

YOU and WARM — making the difference in our community




Kids Lunch Club

WESTERVILLE AREA RESOURCE MINISTRY

Where Kids can be Kids...and be Fed!

For kids, there's something special about summer! Summer brings warmer weather and sunshine, there's no school work to fill each day – it's a couple months filled with fun.

did you know

1 in 4 Ohio kids face food insecurity every single day?

Food insecurity is defined as the lack of consistent access to enough food for an active, healthy life. WARM's Kids Lunch Club program is designed to help children living with food insecurity.



Kids Lunch Club Associates are busy during the summer at 16 sites – serving lunches, providing Enrichment Kits at the beginning of the week, fresh produce on Wednesdays, weekend meal bags on Fridays, and a shelf-stable breakfast every weekday. But their most important achievement is to create and nurture relationships with each child.



KLC Crew Member Steven Holmes' motto is to 'Make Someone's Day Better.' He is keenly aware that building connections with kids is key to the success of the Kids Lunch Club program. The first thing that Steve does when he sees a child approach is to remind them to smile. "Smiles are a healing balm; they soothe the soul."



Jeffrey Daugherty Steven Holmes

Jeffrey Daugherty, a KLC Associate who is working towards his Special Education Teaching Degree, also knows the impact of building connections with the kids. Last year, Jeffrey realized the number of kids had almost doubled at his site by the end of the summer, and his goal is to assist KLC in feeding even more children this year.

"The goal is simple - to help kids find their worth. It's all about making those connections, meeting the kids where they are, and letting them know that you care. Simply put, it's about making someone's day better"
– Steven Holmes



WARM is blessed and very thankful to have KLC crew members like Steven Holmes and Jeffrey Daugherty to aid in our goal to provide hope for a better future for the youngest citizens in our community.



Volunteer Services

Full Volunteer Capacity

Volunteer Services is back up and running at FULL volunteer capacity! We are excited to welcome many new and returning volunteers to our building. If you are ready, WARM has a volunteer role for you! Simply go to our website at www.warmwesterville.org and click on the Volunteer tab to fill out an online application! Volunteers then schedule for time slots to serve.

Service Groups are Back

Our ever-popular service groups are back, and we want your help! If your work staff, church group, scout troop, group of friends or others are looking for ways to serve the community, WARM is the place for you! Our service project opportunities are scaled to any group's abilities. Please contact Julia Smith, Volunteer Services Manager, at julia@warmwesterville.org.



Do you know of someone who would benefit from prayer?

Would you like us to pray for you? All prayer requests will be kept confidential.

Our Prayer Team is ready to provide consistent prayer coverage. No prayer is too big or too small. Let us lift our voices in unity, asking God for all we need. Please visit our website to submit prayer requests at www.warmwesterville.org/prayer-requests



National Day of Prayer

WARM thanks you for your support during our first-ever Virtual Prayer Event! Our event, *A Celebration*

of Answered Prayers, demonstrated how prayer is woven throughout our community, especially during uncertain times. Nearly \$50,000 was raised during an overwhelming response to our video, *A Celebration of Answered Prayers*, which was shared numerous times by Facebook friends. We rely on the donations from this event to fund our daily operating costs, and we are very grateful to those who were able to give so generously.



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**FREE lunch for kids 1-18!
June 1 - August 11, 2021
Outside Rain or Shine!**

Abbey Lane Apts

12:15-1:00pm

Alum Creek South Park

11:15am-12:00pm

Brookeville Apartments

11:00-11:45am

Hanby Park

11:00-11:45am

Huber Village Park

11:00am-11:45am

Metzger Park

11:15am-12:00pm

Minerva Park Community Park

12:15-1:00pm

Newcastle Townhomes Apts

11:00-11:45am

Northtowne Elementary

12:15-1:00pm

Parkridge Park

12:30-1:15pm

Parkridge Village Apts

12:30-1:15pm

Ridgewood Park

12:15-1:00pm

Strawberry Farms Park

12:30-1:15pm

Sunbury Town Hall

12:30-1:15pm

Walnut Ridge Park

11:15am-12:00pm

Westerville Estates

11:15am-12:00pm

QUESTIONS,

contact Chad Maxeiner:
chad@warmwesterville.org
614-899-0196 ext 229.

If you know someone who is struggling and in need of these client-based services, please share this information with them! Help us change lives!



Coming Out of COVID – What’s Next?

COVID has impacted all of us in one way or another. Many are in need of help more than ever before – but where does one look for this help?

WARM has help available with our new COVID Recovery Plan. We will work one-on-one to develop a personalized plan for recovery for you and your family. For more information, please visit our website at www.warmwesterville.org or contact Doug Bierl at doug@warmwesterville.org.

Way2Work’s New Workforce Partner



Global Lynx, a leading IT trainer and educator headquartered in Central Ohio, is now partnering with WARM to bring new opportunities to our

clients and area job seekers who are interested in pursuing or improving upon their Information Technology careers.

