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**SENDING HOPE AND EMPOWERMENT AROUND THE WORLD AND AROUND THE CORNER**

## Sleeping Mat Stories of Hope and Connection

The Sleeping Mat Project is a fantastic way to reuse plastic bags, keep them from littering our environment, and give people without a bed a healthier sleep.

Sleeping Mats are made out of "plarn," plastic yarn made from grocery bags, using a Loom. The Sleeping Mats are great for those who need a barrier between them and the ground, and are distributed locally and internationally. They have been sent for disaster relief, the homeless, and those without a bed or mattress.

Putting a Loom in a common gathering place allows people to experience the joy that comes from serving while building community and engaging with one another — all while making a big impact.

### **The Merry Mat Makers, Sugar Grove UMC, Rushville, IL**

Sugar Grove United Methodist Church in Rushville has received three Looms from Midwest Mission to make Sleeping Mats.

So far, they have made 11 mats that they have blessed. And, they have coined the perfect name for themselves — the Merry Mat Makers!

The Merry Mat Makers have sent their 11 mats to the Salvation Army in Quincy to serve the homeless.



“We are still going strong, happy in our mission,” said Jo, one of the Merry Mat Makers. “Thanks for making this possible.”

### **Spreading Hope in The World *and* The Word About Midwest Mission, Hope UMC, Blue Earth, MN**

Hope UMC in Blue Earth, MN has been busy weaving! They have made six mats so

far, and are eager to continue, hoping to make two mats each month. So far, they have had 12 people from the congregation participate in the activity.

They have been spreading hope in the world by making these mats to provide a more comfortable sleep for someone in an unfortunate situation.

Hope UMC has also been spreading the word! They were recently featured in a beautiful article by the Minnesota Conference.

Here is a quote from the article that articulates the joy it brings to the receiver and the crafter:

"The opportunity has particularly been embraced by older women in the church, some of whom used to knit, sew, or crochet but no longer have the dexterity to do so. Joining the weaving ministry has given many participants a newfound sense of purpose.

"For example, the mother of a man in the congregation had a stroke several years ago that greatly affected her mobility. The man asked the weaving group to show him how to assemble the loops of the plastic bags into two-loop strips that are later woven in. They did, and he in turn taught his mother—who has joyfully taken on that task ever since. Her happiness and sense of self-worth have both improved because she has a valuable new way to spend her time."

*(Christa Meland, Director of Communications, Minnesota Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church)*

You can read the article [here](#).

Thank you, both Sugar Grove UMC and Hope UMC, and all the other churches who participate in this great mission opportunity.

### **A Loom for Your Church**

You can build your own Loom using the building plans found online at [midwestmission.org/loom](http://midwestmission.org/loom), or, for a \$100 donation that will go toward material costs, we will provide you a ready-to-go Loom.

1. Visit [midwestmission.org/loom](http://midwestmission.org/loom) to read more about the Loom Project and watch how-to videos.
2. At the bottom of the page, fill out the Loom Request form.
3. Someone will reach out to you to coordinate pick-up and instructions.
4. Videos, instructions, and tips will be available.
5. Set up the Loom in a common area, and watch as people come together and fellowship while doing mission work.
6. Hand out the completed mats to local organizations, or bring the mats to Midwest Mission or a Permanent Collection Site near you.

**\*Please make sure you  
are looking for the correct  
sizes when shopping for  
Midwest Mission\***

**This is a photo of 86 lbs of shampoo and  
deodorant that recently had to be redirected**

because they weren't the right size... The store  
likes to trick you!  
Read more below.



Thank you, thank you, thank you. **Without your donations, we wouldn't have enough supplies to build our kits!** At Midwest Mission, we deeply care about meeting the needs of others, and we create our kits with the recipient in mind. This means that we get feedback from our partners about what and how much goes into each kit, and the way the kits are packaged. We also consider what is commonly available for you to purchase in stores.

For example, Personal Dignity Kits are limited to the size of the leakproof one-gallon bags we use to pack them. We want to send as much as we can within that limit so we have defined size ranges for each product the kit contains.

