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# Bright Horizons

## Ending Hunger is Possible...with You!

It's September and that means Hunger Action Month at the Urban Mission! Although every month our focus is on ending hunger in the Ohio Valley, September is packed full of opportunities to do just that.

This September, I encourage you to participate in one or more of the activities we have scheduled throughout the month to raise awareness for food insecurity. Included in this newsletter are 30 ways you can help end hunger this September as well as an invitation to The Longest Table.

Below are some additional highlights for the month to come:



Join us in **wearing orange** in an effort to bring awareness to hunger issues in our community. T-shirts are available on [urbanmission.org](http://urbanmission.org) or by calling 740.282.8010.



On Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, join us at the Big Red vs. Boardman football game as we collect canned goods and donations to raise awareness for hunger and help support the Urban Mission.



During the week of **September 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>**, we invite you to participate in the **SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) Challenge** as we attempt to eat nutritiously on \$4.14 per day. For more information, please visit [www.urbanmission.org](http://www.urbanmission.org)



On **Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**, we invite you to participate in **The Longest Table**, an outdoor dining experience held in downtown Steubenville. This event will bring together members of the community to share a meal made up of fresh, local foods and fight hunger at the same time. Tickets to this event cost \$30, with discounted rates for students and groups. (Please see inside for more information.) Volunteer opportunities are also available.

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P.S. This year's menu for *The Longest Table* will include BBQ chicken, beef, baked & sweet potatoes, green beans, macaroni & cheese, cornbread, coleslaw & desserts – all locally sourced and prepared! Please join us!

## Back to School, Urban Mission style

School is back in session, and while many parents can be found rejoicing, the Urban Mission is also rejoicing for a successful (and rain-free) Back to School Bash!

A little more than 1,000 students joined us on August 17th for our Annual Back to School Bash. From 10am to 2pm North Street was filled with sunshine, music, food, games, and plenty of smiling faces.

Over 20 community agencies, 50 volunteers, Steubenville City Schools, Steubenville Fire Dept and many community supporters partnered with us to send area students back to school in style.



We are grateful to the Big Red Marching Band, DJ Anthony Feaster, and the Ohio Valley Youth Network for providing amazing performances and entertainment throughout the day.

We appreciate the partnerships we share with organizations such as United Way, AEP, and Noah's Warriors who stepped up to make sure students had new shoes and toiletry kits for the school year.

We are thankful to our volunteer team at our Clothes Closet who brought the closet "outside" to offer gently used clothing items to students in need.

Once again, Promedica Healthcare and United Healthcare served as our lead sponsors, with United Healthcare providing more than 1,300 hot dogs prepared by our Unity Kitchen staff and volunteers.

The Back to School Bash would not have been possible without your support and the support of local churches, businesses, individuals and organizations who so generously gave of their time and resources.

Special thanks to Ms. Cynthia Lytle for organizing the event and Kelly Jeffers for organizing an amazing team of volunteers who helped make this event run so smoothly.

We are blessed to be in a community that cares for their students in such a tremendous way! Thank you for your support of the 2017 Back to School Bash.



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## 30 ways to end hunger in September

1. Start **collecting your spare change**. At the end of the month donate to a pantry near you.
2. **Share this list** with friends, coworkers and family.
3. Grocery shopping for the weekend? Say "yes" and **round up your change at Kroger**.
4. **Labor Day**: Invite your BBQ guests to bring a canned good or two to donate to a local food pantry.
5. **Be a Food Rescue Hero!** Donate your leftover Labor Day food to the Urban Mission Unity Kitchen.
6. **Hunger Action Day!** Wear orange and show your support for hunger relief efforts.
7. **\$13 THURSDAY!** Donate \$13 to the Urban Mission to feed a family for the month.
8. **"Like" the Urban Mission on Facebook.**
9. Find out more about the feeding programs supported by your local **United Way** by calling **211**.
10. Talk with your church or organization about inviting a speaker from the **Urban Mission**.
11. **Schedule a time to volunteer at the Urban Mission Unity Kitchen.** Call 740.282.8010 for more info.
12. Watch the documentary about hunger in America, **"A Place At the Table."**
13. **Contact your elected officials and advocate** for accessible food options in your community.
14. **Pack Your Lunch today** (and every Thursday!) Donate your savings to fight hunger.
15. Bring a canned food item or a donation to the **Big Red/Boardman football game** and "kick it" to hunger
16. **Sport your ORANGE** on Saturday to show your support for Hunger Action Month.
17. Do you have your tickets for **THE LONGEST TABLE** yet? For tickets, call 740.282.8010.
18. Participate in the **SNAP Challenge**. To learn how, visit [urbanmission.org](https://urbanmission.org).
19. **Texting Tuesday** – Text a hunger fact to your family and friends. Or give by text!
20. **Wear ORANGE Wednesday** to show your support for Hunger Action Month.
21. **Support your local farmer's market or grow your own food!**
22. **Experience hunger for a day.** Share about your experience with a friend or online.
23. **Save your plastic shopping bags** and donate them to a food pantry or soup kitchen.
24. **Attend THE LONGEST TABLE** – a community meal to help fight hunger at 1pm at the Urban Mission.
25. Write a **letter to your local newspaper editor** about hunger in the Ohio Valley.
26. **Cook dinner at home.** Set an empty plate at the table to remind your family about others facing hunger.
27. Tell us how **you plan to continue to end hunger.**
28. **THOUGHTFUL THURSDAY:** Thank someone for their hard work in fighting hunger.
29. How did you take action this month? **Tweet us your favorite "helpie" pic to @urbanmissioninc.**
30. How much **spare change** have you collected since the 1st? Donate it today!

