

# MCSA NEWS



## Monthly Newsletter



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## We Are Thankful!

The team at MCSA is always appreciative of the wonderful community we are in, but this month we have been practicing extra gratitude. Throughout November, we were reminded of how thoughtful our community is. With the help of a local group and Hy-Vee, we were able to distribute 250 turkeys so that families in our community could have a nice Thanksgiving dinner together. Cub Scouts from pack 700 kindly hosted a supply drive for our shelter. Muscatine Power & Water came together for a jean day fundraiser for our Domestic Violence Shelter. It gives us so much joy to see community members working to assist those around them, and we are grateful to see it all happen!

## Food Pantry

Bimbo Bakeries and Hy-Vee partnered to donate 100 loaves of fresh bread to our Food Pantry, which has had almost 12,000 visits this year. Our pantry is "full choice" meaning that consumers have a choice in the food they receive. Using USDA standards, our Food Pantry has provided over 36,000 meals this year to those in need in Muscatine County. We are proud to provide healthy options and limit food waste!



# Hunger & Homeless Awareness Week

November 16th-24th 2019 was the annual Hunger & Homeless Awareness Week, a national movement to end hunger and homelessness. During this week, everyone is challenged to learn more about how hunger and homelessness is impacting their community. Everyone is also challenged to brainstorm ways that we can come together and help solve these issues.


According to the U.S. Census Bureau, over 326,000 Iowans are living in poverty. Additionally, 10.5% of Iowans are food insecure, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. At MCSA, we strive to be a resource for those in Muscatine County who might find themselves within these numbers. We also strive to work with others to talk about ways we can better serve clients, and ways we can end hunger and homelessness.

Our building is staffed 24/7 for those with questions, and anyone is welcome to stop in and learn more about what we do!

## SUPPORT OUR MISSION



**2019 MCSA GIVING GUIDE**



- 1 Select a donation amount on behalf of yourself or your loved ones.
- 2 If you request, we will send you a certificate for each item purchased, allowing you to let your loved ones know you donated to MCSA on their behalf.
- 3 Celebrate knowing you are giving a hand up to those in need in our community.

Choose gifts that give back from the selection below.

## YOUR GIFT IN ACTION




**\$750**

HELP STOCK OUR FOOD PANTRY



**\$200**

PROVIDE SUPPLIES FOR A FAMILY OR INDIVIDUAL LEAVING THE SHELTER



**\$1,500**

ADOPT-A-DAY AT OUR SHELTER

# Letter-A-Thon

It is that time of year! MCSA has kicked off our last large-scale fundraising campaign of the year, Letter-A-Thon.

Letter-A-Thon helps us keep the doors open, and assist guests on their journey toward self-sufficiency. With ongoing support from the community, we will be able to continue to be a resource.

Thanks to our lovely postal workers, letters have been mailed out. This year, we have also made changes to offer an online component for those who prefer to pass on the paper. Please visit [mcsaiowa.org/LAT](http://mcsaiowa.org/LAT) if you'd like to learn more.

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