**Shampoo — 12-19 oz:** Shampoo is a big need for our recipients. 12 oz is enough for a generous gift, and 19 ounces is the maximum size that will fit in the bags. Make sure that the bottle contains *shampoo* — we do not use conditioner in our kit.

**Deodorant — 2-3 oz:** Deodorant can be tricky (because brands are tricky!). Many brands fill the same size packaging with less product. We want to send the most we can in every kit, so please check that each deodorant is 2-3 oz.

**Toothbrushes — sealed individual packages:** We keep toothbrushes in their original sealed packages when we build kits. Often, the individual toothbrushes are not sealed within a multi-pack. Please check before purchasing.

This picture is of hygiene items we have recently received that will not go into our Personal Dignity Kits. Don't worry - they will be "redirected" to a local organizations such as food pantries and shelters. We always find a good home for your generous donations.

**But, if you are buying items with the intention of sending them out as part of a kit, *please pay attention to the size and type.***

We are thankful for your generosity when you hear our calls for supplies, and quickly donate. We want to make sure your intentions are met with success. You want to maximize your impact around the world. We do too.

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\*Too see a full list of our kits and the sizes of items that go in them, click [here](#).\*

# PERMANENT COLLECTION SITE *News*

Midwest Mission has been blessed with volunteers across the Midwest who give of their time, energy and resources to assist us in carrying out God's mission to help those in need. Some of these volunteers use the facilities God has blessed them with to provide a donation collection point for needed supplies. These are our Permanent Collection Sites!

You can find their contact information at [www.midwestmission.org/permanent-collection-sites](http://www.midwestmission.org/permanent-collection-sites).

## What's Happening @ Permanent Collection Sites?

We would like to welcome our newest Permanent Collection Site added in September:

**St. Joseph First UMC, St. Joseph, MI.** We are so thankful to have you onboard!

We also want to share that Kelli Brewer, from our **Murdock, NE Trailer Site**, volunteered at Midwest Mission in Illinois with the Great Plains Conference UWF. Great work!

Howard Orndorff from **Nebraska City UMC, Nebraska City, NE** spent two weeks at Midwest Mission as a Volunteer Leader, making a difference by training others to serve. Your efforts are appreciated.

**Coal City UMC, Coal City, IL** delivered a trailer full of donations (sewing machines, walkers, canes, bicycles, Feminine Hygiene Kits and more). All much needed items. Thank you!

**Riverside UMC, Park Rapids, MN** is still going strong. Duane & Jennifer Gebhard coordinated to deliver more than seven sewing machines & medical supplies to our Illinois warehouse. Keep it coming!

We have added several new sites in 2023 and hope to add even more.

If your congregation is interested in becoming a Permanent Collection Site, please contact [Teresa@midwestmission.org](mailto:Teresa@midwestmission.org) for more information.

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## Prayers to Lift Up

Our prayer this week is one of thanks: We are thankful that God gives us all we need to serve one another. Even more so, we are thankful He is the bread of life — leaving us with everlasting hope for the future.

*"Then Jesus declared, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'"*

John 6:35

## Midwest Mission Weekly Projects Work of the Mission Volunteers

### Work Done

- 18 Desks built and polyurethaned
- 4 Bikes repaired
- 20 Sewing Machines repaired
  
- 90 Personal Dignity Kits
- 110 Student Kits
- 620 UMCOR Menstrual Hygiene Kit
  
- Counted items into inventory
- Rice Meal prep
- Cleaning

### Disbursements

- CICIM, Decatur, IL: Redirect furniture, wheelchair Value: \$2,756.00

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**Volunteers at Work**  
October 30 - November 3, 2023



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Brighton, IL

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Marshall UMC  
Marshall, MI



Lighthouse  
Rochester, IL

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## Packed-Full Container Heads to Guyana



On Wednesday, November 8, a truck rolled onto the Midwest Mission campus with an empty container that would soon be full of supplies for Guyana.

