

The Milwaukee Outreach Center



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Volunteers Make a Difference

A few years ago a fisherman and his son were lost in a storm off the coast of Norway. They fought to keep themselves from going under. At precisely the same time the fisherman's house caught fire. The house and everything in it were lost in flames.

When the two fishermen miraculously arrived at the pier, they were met by a weeping wife and mother. When she told them of the house and belongings being lost in the fire, the father laughed. This upset the mother and he then explained that while he and their son struggled for their lives, they saw a faint light in the distance and headed toward that light.

He added, "The light that brought us to safety must have been our burning house. We were saved by our own loss."

There is something pure inside of us that wants to go through life without being touched by hardship or adversity. And yet we know this isn't possible. It is during hard times that we appreciate people who are gracious and kind. This is why our volunteers are so important in the life and ministry of The Milwaukee Outreach Center.

Milwaukee has more than its share of challenges.

As an example:

	Milwaukee	State of WI	National Rate
Children living in poverty	32%	11%	17%
Children living in single-parent families	52%	23%	26%
Children living in families where no parent has full-time, year-round employment	50%	24%	32%
Children living with a head of household who is a high school dropout	32%	13%	20%



Rod Denetz invites people to respond to the Gospel during the Monday Bread Ministry. He is part of a group of volunteers who comes from West Layton Assembly of God.

As a volunteer, you can make a difference in our city. Please see inside how you and your church can reach others for Christ and bring lasting change into their lives.

Volunteers Are Needed

The Milwaukee Outreach Center (TMOC) is a catalyst in uniting churches and individuals to reach out to those in need of physical and spiritual help. Our programs and services bring lasting change through the life and teachings of Jesus. This is possible because of our many supporters and active volunteers. Would you prayerfully consider volunteering for one of our events or programs?

If you would like to volunteer for any of these events or programs, brochures and information are available by:

1. Calling TMOC at 414.385.2233
2. Returning "Count On Me" in this newsletter
3. Visiting our website at www.tmoc.org

EVENTS

Walk-A-Thon • May 21, 2005

Join us for a two-mile scenic walk in Milwaukee followed by a delicious picnic lunch. Our goal is love our city and raise awareness and support for the programs of TMOC.

What You Can Do:

1. Identify friends, co-workers, neighbors and businesses that will sponsor you.
2. Be one of the 20 walkers who will raise \$500 in pledges.
3. Be one of the 20 walkers who will raise \$250 in pledges.
4. Walk the Walk-A-Thon.

Pledge forms are available. Contributions are tax deductible. Commemorative T-shirts are given to all participants who raise \$50 and polo shirts for those who raise \$150.



Wisconsin Royal Rangers are one of the leading Walk-A-Thon groups.

Thanksgiving Celebration of Love November 24, 2005

Last year we had over 350 volunteers serving 2,100 Thanksgiving dinners.

What You Can Do:

1. Volunteer as a table host, table server, kitchen server, prayer counselor, musician, or clean-up crew member.
2. Cover one or two shifts for this event.
3. Sign up early. Watch October newsletter for early registration.



Volunteers from Thanksgiving 2003.

Golf Scramble August 24, 2005

The Evergreen Golf Course is one of the top rated public courses in southern Wisconsin. Located in Elkhorn (40 miles southwest of Milwaukee), it features 27 championship holes that are located on scenic rolling terrain. It offers a challenge and fun experience for all skill levels.

What You Can Do:

1. Find four serious (or not so serious) golfers. Sign up early.
2. Sponsor a foursome for \$400 which includes 18 holes of golf and a cart.
3. Have your organization, business or vendor sponsor a hole with corporate logo for \$150.
4. Be a coordinator for prizes and awards.

This is a shotgun start followed by a deluxe cookout and prizes.

Christmas Shoppers 'n Wrappers December 5-9, 2005

Each year we match specific gifts for families who need a boost or encouragement at Christmas.

What You Can Do:

1. Volunteer as a shopper for specific sizes and gifts.
2. Come and wrap gifts.
3. Help deliver gifts to various locations.

Easter Celebration of Love • April 8, 2006

This event is conducted the day before Palm Sunday and presents the last days of Jesus. This is followed by an Easter dinner.

What You Can Do:

1. Volunteer as a table host, table server, kitchen server, prayer counselor, musician, or clean-up crew member.
2. Be part of the drama team.
3. Volunteer for the whole event (10:00 – 1:00 PM).



