



**ST. JOHN'S MERCY
NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRY**

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Neighborhood NEWS

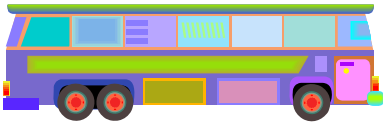
April 2009

Staff:

- Sharon Neumeister, RN
Director
- Cheryl Persons
Outreach Coordinator
- Terri Durst
Outreach & Administrative Assistant
- Sr. Marilyn Wittenauer, RSM
Volunteer
- Lauren Gulley
Gateway Vincentian Volunteer

- **Ministry Tour**
- **Former Prisoners Perform at the Pulitzer**
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*Mission:
St. John's Mercy Neighborhood Ministry, a department of St. John's Mercy Health Care, connects the economically underserved with appropriate health and social service resources. In partnership with community organizations, we improve access to care and quality of life for those in need.*



MINISTRY TOUR

April is "Volunteer Month" and Neighborhood Ministry Staff will be visiting numerous Mercy sites this month to acknowledge our wonderful coworkers who volunteer with us in the community and to promote upcoming opportunities.

Dates & Locations; Times 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.:

Tue, April 14 – Maryville Centre
Thu, April 16 – MISD Sunset Hills

Thu, April 23 – SJMMC
Tue, April 28 – Rehab Hospital

Stop by our table to:

- ☺ Meet the staff
- ☺ Discover ways your department can support the Neighborhood Ministry
- ☺ Learn about community volunteer service opportunities offered by the following St. John's Mercy departments and programs:
 - Neighborhood Ministry
 - Volunteer Services
 - Auxiliary
 - Healing Environment
- ☺ Sign-up in the "Mercy Gives Back" database and be one of the first to receive notices of new opportunities
- ☺ Sign-up to volunteer at one of the upcoming community events
- ☺ Pick up a schedule of upcoming dates of opportunities in the community



"It is for God we serve the poor, and not for thanks."

--Catherine McAuley



FORMER PRISONERS PERFORM AT THE PULITZER

Would you like to experience some of the men and women whom you may have served and chatted with while volunteering for the homeless in a totally different environment - one in which they get to exhibit their gifts and talents - which many of them didn't even realize they possessed?

Staging Old Masters presents short theatrical pieces, written and performed by former prisoners, about the artworks that inspire them in the *Pulitzer's Old Masters'* current exhibition at the **Pulitzer Museum**. Throughout a six-week class students studied movement, voice and diction, writing and other skills, while also enrolled in employment and life skills classes at Employment Connection. This culminates in the creation and performance of short theatre pieces based on the students' interaction with the artworks.

Sr. Marilyn Wittenauer, volunteer at the Neighborhood Ministry, attended a performance and was so moved by the exhibit that she thought, in light of our Mercy volunteer experiences, coworkers would appreciate knowing about it as well.

Performances are free and open to the public. Tickets are required because the number of people at each performance is limited. (The audience moves with the actors among the paintings.)

Every Saturday - April 4 through May 2, at 6:30 pm and 7:30 pm

Every Sunday - April 5 through May 3, at 1:30 pm and 2:30 pm

For additional information visit their website: www.stagingoldmasters.pulitzerarts.org or call Sr. Marilyn at St. John's Mercy Neighborhood Ministry 314-865-0927 x6.

Pulitzer Museum, 3716 Washington Ave. (between Grand and Spring), St. Louis, MO 63108
Phone: 314-754-1850, Fax: 314-754-1851, <http://pulitzerarts.org>



DONATIONS & DRIVES

St. John's Mercy Neighborhood Ministry is blessed to have coworkers who directly and indirectly help us carry out our mission through Department Donations & Drives, as well as the help of outside organizations occasionally. This allows us to assist agencies in the community fill unmet needs.

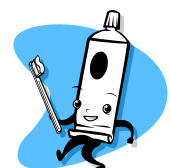


Examples of fundraising may include *Dress Down Days & Chili Cook-Offs*. Collections and Drives are centered around items that are always in demand, such as Diapers, Healthy Food, Personal Care Items, Cleaning Products, Socks, Feminine Hygiene Products, and Children and Adult Over-the-Counter Medicines, or seasonal items, such as School Supplies or Halloween Costumes.