Guyana is a beautiful country, painted with waterfalls and rainforests, on the northern edge of South America's coast. Guyana has a population of just over 800,000, and is about the size of Idaho. But, it is one of the most impoverished countries in the West, with 35% of the population living below the poverty line.

The items we send help spread hope to people who are in desperate need, and will empower them to make a better life for themselves. Sometimes, people are simply lacking resources. If we can meet those needs, they have an even better opportunity to get out of poverty.

The container was packed-full (even the crib was filled!).

Included:

- 9,600 Rice Meal Bags
- 230 Feminine Hygiene Kits
- 160 Layette Kits
- 20 Cover Them With Love Quilts
- 4 Treadle sewing machines
- 73 Tarps
- 2 Home Care Beds
- 2 Mattresses
- 52 Electric sewing machines
- Medical supplies

Weight: 23,748 lbs

Value: \$174,607.50



## Second Round of Relief Sent to Maui

Back in August, we sent a container full of disaster relief supplies to Maui through our partner Convoy of Hope. This was instigated by devastating wildfires, a small spark that led to an incinerated historical town. (You can read more about this first shipment [here](#).)

The days and weeks after the fire were marked with mourning and weeping, searching for lost loved ones, and planning for what would happen next.

They needed help, and we were ready because of YOU.

After putting the call out, you responded. Within a couple of weeks, we raised over \$27,000 to support Maui in their disaster relief efforts. When we have a specific disaster fund, it is our promise that all of the money donated towards the fund will only go towards that disaster and replenishing supplies that were sent to the disaster.

We quickly sent the first shipment on August 28, once we connected with Convoy of Hope to find out how we could help.

But, there was still money left in the fund to send more supplies. So, we reached out to Convoy of Hope once again to find out what else was needed in Maui. They decided the need was rice — not our Rice Meal Bags, but solely rice.

We reached out to our rice distributor, and moved forward with purchasing **two full containers of rice which totals 77,200 lbs. WOW!**

The cost of this was **\$26,112**. Thanks to YOU we had the funds to cover this cost!

Together we are able to bless those who are grieving, and provide for people who are lacking the resources they need to survive in Lahaina, Maui.

## Iowa Ingathering was a Success!

Saturday, November 4 was this year's Iowa Ingathering. Five sites across Iowa welcome physical donations for Midwest Mission, and monetary donations for Midwest Mission and other organizations. We look forward to Iowa Ingathering every year. They are huge supporters of Midwest Mission, and the donations will keep us really busy for the next several months!

This year, we received over \$500,00 of support through monetary and in-kind supplies! Over 41,000 lbs of supplies were donated. Thank you Iowa Ingathering participants!



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**"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever."  
1 Corinthians 16:34**

## Midwest Mission Weekly Projects Work of the Mission Volunteers

### Work Done

- 1,610 Student Kits
- 14 Electric sewing machines
- Sleeping Mats
- Bikes

- Desks
- Counting into inventory
- Tracing patterns

#### Rice Meals

- 2,040 Rice Meals — O'Fallon 1st UMC, O'Fallon, IL
- 500 Student Kits, Messiah Church, Plymouth, MN
- 498 Rice Meals, Macomb Wesley UMC, Macomb, IL

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# November 6-10, 2023







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Chuck & Karen Porter  
Brighton, IL



Jane and Jeff Johnson  
Glen Carbon, IL

## Volunteer Teams



First UMC  
Algona, IA



Athens UMC  
Athens, IL





Janet and Greg Kuras  
Jackson, MI



Staves UMC  
Des Moines, IA



Monticello UMC  
Monticello, IL



Chase Family  
Springfield, IL



Quilting Friends  
Jacksonville, IL



Douglas Avenue UMC  
Springfield, IL

Not pictured:  
Carol Shipp and Jean Schneider — Springfield, IL  
Flora UMC — Flora, IL

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## Midwest Mission and UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief)

### Is Midwest Mission UMCOR?

**No, Midwest Mission is a separate 501©3 non-profit organization.** We are not run by the United Methodist Church or our annual conference. The Illinois Great Rivers Conference gave a \$100,000 grant to Midwest Mission in 1999 to get the project started. Midwest Mission has a covenant relationship with the Illinois Great Rivers Conference.