2004 Foursome from Gold Key Mortgage.

Count On Me!

Today I'm enclosing:

My monthly commitment of \$_____

A Special offering for \$_____



Please send me information about:

Phoenix Life Skills Program
(April 18 - 22)

Walk-A-Thon (May 24)

Golf Scramble (August 24)

Other _____



Students from Ambassadors in Missions are some of the many volunteers who come to TMOC from around the nation.

PROGRAMS

Phoenix Life Skills

This is a free 40 hour course that explores passion, mission and priorities for success in life and in the workplace. This is offered eight times throughout the year.

What You Can Do:

1. Be a speaker at one of the sessions. In 30 minutes share your relationship with Christ and how this faith is lived out in your home and job.
2. Be a mentor in the Phoenix Equal Energy program. This involves meeting a mentee once a week for 12 weeks for one hour.

After-School Character Development

The 40 Development Assets is a nation-wide character development movement. TMOC offers training in using a Bible and arts curriculum for teaching the Developmental Assets to children and youth.

What You Can Do:

1. Sign up for the two-evening training session to reach children and youth.
2. Volunteer one or two afternoons a week for 20 weeks in one of our after-school sites.
3. Be a Bible teacher or arts instructor.
4. Begin a Character Development program for your school or church.

Youth Service Projects

Youth groups always enjoy coming to The Milwaukee Outreach Center for service projects and distribution of invitations to events.

What You Can Do:

1. Contact TMOC for a service project.
2. Announce ahead of time the date to your youth group.
3. Come prepared to serve and enjoy a great time.



Phoenix Work Adjustment

This program provides training for consistent work habits and supervision of contract work.



Josh Lange completes a series of punches in the Phoenix Work Adjustment area.

What You Can Do:

1. Business people and employers are needed to speak about expectations in the workplace.
2. Companies that outsource product packing and light assembly are needed for contract work.
3. Help us establish relationships with employers for placement of graduates from this program.

Monday Bread Ministry

This is a weekly opportunity for churches, youth groups (in the summer) and senior groups to present the Gospel and distribute free bread and bakery items to neighbors and friends of TMOC.

What You Can Do:

1. Commit to the same Monday each month for your group to conduct the bread ministry.
2. Bring 6-10 people to conduct this program (10:00-12:30 PM).
3. Make a clear presentation of the Gospel and provide opportunities for prayer and counseling.
4. Distribute the bread and bakery items in an orderly manner.



Jerry Mestnick leads the charge in picking up and bringing the main supply of bread to The Milwaukee Outreach Center.

Jessica Krueger and others from Frontline Student Ministries at Brookfield Assembly of God helped out at TMOC on February 20, 2005.

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Executive Director

Executive Director's Update

Today as I am writing this piece I am surrounded by volunteers. These are wonderful people who serve the Lord by giving freely of their time, talents, and treasure. Each year I and the staff of The Milwaukee Outreach Center interact with over 1,000 volunteers who give over 3,000 hours of service annually. This is truly amazing! As busy as our lives

become, many still desire to do more to model the life of Jesus Christ to those who need it.

The Milwaukee Outreach Center is really the ministry of all of you who so generously support us with your prayers, gifts and time. We have volunteers from all walks of life that do all sorts of jobs. Let me give you an example. Fourteen years ago, Jerry and Louise Mestnick volunteered to cook the food and run the kitchen for our Thanksgiving dinner outreach. Through the years they have helped prepare and serve over 40,000 meals for our outreach events and our Phoenix classes. Even in their retirement, they continue to serve God faithfully here at TMOC and at their church.

In February we had two youth groups consisting of over 50 students that cleaned, reorganized and prepared our building for the new owners. As you read through the newsletter (I know most people read my article last) we have highlighted ways you can be a volunteer. From participation in events such as our Walk-A-Thon or Golf Scramble to our evangelistic bread ministry

to office and cleaning help, volunteers are the life blood of this ministry. They are tangible expressions of Christ's work in our lives. Outside of TMOC, each member of our staff volunteers many hours at our respective churches and through community activities. Serving is our expression of gratitude to our Savior for He calls us to be servants and we can testify to the great blessing we each receive by following His example.

I invite you to get involved with us! If you would like to serve in an area that isn't mentioned, let us know. We always desire to put your gifts to work for God's glory!



Jack Ronzio (front row, second from left) is one of the many faithful volunteers at The Milwaukee Outreach Center. This group of volunteers is from our Thanksgiving Celebration of Love.