## Welcome Rick, our new Warehouse Supervisor!



We are excited to introduce you to our new Warehouse Supervisor, Rick Patterson. As Rick shared with us, he has long had a passion for the work of God at the Urban Mission.

His hope is to serve the people who come through our doors with compassion, dignity and above all else, with the good news of God's love for them. Welcome Rick! We're excited to have you on the team!

## Welcome Eric, our newest social work intern!



Eric is a senior social work major and biology minor at Franciscan University. He is excited to join Urban Mission as his first field placement and get his feet wet in the social work profession.

Hailing from a small town in Nebraska, Eric looks forward to coming to a greater understanding of the local culture and traditions of the tristate area. He is eager to gain experience and discover what he has to offer the Steubenville community.

## Generosity abounds at the Clothes Closet!

On behalf of our staff and volunteers, we would like to thank you for your donations to our Clothes Closet. Since its inception, we have had more than 1,000 visits! It is because of your generosity, that our Clothes Closet has been a tremendous success.

As summer comes to a close, our preparations for the fall and winter seasons begin. In order to host our annual Coat Distribution in October and our annual Toy Distribution in December, we are doing some restructuring of our space.



At this time we ask that you bear with us as we take a pause on our clothing and household donations.

Although we will not be taking clothes, we will begin accepting donations of winter coats, hats, gloves and blankets of all sizes.

Coat donations can be dropped off at the Warehouse, 311 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street or our Main Office at 301 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street from now until October 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Need a winter coat? Stop by October 24, 25 or 26 and receive one free of charge!**

## Thanksgiving Helpers

Each year, we issue a challenge to the community to help us collect items for our holiday food bags. The item of the month is **vanilla cake frosting**.

We are hoping to have as many items as possible stocked on the Pantry shelves by October 31.

**Volunteers are also needed for the Thanksgiving Distributions.** Our families will be coming in on the dates listed below to "shop" for their Thanksgiving dinner items:

**A – E November 1 & 2**  
**F – L November 7, 8 & 9**  
**M – R & S – Z November 14, 15, & 16**

For more information about the Thanksgiving challenge or to volunteer, please contact Linda Costello at 740.282.2911.

## Operation Teen Stockings

Each year, through our Christmas Programs, we assist over 1,400 families registered in our food program. Children ages 12 and under receive toys and teens 13-18 years of age receive a Christmas stocking. We are in need of a total of 370 stockings this year.



❓ **How can I help with Operation Teen Stocking?** Fill a stocking or gift bag with items for a boy or girl.

❓ **What items can be included?** Suggested items include shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrush, lotion, body wash, hair brush/comb, razors, shave cream, mini-grooming kit, bubble bath, make-up/brushes, nail polish/manicure kit, jewelry, snacks & candy, gift cards, etc.

❓ **Can I just bring the items in without a stocking?** *Absolutely!* We will have elves ready to put stockings together for you.

❓ **Where do I take stocking items?** Stockings can be delivered to the Church at 301 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street or the Warehouse at 311 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street at any time. Items are asked to be delivered by December 7, 2017.

## Calling all Elves

**Santa's Elves (volunteers) are needed.** We will be setting up the "Christmas Shoppe" at our War Memorial Building, 423 North Street, beginning the last week in November.



Elves can choose from a variety of tasks throughout December including sorting and organizing toys, decorating, wrapping gifts and helping parents shop.

If you'd like to lend a hand in set up or helping parents shop, we'd love to have you! Please call Linda at 740.282.2911 for more information.

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3	4 Offices Closed for Labor Day	5 Food Pick-up Group A-E 8:00am-2:30pm Clothes Closet 10am-2pm Unity Kitchen open 12-1pm	6 Food Pick-up Group A-E 8:00am-2:30pm Unity Kitchen open 12-1pm Wear ORANGE for Hunger Action Day!	7 Food Pick-up Group A-E 8:00am-2:30pm	8	9 Mission Rejoice 5pm
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17	18 Unity Kitchen open 12-1pm	19 Food Pick-up Group M-R 8:00am-2:30pm Clothes Closet 10am-2pm Unity Kitchen open 12-1pm	20 Food Pick-up Group M-R 8:00am-2:30pm Unity Kitchen open 12-1pm WEAR ORANGE WEDNESDAY!	21 Food Pick-up Group M-R 8:00am-2:30pm	22	23 Mission Rejoice 5pm
24 The Longest Table 1pm	25 Unity Kitchen open 12-1pm	26 Food Pick-up Group S-Z 8:00am-2:30pm Unity Kitchen open 12-1pm CSFP Senior Food Distribution 1pm	27 Food Pick-up Group S-Z 8:00am-2:30pm Unity Kitchen open 12-1pm	28 Food Pick-up Group S-Z 8:00am-2:30pm Newsletter Folding -9am Board Meeting 5pm	29	30 Mission Rejoice 5pm

Participate in the SNAP CHALLENGE  
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