

Monthly Service Board Highlights

Columbus Academy Service Department News & Upcoming Events • June 2022

Student-Led Shoe Drive a Success

Sophomore Jaden G. recently completed a Shoe Drive to help benefit [Joseph's Coat of Central Ohio](#), which provides clothing, food, furniture and household items to those in need. In total, Jaden was able to collect 107 pairs of shoes and present them to Michael Whitfield, operations manager at Joseph's Coat.



Service Board's New Brochure

Our student-led Service Board recently revamped its Service Fair brochure given to upper school students. This brochure has information needed to complete service hours and provides many options for where students are welcome to serve in the Central Ohio area. [Click here](#) to check it out!



Columbus Academy Service Board Mission Statement

An act of service reflects generosity of time, resources, and energy. It is an investment of self – spirit, body, and mind – in helping to meet the needs of others.

Website: sites.google.com/columbusacademy.org/serviceboard

Archive of Service Newsletters

Did you miss one of our monthly Service Department Newsletters from 2022? Visit columbusacademy.org/serviceboard to read all six issues from this school year and to see a list of organizations that Columbus Academy's Service Board partners with, along with ongoing initiatives and faculty/staff involvement.



Blessing Boxes: Service Opportunity for Summer

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, including Village Square Plaza on Morse Road near UDF, Vista Center off Hamilton Road in front of Fresh Thyme Grocery, and at Mifflin Presbyterian Church at 123 Granville Street near the Wendy's in Gahanna.

Our Service Board wanted to let Academy families know they are welcome to stock these "Blessing Boxes" throughout the summer months, as these are much-needed days to fill. Plus donations are always welcome! Academy faculty/staff members involved with service are also available June through August to answer any questions about delivery of items.

[Click here](#) for complete information, including how to sign up for a day to donate items and organize a Blessings Box.

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Academy senior Jared Kass (left) and Brady Hess helped to install the first Blessings Box at the Village Square entrance on Morse Road.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Students Build and Install Mini Food Pantries

Columbus Academy's student-run Service Board has been building and installing mini food pantries at locations in Gahanna. The first "Blessings Box" was installed in December near the corner of Morse and Cherry Bottom Road at the Village Square entrance. By the end of February, a second was placed at the Vista Shopping Center off Hamilton Road. And in early April, a third mini food pantry was installed by students and members of the school's facilities crew at the Mifflin Presbyterian Church on Granville Street. Donations for these locations (personal hygiene items, food, drinks and vacuum-packed items that do not need refrigeration, etc.) can be dropped off at the front desk in Academy Hall, or anyone is welcome to place them in the boxes themselves.

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