Thank you for your interest and support of Midwest Mission.

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Off Old Route 66, Just 4 Miles South of Springfield

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SENDING HOPE AND EMPOWERMENT AROUND THE WORLD AND AROUND THE CORNER

education • health • micro business • disaster relief
What is Midwest Mission

Midwest Mission Distribution Center is a disaster relief facility located on a 10 acre campus, 4 miles south of Springfield, Illinois. Construction began in October of 1999 and opened for ministry in the year 2000. Midwest Mission is a caring ministry related to the Illinois Great Rivers Conference and the North Central Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church. Midwest Mission is also a cooperating depot in the UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) Relief Supply Network since January 2010. Midwest Mission provides opportunities for individuals and groups from all walks of life, denominational backgrounds, abilities, and ages to help provide disaster relief kits and resources as well as educational and medical supplies to those in need both locally, nationally and internationally. Midwest Mission provides a “hands on” mission experience. For those receiving the supplies, we are bringing hope that someone somewhere loves them.

Mission—Hearts and hands transforming the resources of God's people into humanitarian relief.

Midwest Mission Leadership
Midwest Mission is governed by the leadership of individuals from the North Central Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church. The Board of Directors currently is composed of 24 board members, 1 emeritus member, 4 liaisons, 6 full time and 2 part time staff members. The Board gathers for two meetings per year.

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Midwest Mission also has rotating Missionary Leaders (2 week or longer leadership position). Missionary Leaders serve and stay in a duplex/camper for free. Visit the website for an application.

How Midwest Mission Works
Missionaries and donors are vital to the mission. Midwest Mission is a non-profit organization and receives 100% of its funding from private donors. They work solely on the kindness and generosity of individuals, families, churches, organizations, and communities. The work done at Midwest could not be done by the staff members alone. Midwest Mission thrives because there is a constant stream of individuals and groups that want to be a part of this ministry and who choose to come and serve.

Midwest Mission can carry out its mission thanks to the support and commitment of volunteers and donors. Won’t you join us?

Directions from Chicago to the MMDC (Coming from the North)
- Take I-55 South
- Take exit #88 (East Lake Drive exit). Merge RIGHT onto the frontage road.
- Travel 1 mile on the frontage road then turn RIGHT onto Chatham Road.
- Take the first LEFT turn (New City Road). Go over RR tracks. Turn RIGHT onto Old Route 66 at Sugar Creek UMC.
- The MMDC shares a property line with the church and is located on the LEFT (east) side of the road.

Directions from Jacksonville, IL to MMDC (Coming from the West on I-72)
- Take I-72 East. Exit 97A towards St. Louis (I-55 South).
- Take exit #88 (East Lake Drive exit). Merge RIGHT onto the frontage road.
- Travel 1 mile on the frontage road then turn RIGHT onto Chatham Road.
- Take the first LEFT turn (New City Road), cross over the RR tracks, then turn RIGHT (south) onto Old Route 66. The MMDC is located south of Sugar Creek UMC on the LEFT (east) side of the road.

Directions from Decatur, IL to MMDC (Coming from the East on I-72)
- Take I-72 West. Exit I-55 South
- Take Exit #88 (East Lake Drive exit). Merge RIGHT onto the frontage road.
- Travel 1 mile on the frontage road then turn RIGHT (west) onto Chatham Road.
- Take the first LEFT turn (New City Road). Go over RR tracks. Turn RIGHT onto Old Route 66 at Sugar Creek UMC.
- The MMDC shares a property line with the church and is located on the LEFT side of the road.

Directions from St. Louis to MMDC (Coming from the South)
- Take I-55 North. Exit #83 (Glenarm exit).
- At the stop sign at the exit ramp, turn RIGHT (east). This road will curve LEFT (north); continue on it.
- The MMDC is located 4 miles from the exit ramp stop, on the RIGHT (east) side of the road.

