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Dear Campus Communities,

In an effort to grow community engagement and service, Marshall University and West Virginia University Student Government Associations are partnering to facilitate the 5th Annual Month of Service, October 1st-31st, 2023. This year, we decided to host our activities and drive during the month of October. In addition, we encourage our fellow West Virginian institutions to participate so that we may create a wide impact in every region.

The October Month of Service will seek to alleviate various areas of hardship faced by our communities. We hope to address the four following areas of emphasis:

- Health and Hygiene
- Food Insecurity
- Literacy and Education
- Community service back to our respective communities

To address these areas, we will seek donations from our students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community members to benefit the following regional charities and locations: **The Giving Palm, Women's Resource Centers, A.D. Lewis Center, Huntington and Morgantown Communities, Morgantown Public Library, Marshall University Food Pantry, WVU's Food Pantry: The Rack, WVU Women's Resource Center, Marshall Thrift Store, and Salvation Army.** The outline of events will proceed as follows:

- Collecting donations from each category
- Giving back to communities

Book drives at each campus will seek the following:

- Gently used new picture and board books appropriate for babies through elementary school students, and graphic novels
- Culturally relevant and diverse books for ages 5-18
- <https://www.thegivingpalm.org/donate>
- <https://www.mympls.org/>

Food drives at each campus will seek the following non-perishables:

- Canned fruits and vegetables
- Dry pasta
- Jellies, jams, and sauces

- Granola or protein bars
- Low-sugar cereals
- Shelf-stable milk
- Grains
- Mac and cheese
- Can openers

Hygiene drives at each campus will seek the following:

- Toilet paper
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Body wash/soap/deodorant
- Toothbrush, toothpaste, and mouthwash
- Towels and washcloths
- Feminine products (pads, tampons, etc.)
- Acne cream/wipes
- Shaving supplies/lotion
- Baby wipes/diapers
- Nail files/clippers
- Sunblock

To partner, to donate, or to gather information during the October Month of Service, stay up to date at: <https://sga.wvu.edu/month-of-service> and <https://www.marshall.edu/sga/month-of-service/>. If you are unable to make it to your respective campus this month, the links provided make it available to order on our Amazon wishlists. In-person donations can be delivered to Marshall's Memorial Student Center or WVU's Student Organization Resource Center. It is our collective hope that we can positively contribute to our fellow West Virginians now and for years to come. We look forward to your participation and contribution! Go Herd and Go Mountaineers!

Sincerely,



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