

Group Supporting People With Disabilities Invites Participation

A new advocacy, advising, and awareness group supporting individuals with disabilities—the A Team of Northwest Missouri—invites the public to join them and to help spread the word about upcoming events:

July 12-Autism Registry Presentation by Buchanan County Sheriff, Bill Puett, 7 p.m. at Specialty Industries of St. Joseph, Inc., 3801 S. Leonard Road. The A Team invites all interested in learning about registering people on the autism spectrum in case of emergency with the Sheriff's Department.

Aug. 5-Autism Registry and MO CHIP Program Registration at Specialty Industries of St. Joseph, Inc., 3801 S. Leonard Road. Everyone with a disability who would benefit from being registered with the St. Joseph Police Department, the Buchanan County Sheriff's Office, or the Missouri CHIP (Child Identification Program) is invited to stop by between 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The registration event aims to help protect, identify and recover lost people.

Anyone who would like to be part of empowering individuals with any type of disability or who would like to speak for him/herself as a person with a disability, may be part of the A Team that advocates in a grassroots effort, creates awareness in the community and advises those who care for people with disabilities to ensure service choices are protected and sustained.

For information about the A Team movement in our state, follow *Dignity Has a Voice* on Facebook, the Missouri A Team page.

Prepare Students With Necessities

July is the month to prepare for students to have items they need to start school this fall.

"Our community has a passion for our kids and has been coming together to help equip them for school success in a variety of ways," said Kylee Strough, President of United Way of Greater St. Joseph.



To receive free school supplies through The Salvation Army's Aug. 10 Back to School Fair, students in the St. Joseph School District need to register from July 10-28, Mon.-Fri. at The Salvation Army, 602 Messanie Street, from 9-11 a.m. or from 1-3 p.m.

To register the student to receive supplies through the fair, the family must provide the following: IDs for all adults in the home; Social Security cards for everyone in the home; proof of food stamps or proof of income and bills if the family doesn't receive food stamps; and birth certificate or Medicaid card with date of birth on it just for children entering kindergarten. For more information about The Salvation Army Back to School Fair or the application process, call 232-5824.



To help, individuals and groups in the community are encouraged to volunteer to collect donated school supplies through United Way STUFF THE BUS! during tax free weekend at St. Joseph Walgreens on Aug. 4-5. Volunteers will distribute information to incoming shoppers, invite them to donate supplies and sort and

count donated supplies before moving them into a school bus. Now is the time to sign up to volunteer. For more information or to volunteer, call Jay at 364-2381 or go to stjosephunitedway.org.

Hundreds of people have donated thousands of items given to students for the last eight years. "People really enjoy volunteering and donating to United Way STUFF THE BUS! because they know the importance of starting a school year off on the right foot," said Jay Martin, United Way Program Director.



Also helping to equip students with necessities, Soles for Christ Shoe program is preparing to provide a new pair of shoes to any child from preschool through 12th grade enrolled in Andrew, Buchanan or Doniphan county schools on Aug. 14-15. Shoes for the program are donated by the community, and now is the time to donate new tennis shoes: toddler sizes

5-10; youth sizes 11-6; and all adult sizes. Shoes or monetary donations for Soles for Christ can be dropped off at AFL-CIO Community Services, 1203 N. 6th Street, Mon. through Fri. from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. until Aug. 9. For questions about donating or about shoe distribution, call 364-1131 or go to helpmenow.org.

Volunteers Recognized for Work with Housing Chronically Homeless Men

Community Missions (CMC) recently honored some volunteers for their service at a volunteer donor reception. CMC provides permanent housing along with supportive services in St. Joseph for men with disabilities who have been chronically homeless.



Order of
MALTA,
St. Joseph,
2017
Community
Missions
Group Award



Jeanne and Bernie
Verssue-Community
Missions Award for long-
time volunteers



Jeff and Amy Mueller-
2017 Volunteer Award

You are invited to GIVE, ADVOCATE and VOLUNTEER through United Way to improve lives in Northwest Missouri and Northeast Kansas.

United Way of Greater St. Joseph supports 17 Partner Agencies and operates seven Initiatives.

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7 United Way Initiatives

FamilyWise® Prescription Assistance
Financial Stability
Leadership St. Joseph
Profit In Education®
Success By 6®
Unmet Needs Committee
Volunteer Center

17 Partner Agencies

Bartlett Center	Northwest Missouri Community Services
Big Brothers Big Sisters	Pony Express Council, Boy Scouts of America
Catholic Charities of Kansas City-St. Joseph, Inc.	St. Joseph Safety & Health Council
The CENTER, a Samaritan Center	The Salvation Army
Children's Mercy	Specialty Industries of St. Joseph, Inc.
Community Missions (CMC)	United Cerebral Palsy of Northwest Missouri
Family Guidance Center for Behavioral Healthcare	YMCA
InterServ	YWCA
Legal Aid of Western Missouri	