

Community Assistance Opportunities

As our traditional ways of serving our community change during our nation's response to the COVID-19 virus, we want to surprise Missoula with Christ's astonishing love more than ever.

We have a long history of working with the **Missoula Food Bank** building empower packs, resizing bulk food to empower pack size packets and assisting with a national grant from Presbyterian Women. Find current ways you can assist the Food Bank on their website:

<https://www.missoulafoodbank.org/volunteer/be-a-part-of-our-team/>

In the interest of public health and safety, the Clark Fork Coalition will not be holding its River Cleanup, scheduled for Saturday, April 18. Watch their website for a potential alternative river cleanup opportunity in the coming weeks. In the meantime, if you choose to hike one of our trails or walk along the river, take a bag with you to pick up trash as you see it. Every little bit helps – it doesn't need to be a big organized event to make a difference.

<https://clarkfork.org/our-work/what-we-do/engage-our-communities/community-events/annual-river-clean-up/>

Want to go out and help someone? **Imagine Missoula** is a local non-profit where the community gets involved helping one another.

<http://www.imaginemissoula.org/>

Write letters, create cards or send postcards to senior citizens living in elder care facilities who have had to self-isolate during the crisis, or other shut-ins. We have a relationship with Flor Haven, so perhaps sending a note to a resident there could cheer up their day. You can also send correspondence to our deployed troops.

Flor-Haven
Any Resident
433 S 3rd St West
Missoula, MT 59801

<https://supportourtroops.org/cards-letters>

Donate blood.

With [blood drives being canceled](#) and the American Red Cross facing a severe shortage of supply, donations from healthy individuals are needed now more than ever. [Make an appointment online](#) or call 1-800-RED-CROSS to find a local donation site.

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/local-homepage/location/missoula-american-red-cross.html>

Tech Hub – Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to staff this space! If you are healthy and low-risk, please consider signing up for a shift or referring to friends and family who are able. The shifts are Monday-Thursday, 10-11:30am. Here is our Sign Up Genius page: [Sign Up Genius](#) and our Volunteer Missoula page: [Volunteer Missoula](#).

Not able to go out and volunteer? We are currently collecting masks to donate to the Poverello Center and the Hope Rescue Mission who are doing outreach at the homeless encampments. They are in huge need of masks for their staff and clients. Let us know if you are interested and available to make masks or know of other individuals and groups making them!

Please reach out if you have any questions, comments or ideas! We hope everyone is well, and we appreciate all your help and support! MIC's Amazing BSW Practicum Student, Katie Galang, is coordinating the effort. Reach out to her kategalang834@gmail.com or (406) 285-1795 with any questions.

Home Deliveries for Food Bank

The Food Bank is aware of community needs for more drivers for home deliveries. They have partnered with Broad Based Organizing Community to coordinate deliveries to folks who are home bound, and that number has increased significantly. All pick ups happen at the food bank, but the BBOC coordinates drivers. This is the application they require:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdUhQpRGFD0LQdLUk-daFUL0HP2dCNzbl1zSdE0NPEq7_SyA/viewform

Helping Hands Donations

Our Helping Hands fund is running low and as you can imagine, the demands on the fund is greater than normal. Not only does it assist people who need a tank of gas or help with a utility bill, it also helps our Hogan House guests - of which we have a new family this week. A single Mom with two teenagers and a newborn. To help Helping Hands please designate your gift through an on-line donation on our website or by check with Helping Hands annotated in the memo block.