Directions from Chatham, IL
- From Route 4 in Chatham, turn east onto Walnut Street. (BP Station and Family Video at the intersection.)
- Take Walnut Street through Chatham, past Casey’s, the Apple Barn, over the lake, past the Middle and Intermediate Schools. Just after the Intermediate school, turn RIGHT onto New City Road. Travel on New City Road over I-55, over railroad tracks. Turn RIGHT (south) onto Old Route 66 at Sugar Creek United Methodist Church. MMDC is 400 yards south of Sugar Creek UMC.
**Directions to Midwest Mission**

Midwest Mission is located at 1001 Mission Drive in Pawnee, IL 62558

**Booking and Fees**

Whether you want to serve at Midwest Mission for a day or for an extended period of time, scheduling needs to be done by going to Volunteer Matrix at [https://mmdc.voluntematrix.com/](https://mmdc.voluntematrix.com/)

Questions Contact our Administrative Specialists

office@midwestmission.org  217.483.7911

**Fee Breakdown**

- Dormitory Lodging: $40 per dorm room, per night
- Duplex Lodging: $40 per Duplex, per night
- RV Lodging: $20 per RV, per night
- Tent Camping: $10 per Tent, per night
- Materials Fee: $12 per person per day or $6 per person per half day
- Non-Refundable Reservation Fee: This guarantees your reservation.
  - $40 per dorm room
  - $40 per Duplex
  - $20 per RV spot
  - $10 per tent camping

**Payment Schedule**

- To see an overview of the Mission Journey Payment schedule go to [http://www.midwestmission.org/mission-journey/missionaries](http://www.midwestmission.org/mission-journey/missionaries)

**Staying offsite**

There is a special rate for all Missionaries at Baymont Inn and Suites, Springfield, IL

- Weekdays @ $59.99 + tax
- Weekends between $59.99 + tax to $79.99 + tax

Rate includes:

- Complimentary hot breakfast buffet every morning
- High speed Wi-Fi
- All rooms with microwave/fridge and 40” HD cable plasma TV
- Indoor heated pool/hot tub/fitness room
- Coin operated laundry available


**There may be some black out dates such as long weekend or State Fair time.**
Before You Arrive

Verify your numbers via the online reservation system (Volunteer Matrix: https://mmdc.volunteermatrix.com) how many missionaries will be in your group.

Have team members complete their online volunteer profiles on the online system (Volunteer Matrix). This needs to be completed before they arrive.

Discuss with Midwest Mission Staff any questions that you may have regarding fees or accommodations.

Pray! Each morning Midwest Mission begins in prayer with the staff and various missionaries. We ask that you start your trip off in prayer—offering yourselves, Midwest Mission, and the work of Midwest Mission into the hands of the Lord. The recipients of the work of Midwest Mission need your prayers too, as many are in the midst of hardship and a disaster of some kind.

“Do all the good you can, By all the means you can, In all the ways you can, At all the times you can, To all the people you can, As long as ever you can.”
- John Wesley

Dorm Layout

- **ROOM #1**: 2 Bunk Beds
- **ROOM #2**: 2 Bunk Beds
- **ROOM #3**: 2 Bunk Beds
- **ROOM #4**: 1 Bunk 2 Beds
- **ROOM #5**: Mechanical Room
- **ROOM #6**: 2 Bunk Beds
- **ROOM #7**: 2 Bunk Beds
- **ROOM #8**: 2 Bunk Beds
- **ROOM #9**: 1 Bunk 2 Beds
- **ROOM #10**: Laundry Room

Community Area:
Equipped with TV, piano, sitting area, tables and chairs for gathering and dining, games, magazines and internet access.

- **Ladies’ Restroom and Showers**
- **Men’s Restroom and Showers**

Dorm Details

- Built by missionaries and NOMADS. It opened in May of 2001.
- Air-conditioned, heated, and handicap-accessible.
- Kitchen is fully equipped for meal preparation and serving.
- Eight dorm rooms, 6 rooms with two sets of bunk beds, 2 rooms with one set of bunk beds and 2 twin beds. Total capacity of the dormitory is 32.
- Stocked with paper products and cleaning supplies.
- Equipped with a weather radio and a generator in case of storms.
- Wi-Fi is provided in the dorm.
- **Midwest Mission does not provide linens, blankets, pillows, towels, or toiletries.**
- Smoking is not permitted in Midwest Mission buildings.
- Alcohol and illegal drugs are not permitted on the grounds.
- Pets are not allowed in the dorm, duplex, or warehouse.
- Please be respectful of others when you are sharing the space with other groups/individuals. Often there are multiple teams sharing common spaces and being a part of the Mission.

