



SAGER BROWN

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150 YEARS OF SERVICE

Newsletter • Summer 2018 • By Mary Boudreaux

2018 Reports from June-August

Sager Brown Volunteer Hours: **12,862**
Depot West Volunteer Hours: **10,634**
Community Projects Completed: **9**

Please help restock our Relief Supply Kits. For specific assemble kit instructions and shipping details, click on the link below.

[Relief Supply Kits](#)

Give to Material Resources Project

Advance #901440

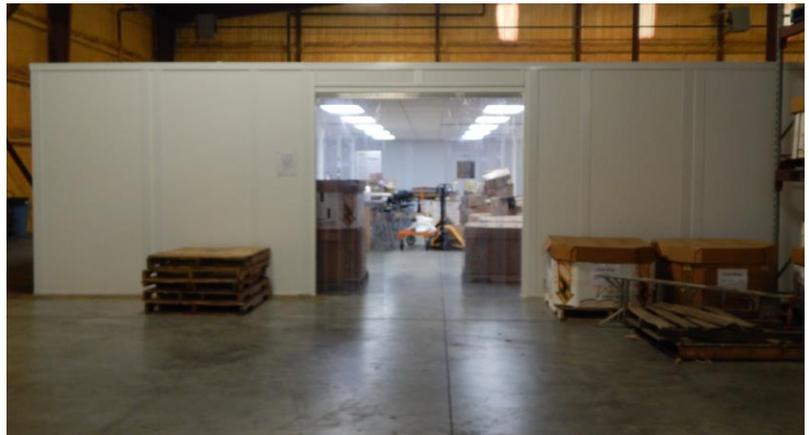
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VOLUNTEERING AT UMCOR SAGER BROWN

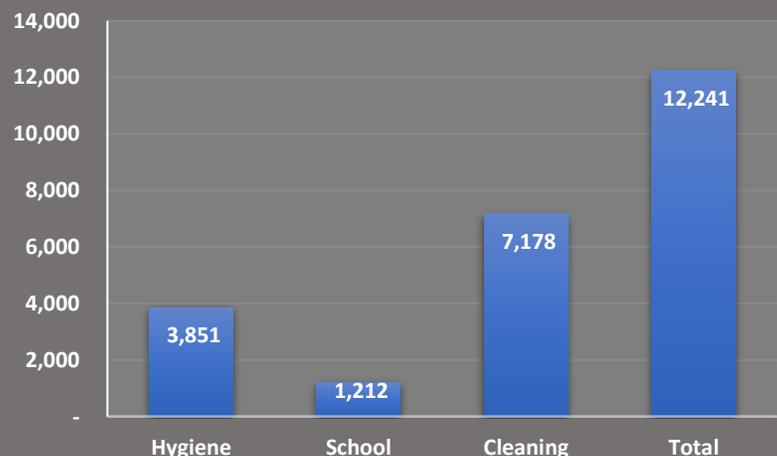
Without our volunteers, our mission is impossible. If you are interested in bringing a mission team to UMCOR Sager Brown, contact, Volunteer Services Department at 1-337-923-6238, ext. 252 or volunteers@sagerbrown.org. Registration for 2018 & 2019 is open.

"COOL" Change in Sager Brown Depot



Louisiana can be both "HOT" and "HUMID" during the summer months. For the comfort of our volunteers and for them to avoid heat exhaustion, we have built this new "climate-controlled" workroom. This offers our volunteers an opportunity to visit Sager Brown over the summer months without sacrificing their comfort.

June-August Relief Supply Kits Domestic Shipments



Summer Youth Weeks at UMCOR Sager Brown



Youths Raised their Hand to Opportunities

UMCOR Sager Brown dedicates four “**Youth Mission Camp**” weeks during the summer months. During those weeks, one-hundred, twenty youths said “**Yes**” to volunteer opportunities. The age range is from eighteen years old to as young as five years old.

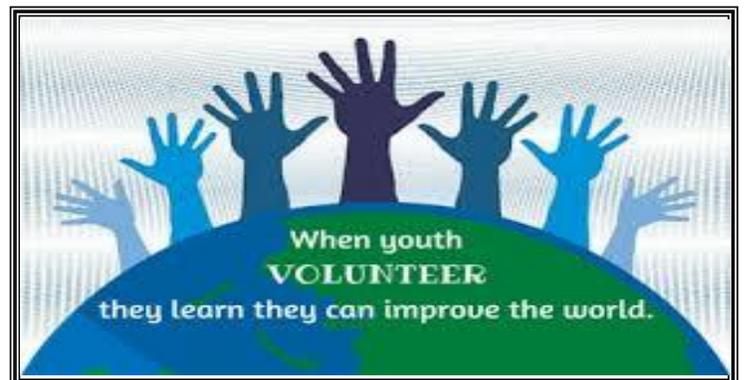
Our visiting youth participated in many activities while volunteering at Sager Brown. Some painted lawn furniture while other worked on constructing wheelchair ramps for the disabled in our community. Our administration department was also blessed to have eager youths who assisted by sorting papers. Another photo taken shows some youths loading a container with kits for a shipment. There were youths who worked in our Depot assembling Relief Supply Kits along sides our adult volunteers.

Thanks to all youths for lending a “**Hand**” to our Youth Ministry!

Be the Next Youth to Raise your Hand!

