

Monthly Service Board Highlights

Columbus Academy Service Department News & Upcoming Events • December 2022

Appreciation from NNEMAP Food Pantry

NNEMAP director of pantry operations, Jim Hamberg, recently passed along a “thank you” note to our Service Department in recognition of the schoolwide efforts to provide non-perishable food items as part of our Kids 4 Kids Food Drive. “We truly appreciate the work the Columbus Academy community did for your families and NNEMAP families,” said Jim. “We brought the food back and weighed it on Saturday and it totaled 3.938 pounds – almost 2 tons! Just WOW!”



Weeks of work at Columbus Academy to collect food for their "Kids 4 Kids Food Drive" provided food for 30 sponsored families, plus NNEMAP was the recipient of the extra food. And extras there were - in total, NNEMAP received boxes of food filling 6 pallets - in total over 3900 pounds. What a great gift for the families we serve. Thank you to the students, faculty, staff and families of Columbus Academy for your generosity, and sorting and boxing the cans, boxes and bags of food. You are truly a NNEMAP treasure.



Support Faith Mission Deliveries

For the first time since March 2020, students were able to accompany the monthly meal prepared for Faith Mission and serve it to the clients in October! Deliveries to Faith Mission occur on the second Tuesday of each month with upcoming opportunities to prepare a snack/food for December 13 and January 10. Please note that in the past we have had various parent and/or affinity groups help out by preparing food or actually delivering it to Faith Mission and serving to the clients. Contact [Beckie Hoagland](#) and [Matt McCue](#) for more information on how to sign up to provide food or help with delivery.

Upcoming Service Dates for 2023

January 11 from 8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Blood Drive • [Schedule an appointment](#)

January 16 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Baking for Good Event in Dining Hall on MLK Jr. Day

Kids 4 Kids Recap

Our annual school-wide community service project, Kids 4 Kids, began in mid-October with the Food Drive as students collected non-perishable food items to donate to families in need. All food donations were collected by advisory and families also had the opportunity to drop off gently-used fall and winter clothing. All of these items were then sorted and boxed by various groups including middle-schoolers who helped “shop” for each family in need, while parent volunteers and upper-schoolers organized clothing and toy donations. Once again this was truly a schoolwide effort all to help bring joy to those in need during the holiday season! View the complete gallery of pictures from the food collection, sorting and delivery at columbusacademy.org/photos.



Empty Bowls/Soup for Shelter Set for December 9

Our annual participation in Empty Bowls/Soup for Shelter is set for next Friday, December 9 at the Otterbein University Campus Center from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per person and include bottomless soup, bread, beverage, cookie and your choice of a handcrafted bowl made by Columbus Academy ceramics students.

[Click here](#) to purchase tickets online or see Christy Bening in person to buy. More details about this partnership can be found [here](#).



Ongoing Support Needed for “Blessing Boxes”

Columbus Academy’s student-run Service Board first built and installed “Blessing Boxes” around Gahanna during the 2020-21 school year. There are now three locations for the boxes! Our Service Board wanted to let Academy families know they are welcome to stock these boxes throughout the entire school year, as due to the economy items in these boxes are in high demand (i.e. - bottles of water, snack bars, single-serving mac & cheese, cereal). Plus donations are always welcome! [Click here](#) to sign up for a date/location to stock a box and read more about this opportunity [here](#) or email [Rachael Gorsuch](#) for questions about keeping the boxes stocked year round.

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