

WRHM NEWSLETTER – October 2023

Welcome to the 1st edition of Webster Rock-Hill Ministries – WRHM monthly newsletter! The Ministries were blessed with a grant from the Lutheran Foundation to hire a part-time Volunteer Coordinator and Janice Scott was hired in October to fill that position. Part of the grant includes a monthly newsletter to keep you informed about what’s happening!



Two years after retiring from the pharmaceutical industry, I started volunteering at WRHM. This food pantry ministry is successful because of you – the volunteers! Thank you to each and every one of you for the outstanding jobs that you do from position as Receptionist, Intake Department, and the Food Pantry in making this ministry successful.

- This is how you volunteered for the month of October:**

Week #1	35 volunteers	34 neighbors were served
Week#2	35 volunteers	49 neighbors were served
Week #3	33 volunteers	46 neighbors were served
Week #4	42 volunteers	37 neighbors were served
Week #5	13 volunteers	25 neighbors were served

Thanks to you, a total of 191 neighbors were served in October 2023!

- Free Food Giveaway was Saturday 10/21/2023**

Thursday 10/19/2023 – the truck delivered fresh fruit and vegetables. Bernita F. and her team of 3 started sorting the fruit and vegetables on Thursday, then her team of 5 finished sorting on Friday. On Saturday a team of 10 volunteers (including E Smith sister Naomi, visiting from Nashville, TN) handed out 65 bags to all that drove to our ministry to get food.

- Welcome new WHRM Volunteers for October 2023!**

Intake
 Kate Hoerschler

Food Pantry
 Cheryl Roberts
 Gayla Hannon
 John Carroll
 Shelly Fiess

- October 28, 2023 – Harvest Community Fall Day was cancelled due to inclement weather. This event will be re-scheduled.**

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- A safety training session was held this month. A summary of this meeting will be provided in the November newsletter.

From our Executive Director – Derek Bastian:



We are so blessed to have received a grant from the Lutheran Foundation that allowed us to hire a Volunteer Coordinator and doubly blessed to find an existing WRHM volunteer, Janice Scott, to fill the position! Janice hit the ground running and this has freed me to engage with other Ministries activities, including increasing our reach and soliciting new donations. Thanks to you all for welcoming Janice and helping her document all of our activities. As Janice says, “you could be anywhere but here” and we very much appreciate that you chose to spend your time helping us help our neighbors.

Looking Ahead

Make sure to check the whiteboard in the reception area for up-to-date news and happenings!

Coming soon! We’ll have an update on the highly successful Thanksgiving giveaway. In the meantime, please enjoy the pictures that Janice printed and posted in the intake area.

Christmas is around the corner, and we’ll be looking for volunteers to help with the many blessings that we will be able to offer to our neighbors!

WRHM will be closed starting on 12/24/23. We will be back on January 3rd.

Save the date!

A Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon will be December 19th starting at noon! Please RSVP to Janice.

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