



## PLANS FOR YOUTH SUMMER SERVICE CAMP UNDERWAY

MOM is working with the Middleton Department of Parks and Recreation and other area service organizations to offer summer camp opportunities for youths entering grades 6-8. Information about the camp is still being developed, but the camps will offer youth weeklong opportunities to perform service projects in the Middleton, Cross Plains and West Madison areas while having some fun at the same time! Watch our website, [momhelps.org](http://momhelps.org), for more details!

## *Donations made in honor or in memory between October 2010 and March 2011*

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## *A Thank You...*

“Just a quick note to let you know how much I really appreciate all you and your volunteers hard work managing MOM and helping others. The produce that comes in on Tuesdays has been a real treat. The list goes on and on of all the great food you have provided. My budget doesn't allow enough money to buy food at this time being laid off and paying my health insurance and my basic bills. Thank you for keeping me healthy and alive and sane during my hard times.

Your volunteers work so hard to hustle to put all the produce and all the food items on the shelves and check everyone in. They are a pleasure to talk to as well. I thank the volunteers. They make MOM run as well as it does.”

**- A Food Pantry Guest**



# SPRING 2011

## Contact MOM

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## MOM Main Office

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Middleton, WI 53562

## Hours:

Monday-Friday, 9-4:30 pm

## Food Pantry & Clothing Closet

8710-2 Montclair Drive

(off Pleasant View Rd in the Middleton Business Park)

## Hours:

Monday-Thursday, 10 am - 2 pm

Friday-Saturday, 9 am - 12 pm

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Middleton Outreach Ministry



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## Middleton Outreach Ministry



## Forced to Choose, buy the kids' prescriptions or pay the utility bill?

There are many in this community who will have their utilities shut off unless we help. Times are hard for families and money is tight. Many are struggling just to make ends meet. MOM is taking action before families have to make that no-win choice.

Over the past year, we have seen a 50% increase in the number of people we serve. Help with utilities is a non-negotiable lifeline for our neighbors in West Madison, Middleton and Cross Plains. With your support, MOM will help

hundreds of families by providing more than \$30,000 in assistance.

Your gift of \$50 now will allow children to remain stable and safe in their homes. A gift of \$150 will provide the light for a bedtime story and the energy for a cool glass of milk for three or even four families. ***Please make the difference today.***

**To make an online donation, visit [momhelps.org](http://momhelps.org). Please give by April 15.** Your tax-deductible donation provides immediate relief for families.

*When Lori lost her job, she knew that she wouldn't be able to feed and care for her kids and she was scared. But she came to MOM and found help. Through the food pantry and clothing closet, she received nutritious food and warm clothes to help her family through the month. Already behind on her utility bill, she brought it in and asked for our help. The funds that MOM provided along with her contribution kept the heat on and the refrigerator running.*

# ATTENTION: MOM Volunteers!

by Val Hartjes,  
Volunteer Program Manager  
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## Tracking Volunteer Hours

Please be sure to keep track of your volunteer hours. This includes time you spend within the physical walls of MOM (e.g. Office, Distribution Center) as well as time you spend on MOM's behalf when you are out in the community. As a United Way agency, we are required to report all volunteer hours. Further, many of the grants we write require us to report this information. Finally, we also want to recognize you for your gift of time. If you aren't sure how to report your hours, please contact Val.

*Thank you!*

## We Want your Feedback!

We are implementing various ways for you to provide us with feedback on an ongoing basis, including a Suggestion Box at the distribution center and online surveys throughout the year.

*Val is available by appointment, or just drop-in and say hello!*



## MOM FOOD PANTRY GARDEN EXPANDS TO OFFER TEACHING PLOTS TO CLIENTS

The Food Pantry Garden located across from the MOM Distribution Center will be expanded to offer additional MOM clients the opportunity to grow their own food. Under the guidance of experienced gardeners, MOM clients will learn the basics of gardening in exchange for working in the main MOM garden and in individual plots. This program is the first of its kind in Dane County. Volunteers are needed to help mentor garden trainees and to help with general gardening tasks.

## *Volunteers needed to help with Spring Chores 2011*

Help Seniors (age 60+) maintain their household independence by providing assistance with indoor and outdoor chores, including household tasks, and outdoor tasks such as washing windows, spring cleaning, painting, organizing, and yard work.

