

WRHM NEWSLETTER – November 2023

THANKSGIVING BASKET GIVEAWAY 2023 Recap

We had the most successful food giveaway on Saturday, November 18, 2023. The whole event ran very smoothly. Notification emails went out to our ministry clients, phone calls to the United Way and to our local neighborhood churches.

19 fifth grade girls from Bristol Elementary School – Girl Scout troop #3508 came out on Monday 13, 2023 at 3:15pm to sort and bag can goods and dry items to make the holiday meal complete. The girls completed 122 bags of food!



Students from Waldorf School moved 85 bags of completed meals on Wednesday, 11/14, that were donated to the ministry from various local congregations, businesses, and individuals to bring the total number of completed number of meals to 207. Thursday, 11/17, the Food Bank truck delivered 10 boxes and bags of carrots, celery, tomatoes, onions, apples, oranges, and potatoes which came at 2pm.

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Kenrick Meats truck delivery of 250 turkeys at 8:45am on 11/18/2023. The individual turkey size was appx. 13lbs. There were cars already waiting in line for a FREE Thanksgiving Meal. 207 families/607 individuals drove through the ministry's parking lot to obtain their holiday meal.

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Many, many thanks go out to the 26 volunteers of WRHM because an event of this size and nature could not have gone as smoothly without the faithful ministry volunteers and the generous donations from our local and neighborhood community. Our ministry had 43 turkey baskets leftover – inbound calls were still coming in on Monday 11/20, Tuesday 11/21, and Wednesday 11/22 in wanting to get the remaining generous meal blessing. Again, thank you to WRHM volunteers and to all our local community and congregations for your support and contributions.

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Safety Training Presentation from Officer Greg Perks with the Webster Groves Police Educational Department was held on November 28. He presented to a group of 15 about if WRHM building would become unsafe. His recommendations are as follows:

- 1- No code word to be used at this time, but just tell others what is going on and move quickly out of the building.
- 2- The ministry employees and volunteers need to know the various sections of our building, so when we call the police to report an incident, they will know where the intruder may be located ie: upper level or lower level – activity room
- 3- He talked about establishing what route the volunteers would use to get out of the building.
- 4- He suggested Waldorf School or Ivory Crocket Park as a meet up location for people to go to after building evacuation.
- 5- He pointed out the do's and dont's when and if the unsafe situation arises at this ministry.

This was a Tier One training session, and we can arrange with the WG Police Training Department for future annual training.

ArchWell Medicare 101 Brunch was held at WRHM November 8th at Noon til 2pm. This was an introduction to Archwell Health for Senior Primary Care. Chanel Jordan hosted the brunch for Seniors 60years and older with Medicare part A & B insurance. There were approximately 10 seniors in attendance with many of finding out the new Medicare changes and several signed up for the ArchWell Health office tour.

November 2023 Intake Statics

Thanks to you, 334 individual and 113 Households was served!

Welcome new WRHM Volunteer for November 2023


Gary Abbott – Food Pantry


Corner Talk - written by Emerson Smith/WRHM Executive Board Treasurer


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I was asked to share the financial position of the Webster Rock Hill Ministries (*WRHM*).


Instead of focusing on dollars and cents, I will reflect on our greatest asset: ***You, the Volunteer.***

 You, the Volunteers, are the backbone of *WRHM*. You, the volunteer, provide essential services to our local neighbors and neighbors in St. Louis County. You deserve to be recognized for your hard work and dedication. You are not just giving out food but hope and dignity to those in need.

 ***You, the Volunteers,*** are the heroes in helping *WRHM* meet its goal of providing food and other services to those in need in our community.

 ***You, the Volunteers,*** are the heroes of *WRHM* by giving your time and talents.

 ***You, the Volunteers,*** have a heart of gold and a spirit of service. You are always willing to lend a hand, share a smile, and offer a kind word. You are an inspiration to those who benefit from your kindness. *WRHM* is honored to have you as a Volunteer.

 ***You, the Volunteers,*** bless our organization and community. You are positively impacting our community with your compassion and generosity. You are a role model for others and a leader for change. We are proud to have you as a Volunteer. One of the most essential things about volunteering at *WRHM* is the positive impact we make on the lives we serve. We pool our strengths, share the work and responsibility, and welcome the people we serve. Money is essential to cover our operational expenses and provide needed services, but helping our neighbors find self-confidence and inner healing is invaluable and rewarding. As Volunteers, you are making positive change in our community.

“Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. You don’t have to have a college degree to serve. You don’t have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You don’t have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace—a soul generated by love.” – Martin Luther King, Jr.