THANK YOU to these departments/groups who participated in Donations & Drives for the Ministry during the months of March & April:

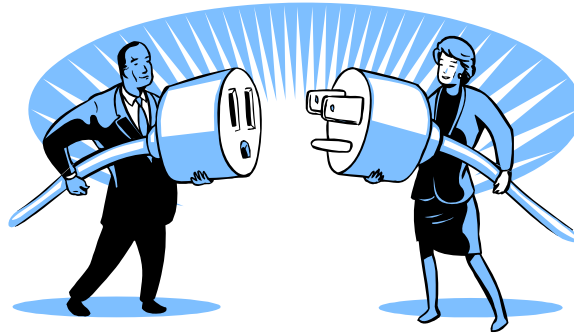


MISD
Sacred Heart Valley Park – Girl Scout Troup #202,
Marian Award



GET CONNECTED!

www.stjohnsmercy.org/services/neighborhoodministry



Plug into the **ST. JOHN’S MERCY NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRY WEBSITE**

www.stjohnsmercy.org/services/neighborhoodministry

where you’ll find:

- Community Health & Social Service Resources
- Co-worker Outreach Activities
- Health Topic Bulletin Boards
- Neighborhood Ministry News
- And MORE!!

You’re only a click away from finding valuable resources for patients and Mercy co-workers in need, and department activities.

Health & Social Service Resource Lists

- Health Clinics – medical, dental and vision – for the uninsured and underinsured
- Prescription Assistance
- Transportation
- Food Pantries & Meal Programs
- Utility & Rent Assistance
- Training & Employment Agencies

Health Topics Bulletin Board Flyers

- Ready to Print & Post informative flyers on Alcohol, Breast Cancer, Diabetes, Nutrition and more!

Co-worker Community Service Activities

- Volunteer Community Service opportunities
- Department Collections – Items are shared with those most in need in our community.

Personal Care Items	Food
Cleaning Supplies	Diapers
New White Socks	“Reader” Glasses
Money for utility/rent assistance	
AND MORE!	

News

- Find current events/resources (i.e. FREE tax assistance)
- Read what the Ministry has been doing in the community

www.stjohnsmercy.org/services/neighborhoodministry

UPCOMING MINISTRY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

SERVE DINNER TO THE HOMELESS

St. Vincent's Church
 1410 S. 10th St. (at Park)
 St. Louis, MO 63104
www.stvstl.org
 4:15 – 6:30 p.m.
 10 – 15 co-workers needed to serve dinner

March 30	July 22
April 1	August 24
April 22	September 28
June 1	October 26
June 29	December 1
	December 29



SPEND TIME WITH AND SERVE DINNER TO HOMELESS MEN IN SHELTER



Peter & Paul Community Services
 Emergency Men's Shelter
 711 Allen
 St. Louis, MO 63104
www.ppcsinc.org
 6:15 – 8:30 p.m.

March 24	August 18
April 28	September 23
May 13	October 22
June 23	November 17
July 29	December 16

5-6 co-workers needed to spend 1 on 1 time talking with the men and serve dinner.

SERVE LUNCH TO THE HOMELESS

Centenary Cares Outreach
 Centenary United Methodist Church
 1610 Olive
 St. Louis, MO 63103
www.centenarystl.org
 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
 2 – 3 co-workers needed to help prepare, serve and clean up lunch



2nd Friday of the month (except April)

March 13	August 14
May 8	September 11
June 12	October 9
July 10	November 13
	December 11

PREPARE/PACKAGE MEALS FOR PERSONS WITH HIV/AIDS OR CANCER

Food Outreach, Inc.
 3117 Olive St.
 St. Louis, MO 63103
www.foodoutreach.org



Cook & Pack
 June 20
 August 8
 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.
 10 co-workers needed to assist with food preparation, cooking, and packaging home-cooked meals for persons living with HIV/AIDS or Cancer.



Food Distribution
 May 16
 July 18
 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
 5 co-workers needed to fill food orders at our on-site "grocery store" for persons living with HIV/AIDS or Cancer.

**CALL THE NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRY TO SIGN-UP FOR ANY OF THESE OPPORTUNITIES.
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