### How is Midwest Mission Funded?

**Midwest Mission is funded almost entirely by contributions from individuals or churches.** We receive a few grants here and there, but we receive no money from any form of government, corporations, or directly from the United Methodist Church. We have Advance Specials in some of the conferences of the North Central Jurisdiction. *When you give to UMCOR you are **not** giving to Midwest Mission* because we are separately funded organizations.

### Midwest Mission is a UMCOR Affiliate Warehouse. What does that mean?

Midwest Mission has committed to being a part of the United Methodist Relief Supply Network. There are eight warehouses in the relief supply network. UMCOR Sager Brown is the only warehouse owned, funded, and operated by UMCOR. We pledge to build, verify, collect, warehouse, and ship UMCOR kits at our own expense. The network works together in times of disaster to resource one another with kits if someone has had a substantial request that is larger than they can handle. If the Midwest floods and Midwest Mission gives out all our buckets, we can request buckets be sent from another warehouse. If a hurricane hits the coast and wipes out the supply of hygiene kits, Midwest Mission will be ready to send supplies to another warehouse to fill their need. Again, **at the expense of the requesting warehouse.**

We are stronger together — if one of us is down the others are there to help with supplies, but no money is exchanged. For example, during COVID, UMCOR Sager Brown closed in March of 2020 and didn't reopen until June 2023. During that time, they sent the supplies they had on hand to our location as we remained open and



continued to safely host volunteers to keep up with the increased demand around the world and domestically. When supplies were completed we would send them to their location or another location they deemed needed the inventory.

## When do UMCOR Kits get sent?

When a request is put in by a United Methodist Conference Disaster Relief Coordinator (CDRC) or by a stand-alone organization or non-profit entity. UMCOR kits are only sent within the U.S. and mostly in response to disasters.

## What are the UMCOR Kits?

In 2018, UMCOR went down to three kits: the Cleaning Kit (Flood Bucket), Hygiene Kit, and School Kit. But at the end of 2023, they did away with the School Kit due to a lack of requests during a disaster. They started making a disposable Feminine Hygiene Kit instead.

All other kits we talk about are [Midwest Mission Kits](#) that we distribute both nationally and internationally. These are completely separate from UMCOR.

## Who decides what is in an UMCOR kit?

UMCOR decides what is in their kits and often works in collaboration with Church World Services. The items in these kits do not change, and are not under our discretion.

## Should I give money to Midwest Mission or UMCOR in a disaster?

Outside of UMCOR Sunday, 100% of the funds given to UMCOR goes to the U.S. (Advance #901670) or International Disaster Relief (Advance #982450) Advance Fund. During international disasters, UMCOR sends relief in the form of monetary grants. UMCOR no longer ships supplies internationally because shipping can be expensive and not as immediate. Because of how UMCOR is set up, this is the best way for them to steward your donation.

However, Midwest Mission ships supplies both in the U.S. and internationally because we do not pay for shipping. We work with partners like Food for the Poor, Northstar Foundation, and U.S. Southern Command to receive information on the requested items needed for a disaster. Many times, these are items they are unable to find near the disaster site. Midwest Mission lets you know what the needed items are, and you can purchase them or send monetary donations for us to purchase products to be sent.

If you want to give *requested, needed* supplies in a disaster, Midwest Mission is your choice — whether you want to donate supplies or money. If you want to assist in sending monetary help to the disaster, then give funds to UMCOR.

**Midwest Mission will not open up funding for a specific disaster unless we know we are going to be servicing that disaster.** Every dollar donated to that disaster fund has to be spent towards that disaster. When you give to UMCOR during a disaster, it goes to the international or domestic disaster relief funds and not to the specific disaster. This way of funding, however, allows UMCOR to quickly release grant funds. For the scale at which UMCOR gives grants with such a small staff, this again is the most efficient for them.

We want to steward your resources well, and make sure you are given the proper information to give where you really want to give, so that we can all work together to

send hope and empowerment in times of crisis around the world and around the corner.