Global Lynx is also a Training Provider with Ohio’s TechCred Program, which helps Ohioans learn new skills and helps employers build a stronger workforce with the skills needed in a technology-infused economy. The TechCred Program provides free tuition to qualified students.

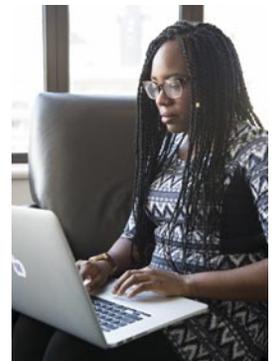


The Choice is YOURS in our ONLINE Choice Market!

WARM’s clients now have choices when shopping our ONLINE Choice Market. Ordering online can be done easily from any mobile device at any time of day. Orders can also be placed by phone. For more information about our ONLINE Choice Market, **please call the Help Center at 614-568-8700** Monday – Friday between 10am and 1pm.

New Jobs Mean More Stability

In the first 5 months of 2021, the Way2Work program has assisted an additional 18 people secure better employment – which means that the lives of 18 families are forever impacted by the new opportunities now available to them.



If you have questions about the Way2Work program, please visit our website at www.warmwesterville.org or contact David Crago at david@warmwesterville.org.



TECH JOBS:

Higher Wages
+ Greater Mobility
= More Stability

For more information on these programs, please visit www.warmwesterville.org



Historically, the summer is a busy time with Kids Lunch Club but a slow time for receiving donations. As we begin the remaining half of this calendar year, please consider how you might support WARM to assist us in preparations for upcoming programming and operating expenditures associated with events that take place later this calendar year including: Hunger Action Month, Thanksgiving Blessing, and the Holiday Food Drive.

As we enter the second half of 2021, WARM humbly seeks additional funding to help us plan for the future so we can continue to adapt and serve those in need to carry out our mission of serving the community during every season of the year.

YOU CAN HELP US CONTINUE THAT MISSION!

financial donations

JOIN THE 365 CLUB WITH A RECURRING GIFT of \$30 or more a month and support WARM every day of the year! Please use the QR code or the enclosed Giving Envelope to indicate this is a Recurring Gift. Your financial partnership with WARM will support our community each day, 365 days a year!

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO COLLECT FOOD AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR WARM INCLUDE:

- **Name WARM in your will or trust** by designating a gift in your estate plans with a percentage of your estate or a specific amount of money to ensure that WARM is provided for in the future
- **Contact your employer** to ask if they participate in corporate matching gifts
- **Challenge those within your organization** to raise a specific fundraising amount for WARM
- **Contribute to WARM** from an Individual Retirement Account (IRA), to satisfy a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), or from an established Donor Advised Fund (DAF) through a foundation
- **Donate a gift of stock or securities**

If you have questions, please contact our Director of Development & Communication, Dana Lawrence by email at dana@warmwesterville.org



Scan the QR Code to Donate to WARM



Congratulations to **Karen Koch** for receiving the City of Westerville's 2020 Volunteer of the Year Award for her generous support of WARM with the Koch Family Hillcrest Coffee Cake and Brownie fundraiser!

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- Food insecurity is defined as the lack of consistent access to enough food for an active, healthy life
- **This summer KLC is feeding nearly 500 kids a day;** however, with additional funding, Kids Lunch Club could serve even more of the over 5,000 Westerville City School kids who face daily food insecurity.
- KLC program runs from June 1 - August 11, 2021
- Due to COVID, on-site activities are canceled and lunches are “grab and go” style



children in Ohio face food insecurity every single day

KLC Sites 2019 2020 2021

10 14 16

Kids Per Day 2019 2020 2021

226 356 500+ and growing!

**Want to help?
\$100 sponsors a site for a day!**

It's ok to come for a **FREE** lunch!

“For an hour or two a day, kids have fun and can escape the challenges of food insecurity and the pandemic, and be kids again.”
- Jeffrey Daugherty

KLC's Rays of Sunshine - Church of the Messiah



KLC Enrichment Kits were made possible by the generous financial support and partnership of Church of the Messiah. These kits, also assembled by volunteers from the church, come with all needed supplies to complete each week's activities across all 16 sites.



“Our church family jumped at this opportunity to further deepen our relationship with WARM and our service to our neighbors in need. We have shared over 300 hours of volunteer time while also underwriting the KLC Enrichment Kits for this summer as well as next summer 2022. Our Sr. Pastor Jim Wilson always says, ‘We are blessed to be a blessing!’” - Jami Dewolf, WARM volunteer and Church of the Messiah WARM volunteer coordinator

thank you
Church of the Messiah



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Donation hours:
Mon-Fri 9am-4pm
After hours use 24 hour
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WARM's Kids Lunch Club is a FREE program that provides nutritious meals and enrichment activities to children ages 1 – 18 during the summer. Children are served at 16 different sites throughout the area this year.

The goal is to feed more than 500 children per day.

Find out more about KLC! Check out what's inside!