

October 3, 2022

Dear Campus Communities,

In an effort to grow community engagement and service, Marshall University and West Virginia University Student Government Associations are partnering to facilitate the 4th Annual Month of Service. This year, we decided to host our activities and drive during the month of October. In addition, we encourage our fellow West Virginian institutions to participate so that we may create a wide impact in every region.

The October Month of Service will seek to alleviate various areas of hardship faced by our communities. We hope to address four areas of emphasis ...

- Literacy and Education
- Food and Clothing Insecurity
- Sustainability and Environment
- Health and Hygiene

To address these areas, we will seek donations from our students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community members to benefit the following regional charities and locations: **The Giving Palm, Women's Resource Centers, A.D. Lewis Center, Huntington and Morgantown Communities, CASA For Kids, Marshall University Food Pantry, The Rack, Marshall Thrift Store, and Salvation Army.** The outline of events will proceed as follows ...

- Collecting donations from each category
- Community clean-ups for respective locations
- Blood drives in each community

Book drives at each campus will seek the following:

- Gently used or new picture and board books appropriate for babies through elementary school students, and graphic novels
- Culturally relevant and diverse books for ages 5-18
- <https://ww.thegivingpalm.org/donate/>

Food drives at each campus will seek the following:

- Canned fruits and vegetables
- Dry pasta
- Jellies, jams, sauces
- Granola or protein bars
- Low Sugar Cereals
- Shelf-stable milk
- Grains
- Mac and cheese
- Can openers

Clothing drives at each campus will seek the following for both children and adult sizes:

- Underwear and socks
- Shirts
- Shorts
- Pants
- Coats/jackets
- Hats/gloves/scarves/mittens
- Business casual/interview attire
- Shoes
- Detergent and dryer sheets

Hygiene drives at each campus will seek the following:

- Toilet paper
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Body wash/soap/deodorant
- Toothbrush, toothpaste, and mouthwash
- Towels and washcloths
- Feminine products (pads, tampons, etc.)
- Acne cream/wipes
- Shaving supplies/lotion
- Baby wipes/diapers
- Nail files/clippers
- Sunblock

To partner, to donate, or to gather information during the October Month of Service, please contact your nearest campus representative. If you are unable to make it to your respective campus this month, there will be links to wish lists available at <https://www.marshall.edu/sga/month-of-service/> and <https://sga.wvu.edu/month-of-service>. In-person donations can be delivered to Marshall's Memorial Student Center or Student Organization Resource Center. It is our collective hope that we can positively contribute to our fellow West Virginians now and in following years. We look forward to your participation and contribution.

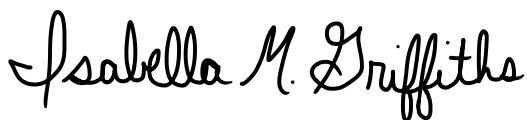
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