United Methodist Church Conference Advance Special Codes for Midwest Mission:  
East Ohio — 9944  
Illinois Great Rivers — 6620  
Indiana — C114  
Iowa — 676  
Minnesota — MMDC  
Northern Illinois — 50000150  
Wisconsin — 5979

## Honduras to Receive Supplies for Children's Homes



On Tuesday, November 14, we sent our 42nd shipment of the year, which was an Angels of Hope container heading to Honduras.

The Angels of Hope program is a program of Food For The Poor, where they serve children's homes in countries around the Caribbean and Latin America. Food For The Poor partners with existing children's homes that holistically care for the children they serve. The staff members are extensively trained to help the children grow educationally, socially, and emotionally.

In this shipment, we sent Home

Care Kits, Personal Dignity Kits, and disinfectant wipes.

You can watch the shipment video [here](#).



## GOD IS ON THE MOVE

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God is doing great things at Midwest Mission! We combined some of our most recent "God Moments" into a publication called "God is On the Move."

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- 1,180 Student Kits
- 14 Sewing Machines
- Sewing
- Build desks
- Polyurethane desks
- Make Sleeping Mats with Looms

- Count into inventory

#### Rice Meals

- 1,205 Rice Meals — Gibson City UMC, Gibson City, IL
- 4,000 Rice Meals — Midland First UMC, Midland, MI
- 1,989 Rice Meals — UIS, Springfield, IL

#### Disbursements

- **Urban Bicycle Food Ministries**, Des Moines, IA: 40 Sleeping Mats **Value: \$1,000.00**
- **Maryville and GlenEd Food Pantries**, Maryville, IL: Hygiene supplies **Value: \$132.00**
- **Academic and Career Education Academy**, midland, Mi: Hygiene and school supplies **Value: \$462.00**
- **Forrest Hill UMC Pantry**, Peoria, IL: 312 UMCOR Hygiene Kits and 400 UMCOR Menstrual Hygiene Kits **Value: \$9,992.00**

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Springfield First UMC Sewing Group  
Springfield, IL



Simpson Group  
Springfield, IL



Taylorville UMC  
Taylorville, IL



Union Reunion  
St. Louis, MO





**Grace UMC  
Ottumwa, IA**



**Grace UMC  
Jacksonville, IL**



**Wesley and Garver Brick  
Decatur, IL**



**St. Joseph UMC  
St. Joseph, IL**



**Calvary UMC  
Normal, IL**



**First UMC  
Altamont, IL**





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**SENDING HOPE AND EMPOWERMENT AROUND THE WORLD AND AROUND THE CORNER**

## International Shipment #43 Goes to Guatemala

On Tuesday, November 21, we sent out our 43rd international shipment of the year — this one to Guatemala.

As we were internally preparing for our Thanksgiving celebrations, and staff and volunteers alike talked about their holiday plans, there were moments of pure gratefulness. We have all been given immeasurable blessings, but one of the biggest is the blessing it is to bless others.

We have such a unique opportunity at Midwest Mission to share God's love in a *practical* way. Our brothers and sisters around the world will feel the love of Christ and feel the love the hands of volunteers have worked into the kits they receive.

Seasons like Thanksgiving really center us back on the work we get to do here — providing hope and empowerment to people around the world and around the corner.

This shipment is no different — it was packed full of resources that will change the lives of those who are the recipients. It included:

- 560 Student Kits
- 9,600 Rice Meal Bags
- 41 Electric sewing machines
- Medical supplies

Weight: 27,618 lbs

Value:\$190,385.65



Thank you for your investment in this ministry. Thank you for your time and resources. The impact of your generosity is felt deeply by those around the world who have been blessed by receiving needed supplies.

## Send the Gift of a Student Kit this Giving Tuesday

The holiday season is upon us which means it's a time to count your blessings! As you are doing that and preparing for your holidays, we invite you to also think about those who don't have as much. On this **Giving Tuesday**, November 28, Midwest Mission is partnering with the **U.S. Military Southern Command and Food For The Poor** to help students garner school supplies so they have the appropriate resources for learning.

