

MerCo Giving Guide

community empowerment
through the power of giving



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WELCOME

Nonprofits and charities are the lifeblood of a community. And Mercer County is lucky to have many vital organizations doing good in the area. MCBT put together this guide for the purpose of introducing you to and educating you about these organizations.

The groups in this guide work tirelessly to address various social, economic, and environmental issues that affect Mercer County citizens. By contributing to their cause, you can help positively impact our community and the lives of area residents. To get started, read about the organizations within and see what aligns with your values, beliefs, and passions. Consider donating time, money, or resources to support their mission. With your help, these organizations can continue to make a difference and improve the well-being of Mercer County.



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ALED0 MAIN STREET, INC



➤ MISSION

To foster a center of activity in the community by enhancing downtown vibrancy, preserving historical charm and helping businesses thrive through partnerships and programming in Aledo.

➤ KEY SERVICES PROVIDED

- Businesses- Creating community and economic development by supporting small businesses and entrepreneurs
- Preservation- Fostering the importance of historic preservation
- Placemaking- Improving Downtown through streetscape projects
- Events- Host signature events, activities & opportunities

➤ HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Monetary donations
- Volunteerism

➤ DONATION

Monetary donations are accepted via check/cash and can be mailed or dropped off at the Aledo Main Street office located at: 100 E. Main Street Aledo, IL 61231. Monetary donations are used for operating costs to allow us to support small businesses throughout Aledo through multiple different avenues and to host signature events that bring tourism and a positive impact to the community. Volunteerism- We have so many different opportunities to volunteer with AMS through events, markets and small business support we have a place for everyone!

➤ IMPORTANT DATES

Holly Days- 12/01/23- 12/02/23





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ALEXIS MUSEUM

➤ MISSION

The Alexis Museum, conceived by Don McKeown, who was mayor of Alexis at the time, utilizes an historical building as a link to our community's past. When the United Methodist Church congregation disbanded & discarded its possessions at auction, the background of the building & congregation itself suggested its present use. Since other buildings of historical significance had already been demolished or deteriorated beyond repair, the use of the church building as a museum for Alexis memorabilia became a conceivable option. An agreement with the village board and the church congregation & conference allowed the village to purchase the building for a small sum with the stipulation that it be used as a museum for at least 25 years. Those 25 years have passed and the museum plans to remain in the building long into the future.

➤ KEY SERVICES PROVIDED

A location to safely house and display items of historical importance to the community. We would like to provide more education opportunities for the community in regards to these items. The museum space with full kitchen is also available to rent for gatherings.

➤ HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Monetary donations
- Exhibit curation
- Collections cataloging
- Event promotion

➤ DONATIONS

People can donate by joining as a member, directly, or by supporting one of our fundraisers. Funds are used for building maintenances, and to support display of our collections.

➤ IMPORTANT DATES

Please follow social media for updates.

If you have questions or need additional information you can reach me by email or by phone 309-371-9885.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zsoa9Ok21kg>



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MERCER COUNTY BETTER TOGETHER



➤ MISSION

Align resources and priorities to create stronger, sustainable and vibrant businesses, organizations, communities and county through county-wide collaboration.

➤ KEY SERVICES PROVIDED

MCBT facilitates a variety of community and economic development projects and programs, all through a navigational approach.

➤ HOW YOU CAN HELP

- We welcome monetary donations to:
 - Mercer County Emergency Housing Fund (provides short-term emergency housing for those in need)
 - Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program (provides new books to local children aged 0-5)
 - Mercer County Endowment Fund (provides local dollars toward projects which align with the mission of MCBT)
 - Our annual Challenge Match (local dollars raised are matched by a generous donor to ensure continuation of MCBT services).

➤ DONATION

Visit this link: mcbettertogether.org/make-a-donation

➤ IMPORTANT DATES

Follow us on social media for Giving Tuesday, November 28th!

MERCER COUNTY FAMILY CRISIS CENTER

➤ MISSION

The mission of the Mercer County Family Crisis Center is to support and respond to the needs of survivors of violence and/or abuse as well as their dependents in an effort to avoid further abuse.

➤ KEY SERVICES PROVIDED

As a domestic violence agency we provide legal/court advocacy, case management, economic assistance, conflict resolution, housing advocacy, education/employment assistance, therapy, on-line parenting classes, domestic violence education/counseling, emergency shelter, transportation, information/referral, crime victim compensation, safety planning, 24-hour crisis line, medical advocacy, and public awareness/prevention. As a Children Advocacy Center we provide child/family advocacy, case management/coordination, medical advocacy/exam referrals, therapy, crime victim compensation, transportation, life skills, economic assistance, safety planning, court advocacy, public awareness/prevention, victim sensitive interviews, crisis intervention.



➤ HOW YOU CAN HELP

Staple products such as canned goods, hygiene products such as soap, cleaning supplies, gas cards, and monetary donations are always welcome.

➤ DONATIONS

Individuals can donate by dropping items off at the office, mailing, or through our website.

