

*"The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever"*  
Isaiah 40:8



# The Outreach

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## Join Us for a Fundraising Lunch & Silent Auction!

We are thrilled to announce a special event that combines great food, inspiring stories, and an exciting silent auction—all for a worthy cause.

Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2024 ~ 12pm

Spokane Valley  
United Methodist Church

115 N. Raymond Rd.  
Spokane Valley

*Tickets- \$25 per person  
or \$150 per table*

*Tickets will be available through our website soon.*

This fundraising lunch is not just a chance to enjoy a delicious meal with friends and colleagues; it's also an opportunity to support

Mission Community Outreach Center in a meaningful way. Our event will feature a variety of engaging silent auction items, generously donated by local businesses and community members. From exclusive experiences to unique gifts, there's something for everyone, and all proceeds will go directly towards MCOC.

Thanks to the wonderful support of Spokane Valley United Methodist Church, this event does not cost us anything. All money raised is a direct donation to MCOC! We hope you will join us for this memorable event. Your participation not only supports a great cause but also helps us continue our vital work in the community.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing you there!

MCOC Board of Directors



# ~ School Shoes for Kids 2024! ~

1,817 kids received a new pair of shoes & socks  
764 families served • 88 volunteers • 11 sponsors

*This year we had many volunteers from one of our sponsors, Westminster United Church of Christ. For a lot of these volunteers it was their first time helping at this event and we are so thankful to each of them for sharing their stories with us.*

### *From a first-time sorter:*

It was lots of fun and people with past experience were really helpful. I made some new friends and found others with whom I had friends in common. Ali is so personable and Teresa is very well organized - a good combination.

### *From two order-fillers:*

It was a great event and really well run. It's amazing how many shoes got collected and distributed to families at no charge. It means there are a lot of kids who won't be having to go around with holes in their shoes!

### *From a set-up person:*

What a great group of cheerful friendly volunteers. It all went so smoothly.

### *From a Friday greeter:*

I had so much fun interacting with the kids. And whenever there was a language challenge with the parents, it seemed there was always one of the kids who could step in to help.

### *From a person at the distribution table:*

I'm 86 years old and I'm so glad I could take part. It was the perfect job for me and I loved working with my 10-year-old runner who went back to collect the shoe orders.

### *From a fitter:*

What I'll always remember was working with a boy who needed a size 14 - and the priceless expression of joy on his face when we found one last pair that fit him.

*"Hats off to Ali and her great team for setting such a wonderful example of gracious hospitality for clients and volunteers alike". Westminster United Church of Christ*



**St. Aloysius Gonzaga**  
A Roman Catholic Jesuit Parish



**Kiwanis**  
CLUB OF DOWNTOWN SPOKANE



*Thank you to our sponsors, volunteers, donors and community for helping us make this year's event a huge success.*

## A few of the photos from the event



## Get Ready for the Children's Christmas Joy Event!

The holiday season will be here quickly and we are preparing for our Annual Children's Christmas Joy event. As we prepare for this heartwarming event, we want to highlight our most urgent needs to ensure every child experiences the magic of Christmas. This event is for kids infant-6th grade.

### Current Urgent Needs:

- Pants for Kids: All sizes needed. Jeans, leggings or sweatpants preferred.
- Boys' Underwear: All sizes.
- New Books: For all reading levels.
- Winter Hats and Gloves: For staying warm during the cold months.

## Urgent Need: Hygiene and Diaper Angels Needed

As the demand for essential hygiene and diaper supplies continues to rise, we are reaching out to our dedicated community for urgent support. This year alone, we have invested \$6,500 in diapers, wipes, and infant hygiene products, and an additional \$6,000 in hygiene items for families in need.

Your support can make a world of difference. Each household we assist receives two essential hygiene items every 60 days, and infants are provided with 25 diapers every 30 days. With the growing number of families relying on our assistance, our resources are stretched thin, and we need your help to keep up with the increasing demand. Each household also receives a roll of toilet paper thanks to Millwood Community Presbyterian Church that buys us toilet paper each year.

### How You Can Help:

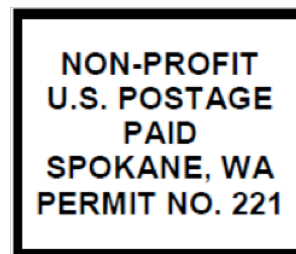
1. **Donate Hygiene and Diaper Products:** Consider contributing diapers, wipes, and hygiene items to our cause. Every item helps, and your donations will directly support families in need. Most needed items: size 5 & 6 diapers, baby shampoo, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, dental hygiene items.
2. **Make a Financial Contribution:** Your financial donations allow us to purchase needed items in bulk. Even a small contribution can have a significant impact.
3. **Host a Hygiene/Diaper Drive:** Connect with your community and host a hygiene drive to benefit MCOC. We can provide information, flyers and collection barrels to help with your drive.

Your generosity is crucial in helping us continue to provide these essential supplies to families and infants who rely on our support. Together, we can make a meaningful difference and ensure that every household and infant have access to the hygiene products they need.



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ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUESTED



## Our New Sign!

As many of you know we have had a "Tool Repair" sign in front of our building for over 25 years. We are excited to share that with the help of Spokane Rotary Club 21 we replaced the sign. Now our volunteers, donors, guests and community can easily find us!!

## Volunteer with Us!

*We Have Many Volunteer Opportunities*



We would love to come talk to you. Are you part of a community group, church or business that would like to hear more about MCOC? If so please let us know! We would love to come speak with you at your next meeting. *Follow us on*



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