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Backpack Distribution Success



Look at those smiles!

What an amazing Backpack Distribution! On August 20th Merrick hosted our annual Backpack Distribution to get students ready for school. Although the chance of rain moved us indoors, that did not stop the fun throughout the afternoon and evening!

Nearly 850 backpacks were distributed to kids, along with a variety of school supplies and 3,771 pounds of fresh produce went home with families! Thank you to the Greater Twin Cities United Way, Simon Says Give, and Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church for donating backpacks/supplies and to all staff, volunteers, and community partners who made this annual event a success!



[Didn't make the event? Donate here!](#)

Let's Celebrate Give to the Max Day with our Fall Fundraiser



A few MCS Board Members at last year's Wandering Leaf event

Join us for the second year at [Wandering Leaf Brewing Company](#) for our Fall Fundraiser as we celebrate Give to the Max Day! Mark your calendars - **Thursday, November 19th, 2026** - for a fun evening that supports the work we do for our participants on the East Side and beyond.

Your ticket will include unlimited beer and n/a beverages, food, and great company. Open to all: so come, have fun, and bring your friends! Tickets on sale soon.

Merrick Staff Enjoys a Night Out with the Saints

Merrick staff headed to CHS Field in July for a lively team-bonding night with the Saint Paul Saints. Between cheering in the stands, enjoying the ballpark atmosphere, and spending time together, the outing offered a refreshing break and a chance to reconnect. The energy of the game and the time spent together made it a memorable evening for the whole team - and we left with a Saints win!



Upcoming Employment Program Events



Sept. Monthly Workshop

Wednesday, September 23rd

3 pm - 5 pm

Employment & Career Services will be hosting a set of workshops this fall. We will be kicking off the set with Resume Writing!

Topics Covered: Resume & Cover Letter Writing, Addressing AI, References, Interviewing Skills & Practice Questions.

Bring a copy of your resume, a notebook, and pen.

Job Fair

Thursday, October 8th

3 pm - 5 pm

Employment & Career Services will be holding a Mini Job Fair this October. We will have 8-12 employers on-site with immediate and seasonal job opportunities.

Please bring copies of your resume and come dressed for potential same-day interviews! Employers attending will be posted on the website.

*If you or your company wants to table as an employer please reach out to Alison! (info below)

All workshops are in-person at:

Merrick Community Services
1669 Arcade Street, Door #4
St. Paul, MN 55106

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[More Info](#)

Dates to Remember

- **Give to the Max Day**
 - November 19th, 2026
- **Merrick Fall Fundraiser**
 - November 19th, 2026: Join us for Give to the Max Day at Wandering Leaf for the second year! Registration will be on the website soon.
- **Holiday Share**
 - December 19th, 2026: Volunteer and registration information will be on the website in the coming months.

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