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Community Services
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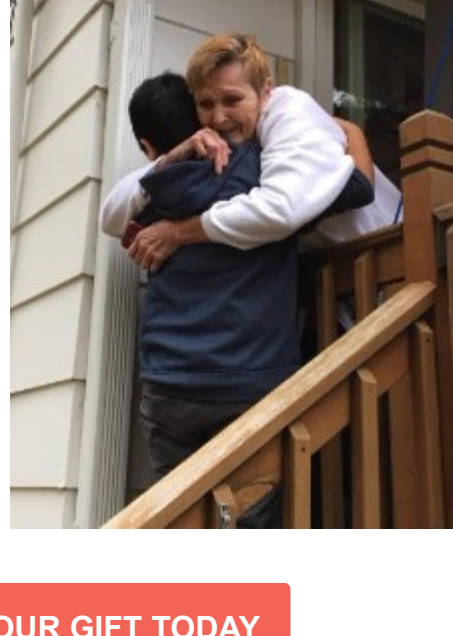
E-Gateway Newsletter

~January 2018~

Make Your Gift Today

Have you made your 501(c)3 tax-deductible gift yet this holiday season?

It's not too late to start your New Year off right by helping someone in need.



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2017 Holiday Share Recap

"I just started working and have a lot of bills to catch up on. My family had to get all new furniture and household items due to a recent flooding in my home... I am so appreciative."

-Kenya, Merrick Family Services Participant



Thanks to the generosity of our community partners and volunteers, Merrick was able to serve **579 families** during this year's Holiday Share Celebration on December 16th & 18th at the Merrick Community Center. That means nearly **1,500 children & adults** received gifts and essential needs items this holiday season!

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Youth Leadership Committee Now Enrolling

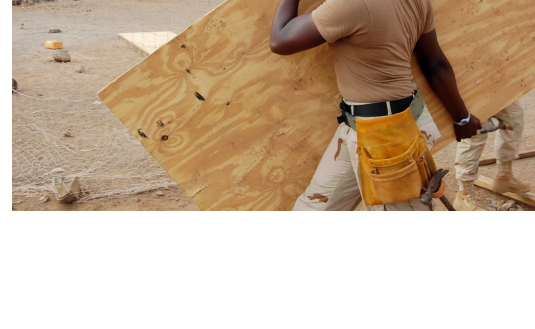
Join Merrick's Youth Leadership Council and get involved in your community! Open to 7th-12th grade students, the YLC will gather bi-weekly for development meetings with Merrick staff.

An excellent opportunity for those seeking to build their college and professional resumes, this steering committee will lend a voice to Merrick's youth programming and increase youth leadership engagement in the community.

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Free Construction Training Program

Are you unemployed or underemployed? Looking for a new career that pays a livable wage? Merrick's Construction Training Program may be right for you!



This free program offers construction training along with the following soft skills:

- OSHA 30 certificate
- Flagging certificate
- First AID CPR & AED certificate
- Fork lift training certificate
- Scissor lift certificate
- Boom lift certificate

Classes will begin on February 19, 2018 and run for eight weeks: M-F, 8:30 am to 3:30 pm.

Enrollment Requirements:

- High school diploma or GED
- Valid driver's license
- Demonstrated basic math and reading skills
- Ability to pass a drug test

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New Year, New You

Healthy recipes to help spice up your meal prep!



A **Merrick Community Services** Cookbook with recipes and stories from our program participants, staff, and board.

VOLUME 1

Providing a variety of high-quality foods and household supplies, Merrick's Food Shelf is dedicated to connecting families and individuals with community resources to help eliminate the long-term causes of hunger. These services are offered to the East Side of Saint Paul and Maplewood residents by distributing nutritious foods through a client-choice model.

With a donation of \$10 or more to Merrick Community Services, you will receive a FREE electronic copy of our "Flavors of the East Side" cookbook, which is a collection of recipes and stories from our program participants, staff, and Board of Directors.

All proceeds go towards supporting the Merrick Food Shelves and fighting hunger insecurity on Saint Paul's East Side!

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Looking to get involved in your community and make a difference? Come see us today at the Merrick Community Center or visit www.merrickcs.org/volunteer



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