**Who can help?** Any group or individual who is interested in helping Seniors with chores that have become too difficult to accomplish on their own. Children up to age 14 with an adult are welcome too!

Times and dates are flexible and will take place throughout **April and May!**

*For more information about these programs, please contact:  
Val Hartjes, MOM Volunteer Program Manager at  
(608) 826-3409 or e-mail val@momhelps.org.*



# 1st annual canstruction® Madison

Thursday, May 12  
KEVA Sports Center,  
Middleton, 5-8 PM

What can local businesses, architects, engineers, and students from around the Madison area build with over 5,000 cans of peaches and canned chicken? More than just a giant octopus or hot-dog, according to Middleton Outreach Ministry, which is hosting its Inaugural Madison-area Canstruction® Competition on **Thursday, May 12th** at the KEVA Sports Center in Middleton. Each can is more than just a building block of an enormous sculpture; each can is food for a family and another step towards ending hunger in this community!

Canstruction® is a competition where teams build incredibly

imaginative structures out of canned goods and packaged food that their team has either collected or purchased. The structures are judged by design professionals as well as the community and then awarded trophies for use of color, creativity and engineering. After the competition, the canned goods are donated to MOM's food pantry.

The need for food in summer dramatically increases because children are not receiving free and reduced lunch at school and because food donations decrease as a result of summer travel. The cans and packaged food items will help fill the Food Pantry shelves.

The event will be great fun for the whole family. Besides viewing and voting for favorite sculptures, there will be food concessions, and children's activities. The "can" proceeds will ensure that every person in our community has a meal. Suggested admission is a can of food!

For more information on the event, the teams who are building sculptures, as well as the generous donors who make it all possible, visit [canstructionmadison.org](http://canstructionmadison.org).





## CALENDAR

### **Throughout April:**

Canstruction® display at Middleton Public Library

**April 4:** 10% Tuesday at Hubbard Avenue Diner (also, May 3 and June 7)

### **April 22 & 23:**

DC and office Closed for Easter Holiday

**May 12:** Canstruction® Madison at KEVA Sports Center

**May 20:** Kromrey Fun Run, proceeds donated to MOM

**May 28 - 30:** DC and office Closed for Memorial Day

**June 2:** Volunteer Appreciation Event (save the date!)

**June 27- July 1:** Middleton/MOM Youth Service Camp

## *Honoring*

## **Elaine Bogen & Audrey Tommerson**

Each year the United Way of Dane County hosts their annual Community Volunteer Awards, as their way of helping Dane County thank individuals, groups and businesses who make our community safer and stronger each day. On April 14, non-profits and volunteers from around the community will gather for the awards, celebrating their gift to the community.

This year, MOM nominated **Elaine Bogen** for this award. Elaine gave over 100 hours to coordinate the 2010 Sharing Christmas Program, which matches client families with community donors who provide holiday gifts to families in need. It was through Elaine's devotion to helping these families that the holidays were brighter for 450 client families as well as 300 donors. When most people are thinking about their own family, friends and celebrations, Elaine gave of herself to thousands of people she didn't even know. Said by a recipient family of Elaine and the program, "Thank you so much for the gift of love, which is even more important than the things. I just needed to know that someone out there cares. That alone has helped me get back on my feet!"

MOM was also proud to co-nominate **Audrey Tommerson** with the Middleton Senior Center. Audrey is instrumental in organizing the semi-annual food and clothing drives at Asbury United Methodist where items are contributed to MOM. Audrey's involvement with MOM is expressed most passionately in her work with the annual backpack and school supply drive, which takes place in June, July and August of each year. She was also instrumental at MOM to define the role of the new Community Service Council. She works passionately towards preventing homelessness and ending hunger in our community.

## *Congratulations Elaine and Audrey!*



## TOP 10 MOST NEEDED ITEMS

1. **Cereal**
2. **Canned tomatoes (sauce, paste, etc.)**
3. **Pasta**
4. **Rice**
5. **Canned turkey and/or chicken**
6. **Toilet Paper**
7. **Size 4, 5 and 6 Diapers**
8. **Shampoo**
9. **Deodorant**
10. **Bedding (sheets, towels, blankets, pillows)**