### You can help!

On Giving Tuesday please donate to help us raise money for **4,260 Student Kits** that will be given to students in **68 schools in Cabullaconha, Peru** by the U.S. Southern Command and **5,600** to be sent for **pre-staging in nine countries** helped by our long-time partner, Food For The Poor.

Did you know that in times of disaster, a Student Kit can help distract a child from all the stress of the crisis? It's a gift with an incredibly positive impact!

Please, *prayerfully* consider donating on Giving Tuesday to **help a child** be better prepared for their educational experience and to help alleviate the stress of life situations that are out of their control.

Something as simple as a box of crayons, a notebook, and a pencil can bring confidence and hope to a young person!

## Every child deserves needed school supplies.

 \$7 MAKES 1 STUDENT KIT

 \$70 MAKES 1 BOX OF KITS

 \$980 MAKES A HALF PALLET OF KITS

 \$1,960 MAKES 1 PALLET OF KITS



Donate

God is doing great things at Midwest Mission! We combined some of our most recent "God Moments" into a publication called "God is On the Move."

Using the button below, you can download the stories and share with someone you know!



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# GOD IS ON THE MOVE

MIDWEST MISSION  
Sending Hope & Empowerment



## November Church Bulletin Insert

We offer monthly church bulletin inserts that you can slide in your church's bulletin. These inserts keep your congregation up-to-date on our current needs and upcoming events!

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# CURRENT *Needs*

You can purchase these items at your local store, or make them, and take them to Midwest Mission or a Collection Site near you. You can also buy items online and have them shipped right to Midwest Mission.

Day Pads

[Patterns](#)

Go to Feminine Hygiene Kit

[Purchase](#)

Select the first ones listed

Receiving Blankets

28"x28" - 32"x32" — can be store-bought or handmade — purchase [here](#)

# Mission in Motion Calendar

Every week, staff members are on the road, speaking at churches, picking up from collection sites, and facilitating off-site events. We want to see you when we are in your area! Whether you have donations, or you want to hear us speak, this Mission in Motion Calendar will help you know when we are in your area.

**Click here to see the Mission in Motion Calendar to know where we will be in the next few weeks!**

## Prayers to Lift Up

We pray your thanksgiving was full of blessings and good food! Our prayer is that we will all continue to see the blessings God provides, and bless others with what we are given.

**"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever."  
*1 Corinthians 16:34***

## Midwest Mission Weekly Projects Work of the Mission Volunteers

### Work Done

Our great inventory team began the process of our yearly inventory, counting thousands of items. in the warehouse. Thank you team!

### Disbursements

- Guatemala, Food For The Poor: see story above

Midwest Mission is able to do this work because of your generous donations and willingness to volunteer.  
Thank you!

## Share some GOD news with those you love!

Do you have family or friends that need some GOOD News - GOD News - to uplift them? If so please click on the button below and share the link provided. The more we can spread the word about the work God is doing here, the more we can make the world a happier place.

[Link to Share the Midwest Mission Newsletter](#)

## Ready to Get Involved?

**Volunteer at Midwest Mission**  
Dates are available in 2023, 2024, and 2025

Need a Saturday option for team volunteering or assistance in booking? Contact **Pat Wright** at [pat@midwestmission.org](mailto:pat@midwestmission.org) or 217-697-4063



Click below to check calendar openings and to reserve your spots.

## [Volunteer Reservation Calendar](#)

### 2025 Volunteer Calendar is open for dorm reservations!

Go to our [Reservation Calendar](#), log in, reserve your rooms, and submit payment for your Non-refundable Reservation Fee via credit card or electronic check. We will email you the Access Code to reserve Volunteer Shifts for your team. You must complete this step for your team to volunteer at Midwest Mission.

For local teams and individuals: Volunteer Shifts will only be available 3 months ahead of time. For example, December 1, 2023 you will be able to reserve Volunteer Shifts for March of 2024.

Thank you for your patience as we try to improve the reservation experience for both local teams and those staying in the dorm.

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