



Message from the Executive Director- Sandra Scherer

Dear MCC Friends,

We are headed into Fall and one of the busiest seasons of the year at Monument Crisis Center. You can feel the energy, the urgency, the depth of determination to make things better, to help more people, to do more good for the community.

It is an exciting time and a challenging one. We are assisting

children, families, adults and seniors with pressing problems and complex needs. Our clients come from every city and town in Contra Costa County and include every age, ethnicity, race, religion and culture. They are young, old, working, retired, disabled, elderly, immigrant, refugee, and long-time resident. They are our neighbors and they are thankful for your support.

With your help, we provide nutritious food, diapers, toiletries, offer educational classes and workshops, connections with onsite partners and resources, and share solid referrals and support. Together we address the needs of those who are struggling to improve their lives and their situation.

Fall is that special time to be reflective and thankful to all of you – our dedicated supporters who so openhandedly donate and volunteer. We thank you for your ongoing support and encouragement to make a positive impact in our community. We hope you will join us to provide support for our programs and special Thanksgiving memories for our families as we head into the holiday season.

Wishing you a Happy Thanksgiving from all of us at Monument Crisis Center.

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The Rundown 2017-2018

Halloween Party

-Thursday October 26th 3pm

Monument Crisis Center hosts the kids and families of After School Café and Teen Center for a spooktacular afternoon

Faith Engagement Breakfast

-Friday October 27th, 9am

More information contact mccfaithcommunity@gmail.com

Turkey Collection

-Monday November 13th- Tuesday November 21st

Donate a frozen turkey to Monument Crisis Center and help a family have the Thanksgiving everyone deserves. If you are interested in donating money towards this distribution, we are asking for \$20 per turkey. Help us reach our goal of giving 1,200 Thanksgiving turkeys to families in need in Contra Costa. See attached flyer for more information.

Holiday Food Box Collection Dates

-Join Monument Crisis Center's Holiday Food Box drive and help collect 1,800 boxes for the families of the Center. Food Box collection begins November 27th and will continue through December 14th. See attached flyer for full list and donation dates!

Breakfast with Santa

-Saturday December 2nd

Breakfast, holiday fun, and games for the children of After School Café and their families! There might even be a special guest!

Heartfelt Gala 2018

-Saturday February 24th, 2018

Monument Crisis Center's Annual Heartfelt Gala is just around the corner! Please see the "Save the Date" included in this newsletter!

Blackhawk Museum, Danville Ca

Volunteer Appreciation Brunch

-Friday April 13th, 2018

We appreciate our volunteers! Come meet and mingle with your fellow volunteers and enjoy a delicious brunch! Time TBD

FALL to WINTER: TURKEYS and HOLIDAY FOOD BOXES

Autumn is here and things are busier than ever at Monument Crisis Center. Backpack Day has come and gone, our After School Café tutoring program is in full swing, and we are getting ready for our busiest time...the holidays. Each year through generous donations, we are able to supplement our clients' normal food distribution with the addition of a Turkey Dinner and a Holiday Food Box. These programs offer our families the opportunity to enjoy the holidays without the worry of food insecurity.

This year we hope to distribute 1,200 Thanksgiving turkeys and bags of holiday fixings to our clients. You can donate a frozen turkey or make a \$20 donation between Monday November 13th and Tuesday November 21st. We are also collecting \$20 gift cards to Safeway and Grocery Outlet. Bags of fixings include one box of stuffing, box of potatoes, cornbread mix, cake mix and can of cranberries. All of these will ensure we reach our goal to help our families have a Happy Thanksgiving.

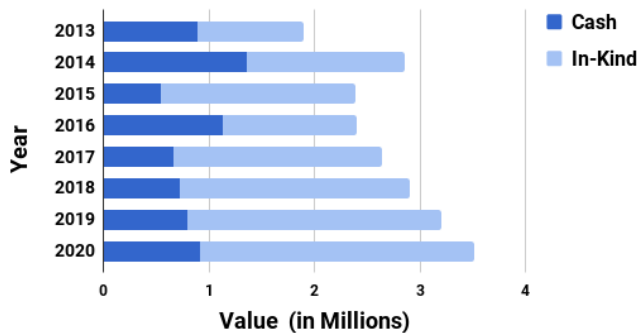
There will be little rest after turkey distribution. Join us as we aim to collect 1,800 Holiday Food Boxes for our families. Join our drive by donating between November 27th and December 14th a box of food that our families can enjoy for the holidays. Last year we missed our goal by 400 boxes so we are exceptionally motivated not to disappoint any of our clients this year. Please see the enclosed list of items and instructions for our Holiday Food Box Drive. Our families are so grateful to be remembered during this special time of year. Thank you for your participation in advance.



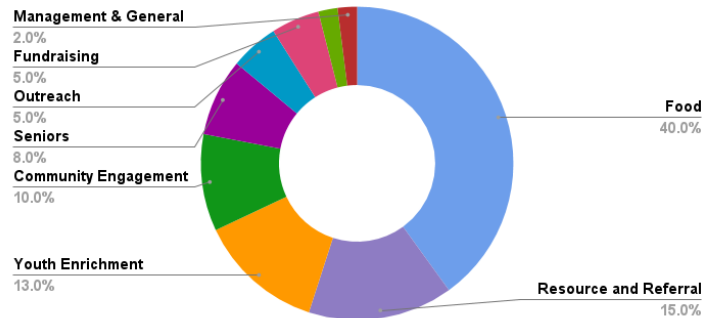
ABOVE: Left to right, volunteers Allie, Kimberly, and Anthony give a turkey to a client.

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Cash and In-Kind Donations



Program Allocation 2016-2017 Fiscal Year



DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that donating to Monument Crisis Center can be as easy as shopping on Amazon.com? Before you start shopping, type in smile.amazon.com select your charity, and go! Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible Amazon Smile purchases directly to Monument Crisis Center! Amazon Smile has the same products, same prices, and same service as regular Amazon, but each purchase will go towards supporting your favorite organization! Find out more at smile.amazon.com



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