**2019 UMCOR Sager Brown
Youth Mission Camp Weeks:**

June 16, June 23, July 7, & July 14



News from UMCOR Depot West in Salt Lake City, UT

“Sacramental Work”

At June, United Methodists from across Montana, Wyoming, Utah and Colorado gathered for Annual Conference in Ogden, Utah. Along with other business was the proposed renaming of the Conference. After much discussion and a vote from the voting delegates, the new Mountain Sky Annual Conference was born. Central to the vision of this newly formed annual conference is mission; UMCOR West Depot (located in Salt Lake City, UT) served as one of the key mission opportunities for conference delegates to participate in during the week.

Dozens of annual conference attendees gathered to assemble and package Hygiene Kits in celebration of UMCOR’s Relief Supply ministry. While building kits, Rev. Brian Diggs, Associate Director at UMCOR West Office and Depot since 2008, gave a presentation on the mission, vision, and work of UMCOR across the world as well as the specific mission work done at UMCOR West Depot.

“This is not just any work we are doing,” said Rev. Diggs. “This is sacramental work!” Rev. Diggs talked about the sacraments of the Church as visible and tangible signs of God’s grace for the up-building of the Church. Diggs went on further to say that UMCOR’s Relief Supply ministry is a natural extension of the sacrament of Holy Communion, the Eucharist. “Just as Christ is visibly and tangibly present to us at the table on Sunday mornings in the bread and the cup, so too is he present to a world in need when folks like you sit around these tables creating these kits. These kits are sacramental. That is, they are visible tangible signs of God’s love and grace from the people of the United Methodist Church,” said Diggs.

Directed by Maika Tukuafu, Material Resources Manager at UMCOR West Depot, volunteers assembled almost 3,000 hygiene kits, gathered school kits and cleaning buckets which were transported back to the West Depot in Salt Lake City.

For more information on UMCOR West Office and Depot, please contact Rev. Brian Diggs at 801-973-7250 or at bdiggs@umcor.org.

By Rev. Brian Diggs



PHOTO: COURTESY UMCOR DEPOT WEST

UMCOR Sager Brown's Growing Community **Good Seeds Good Deeds** "Community Garden"

Faith and Deeds

"What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead."

(James 2: 14-17)

**Give to UMCOR Sager Brown
Projects Advance #901515**

GOOD DEEDS

**Support Sager Brown
151 Years of Service
Hope and Healing**

A Glimpse through the Process of Good Deeds...



UMCOR Sager Brown Community Garden journey began in March, through collaboration with the Rotary Club of Franklin and the St. Mary Chamber of Commerce. This collaboration was an effort to provide the elderly of the community with fresh nutritious vegetables. Volunteers and staff plowed, planted and cultivated tomatoes, cucumbers, corn, okra and green beans. The harvest's yield was distributed to the community's "oldest seniors." Without our volunteers, this effort would not have been possible.

Donations to our Outreach Ministry Program can be made to: **UMCOR Sager Brown, P.O. Box 850, Baldwin, LA 70514.** Please note in the memo section, **Outreach Ministry Projects.** Thank you!

A Visitor from General Board of Global Ministries Headquarters



We were thrilled to welcome Jack Amick, Director of Sustainable Development to UMCOR Sager Brown the week of June 24-29, 2018. This was Jack's first visit to Sager Brown. He blended right in with our volunteers for that week.

During his time at Sager Brown, Jack was able to meet with staff and volunteers. He also engaged in the harvesting of our yield from our community garden. He assisted in the distribution of USDA food commodities through the *Food for Seniors* program along with much more. His week winded down with his officiating of the Thursday evening Vesper service.

We would like to express our gratitude to Jack for all that he contributes to GBGM/UMCOR/UMCOR Sager Brown.



Do you have a scrumptious recipe that you would like to share?

The UMCOR Sager Brown Cookbook is being printed and will be available in our Gift Shop. Submit your favorite recipe or recipes and see if it makes it into our cookbook. We would love you to email your recipe(s) to Debbie Darden at: cafeteria@sagerbrown.org.

Before emailing us your delicious recipe(s), please read our guidelines to be sure your recipe has the best chance of being selected:

- 1- Recipe Photos: (Optional)
- 2- Recipe Name
- 3- Give us a brief intro about your recipe and why you love it
- 4- Ingredients: Please give exact measurements
- 5- Step by step method of Instructions (remember to provide oven or stove temperature)
- 6- Yield or amount of servings
- 7- Your Name
- 8- Your City and State
- 9- Your email and phone number
- 10- Sign and attached our waiver form when emailing your recipe(s) submission (see attachment)

Note: You can submit multiple recipes, but each recipe/photo(s) will need their own waiver form. We will not consider any submissions without the signed release form attached (Sorry!).

Can't wait to see what recipe(s) you share!

Summer Highlights



Butterflies are some of the most attractive and fascinating creatures on Earth. Thanks to Seabrook UMC in Seabrook, Texas, all who come to Sager Brown will enjoy these beauties. Seabrook UMC has generously underwritten the cost of creating this beautiful Butterfly Garden. The garden is 'U' shaped in design that faces the Bayou Teche. Beautiful hand-made benches are set on a boardwalk and faces a centerpiece waterfall. Hand painted planters will house plants and flowers that will attract our winged friends.



Directions

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generates a weekly album on the "Mission Moments" page on Flickr. Take a glimpse at some of the work that our volunteers do both on campus and in the surrounding communities. The link below will take you to the first album generated. Once the link opens, you may view the first album and have the option to click on the "back to album list" to enjoy all albums created.

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