For more information about staying on campus, visit our website at www.midweshtmission.org/mission-journey/missionaries
When missionaries come, there are a number of projects that they may be involved in. Missionaries pack kits, sort items, sew school bags, hospital gowns, and quilts. Missionaries box goods, help with mailings, build crates and desks, repair bicycles and sewing machines, help unload items, fill shipping containers, organize materials, and whatever the needs are at any given time. There are opportunities for those with special skills, trades, and those at peak abilities, as well as opportunities for individuals who may be more limited. No matter what your abilities, there is an important job that needs you!

Who Can Be Part Of This Mission Journey?

- Individuals and groups can come and work for a few hours or several consecutive days.
- Missionaries must be age 11 or older.
- Youth Teams need a 1 to 4 ratio for youth ages 11-13 yrs. Youth ages 14-18 yrs. need a 1 to 5 ratio. It is also advised to bring both male and female adult chaperones if both male and female youth will be attending.
- We strive to accommodate a wide variety of ability levels, from sit-down work to manual labor.
A Day at Midwest Mission

Your First Day at Midwest Mission
Your first day at Midwest Mission will begin with a brief presentation of Midwest Mission Safety Training. After the presentation you will need to sign a form indicating that you received the Safety training. During your time with Midwest Mission they will be more than happy to take a picture of your group and provide a tour that will highlight everything that takes place a the mission.

The Work
Depending on the needs for the day and the missionaries' skills and abilities, work projects will be set up for individuals and groups. Missionaries work in pairs or groups for safety purposes. Missionaries pack kits, sort items, sew school bags, hospital gowns, and quilts. In addition you can box goods, help with mailings, build desks, repair bicycles and sewing machines, help unload items, fill shipping containers, organize materials, and whatever the needs are at any given time. There are opportunities for those with special skills, trades, and those at peak abilities, as well as opportunities for individuals who may be more limited. No matter what your abilities, there is an important job that needs you!

Daily Schedule
- Work begins at 8:30 AM Monday-Friday.
- Break 10:00 This is a time to engage in fellowship while also learning about the work and current shipments that will or have taken place.
- Lunch is from 11:30-12:30PM
- Break 2:00 PM Another time to hear current Midwest Mission updates.
- Work winds down at 3:30 PM for clean up.
- The office closes at 4:30 PM Monday– Friday.
- Donations that need assistance should be delivered 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM - 4 PM.

Attire
- Midwest Mission request that all missionaries wear work/appropriate clothes and must wear sturdy closed toed shoes. NO sandals or flip flops are allowed.
- For some projects you may be required to wear gloves and a mask. Aprons and smocks are available as well, if necessary.

In the Area

Whether you are a part of the Mission at Midwest for a day or an extended stay, there are many other mission opportunities in the area.

Mission/Service Opportunities
Below is a list of Local Ministries in the area you can get involved in.

Note: Midwest Mission advises that you contact the ministries directly for more information and for scheduling purposes.

Hospital Sisters Mission Outreach
- HSMO offers tours of their facilities as well as opportunities to serve. Midwest Mission has a very close working relationship with HSMO and often collaborates on shipments.
  - Location: 4930 LaVerna Road, Springfield IL
  - Phone: 217-525-8843  Website: www.mission-outreach.org

St. John’s Breadline
- St. John’s Breadline is an opportunity to help serve a meal to folks in need. This includes helping prepare, serve, and clean up following the meal.
  - Location: 430 North 5th Street, Springfield IL
  - Phone: 217-528-6098  Website: www.cc dio.org/area_offices/springfield home.htm

Asbury Children’s Supper Hour
- Asbury provides children in the local area a place to come after school, receive a light meal and have a time of fun together. Often times the children will do crafts or a small activity together.

Food
In the local area are many notable chain restaurants, from fast food to fine dining. Springfield offers its share of unique dining opportunities as well. There is one grocery store in Chatham and many to choose from in Springfield. Staff and missionaries would be glad to offer local fare recommendations as well as directions.

Fun
In the local area are many opportunities for fun: shopping, movie theaters, outdoor amusement, historical sites, museums, Rt. 66 sites, local zoo, the arts, festivals, and more! Again staff and missionaries would be glad to offer tourist information and insight into the area. Midwest Mission will provide you with a comprehensive yearly visitor’s guide and map, put out by the Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau. This guide is full of information, maps, and event listings.