➤ IMPORTANT DATES

- October: Domestic Violence Awareness Month
 - April: Child Abuse Prevention Month
 - 2024 May: Champions4Children Walk Coming
- In 2024, we will be moving to a new location.



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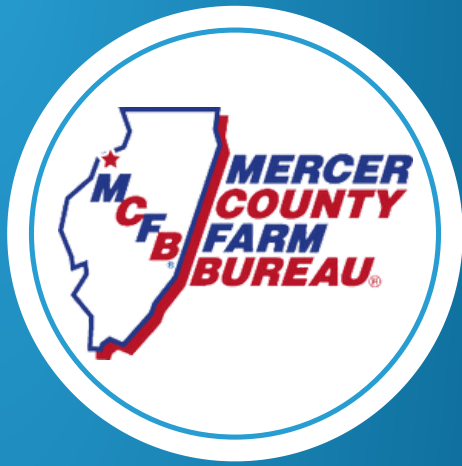
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➤ MISSION

To improve the economic well-being of agriculture and enrich the quality of farm family life

➤ KEY SERVICES PROVIDED

- Member programs related to farm safety and farm profitability
- Talking with local, state, federal legislators about farm policy and/or impact
- Provide ag education materials for the county

➤ HOW YOU CAN HELP

Active members that would like to engage in our programs and plan programs for the new membership year.

➤ DONATIONS

Contact our office at [309-582-5116](tel:309-582-5116) for an explanation of how you can donate as well as how donations are used.


➤ IMPORTANT DATES

Too many too list. Please visit the website.

MERCER COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

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➤ MISSION

The Mission of Mercer County Housing Authority is to serve all residents with below median income in Mercer County by providing safe sanitary living conditions and providing subsidized funding for families to afford such housing according to regulations.

➤ KEY SERVICES PROVIDED

- Affordable housing in Mercer County via two programs.
 - Public Housing for the Disabled and Elderly: We manage 60, 1 bedroom units & rent is based on 30% of a person's income.
 - Section 8 Rental Assistance: If you qualify and you find a landlord that will accept your voucher and Section 8 based on the family's income, 30% will go towards your rent and if approved, we will pay a portion of your rent. **Not currently accepting applications.**

➤ HOW YOU CAN HELP

Transportation is one of the biggest hurdles that residents face here at Vashti Village. Bingo is a big part of the tenants entertainment we could always use volunteers who could come and call.

➤ DONATION

Since we are federally funded we rarely receive donations, but if we were to receive any the funds would go towards occasional dinners for all the tenants, cooked and served by the staff. I also would mention many church organizations have served homecooked meals on occasions. Other organizations have honored our veterans here at Vashti.

➤ IMPORTANT DATES

In December the staff sponsors a Christmas Brunch to all the Vashti tenants.

We truly want to thank all the organizations that help us help others.

MERCER COUNTY SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER

MEET OUR TEAM



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➤ MISSION

As a Community Focal Point designated by the Western Illinois Area Agency on Aging, our Goal is to link all residents 60+ &/or disabled to all local, state and federal programs.

➤ KEY SERVICES PROVIDED

- Medicare
- Medicaid
- Caregivers support
- License plate discount
- Farmer Market Voucher program
- Information & Assistance
- Outreach
- Incontinence Program
- Lenders Closet for Medical equipment

➤ HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Monetary Donations
- Volunteers for clerical, maintenance, & fundraisers
- Currently seeking a volunteer to teach our Sr. Digital Literacy Program

➤ DONATIONS

One can donate in person, online with our website, or mail a donation to us.


➤ IMPORTANT DATES

10/15-12/7/23 is Annual Open Enrollment and when we could use volunteers. Rhubarb Festival 2024 we could we use volunteers during the month of May for prep and during the festival.



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NEW KINGDOM TRAILRIDERS



➤ MISSION

To empower individuals of all ages and abilities to reach their full potential through equine assisted activities.

➤ KEY SERVICES PROVIDED

- Therapeutic horseback riding

➤ HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Monetary donations
- Volunteers
- Office supplies (post it notes, pens, expo markers, red file folders, duck tape etc.)
- Toiletries (toilet paper, paper towels etc.)
- Cleaning supplies (Clorox wipes, Lysol spray, any cleaning spray etc.)

➤ DONATION

Donations can be made on our website or mail to: NKT - 18929 81st Street, Sherrard, IL 61281. Donations are used in a variety of ways. We do our best to keep program costs to a minimum for our participants, many of the donations help to offset that cost gap. We also use donations to help care for the herd of 14 horses who require continued support such as feed, supplements and hay.

➤ IMPORTANT DATES

Join the Journey is our annual fundraiser. Visit our website or Facebook page, or call 309-764-4220 for more information about the event.

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Thank you for taking the time to learn about these wonderful organizations in Mercer County. We hope this guide helps you to make informed decisions about where you'd like to lend your support.

Thank You

Questions or comments? We are just an [email](#) or [phone call](#) away.

Are you part of a nonprofit that would like to be included in the MerCo Giving Guide? Email us [here](#) with that request and we'll send you a form to get started.

Happy Giving!

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