

MCSA NEWS



Monthly Newsletter



Fireworks 2019

We are approaching the kickoff of our Fireworks Fundraiser! For the 3rd year in a row, MCSA will set up and staff, with the help of over 100 volunteers, a tent from Bellino Fireworks in the parking lot of the 2nd Ave. Hy-Vee. Last year, we received over **\$14,000** in proceeds! This cannot happen without volunteers, a handful of incredible people are pictured above.

Volunteers help sell product, staff the tent, and more. To be involved in this unique opportunity, contact Jenny Leirness at 563-264-3278. Watch for our tent the 3rd week of June!

Recent Awards

Grant funds propel MCSA forward while we fulfill our mission of helping people in need in Muscatine County. Recently, we were awarded \$5,000 from the Community Foundation to renovate the Men's Shelter bathroom. Additionally, we were granted \$10,000 from the Bayer Foundation to update and enhance our Food Pantry! Our team cannot wait to get started on these exciting projects and provide even better service to our guests and clients.

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Recognition of big hearts and kind deeds is important to us, and we want to recognize Mr. Charles Harper and the team at Harper's Cycling & Fitness! Mr. Harper and his team accept donations of bicycles that need some fixing up, take the time and supplies to breathe new life into the bikes, and donate them to MCSA. This act of kindness allows our guests to get around town, to and from work or school, and get some exercise. We are so incredibly thankful!

Food Pantry

Over the past few months, our Food Pantry program has been improving the design, flow, and organization process, and we are proud of the progress! Starting Tuesday, June 4th the **hours of operation will change to 10 AM - 12 PM**, days of operation will remain Tuesday and Thursday.

Additionally, new wall partitions went in to give a more defined area for the Pantry, and this change has helped direct the flow of people.

Via the recent Stamp Out Hunger collection, MCSA was grateful to receive food to supplement the Pantry and keep shelves stocked for the community. MCSA is also utilizing a texting service to alert the community to extra food available at MCSA on a first come, first served basis. To sign up for alerts, text **@mcsafood to 81010**.



Franklin's Fantastic 4th Graders

These wonderful students came together to host a bake sale with proceeds benefiting MCSA and our programs, and they were very successful! They brought in **over \$400** and were very excited to present us with a check. We gave them a tour of our building, and they were overflowing with thoughtful questions and comments. Thank you Franklin 4th graders and staff!