop and say "Hi."

No need to cry.

Van Buren by your side,

to help you just in time.

House a home,

until you're gone.

With YMCA you know,

WE OKAY.

3/31/2021



Our Single Adult Women have been loving our BINGO nights (*above*). They have had a blast getting a chance to see each other (socially distanced) and relax in the evening playing BINGO.

At our Men's Shelter, staff hosted an Easter Egg Hunt for our men. They had a great time and loved the chance to take part in some fun outdoor activities. There were even prizes!



Staff Spotlight

Van Buren Center



Teirsa Henry- Team Member

We are so thankful for Teirsa Henry for always being so flexible, so helpful, and taking care of whatever needs to be done without having to be asked.

Van Buren North (Men's Shelter)



Joel Wright- Team Member

His willingness to continuously go over and above his responsibilities to accommodate our guests and lower the occurrence of stressful situations has been a blessing.

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[Target Wish List](#)