



DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI AUXILIARY OUTREACH November/December 2024

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OUTREACH definition: out reach *noun* / 'out rēCH/ 1. the extent or length of reaching out

The Auxiliary Out reach program is all about REACHING OUT to the groups, churches, schools and other organizations in your community to see what YOU (both as an Auxiliary and as an individual) can do to MAKE A DIFFERENCE by volunteering your time to help them.

For the approaching holiday seasons, remember "Thanks for Giving" to your community. Research to see who in your area will be providing dinners or pantry items for home cooked meals for those in need and volunteer your cooking, serving and cleaning skills to help out, remembering to wear your Auxiliary identifiers.

As Christmas (or any other observed December holidays) approaches, check with your local Goodwill, Salvation Army, shelters hospitals, etc. to see if there are programs they are doing that you can be a part of to help shop, wrap and/or deliver gifts, and assist in putting together food baskets or clothing donations for those in need.

Do you have a church in your area who may be hosting a blood drive? Offer to help register donors, serve snacks and donate to the cause yourself. This time of the year, the blood banks run low.

Contact the organizers of your local holiday parades: Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving and/or Christmas to see if they can use help in the parade lineups, shuttling people, judging entries, etc.

Remember to keep these things in mind when participating in and reporting your Auxiliary Outreach project:

- The project must be voted on by the membership. If this is a recurring volunteer project, put it in your standing rules.
- Wear your Auxiliary shirts, pins, hats or anything else that will identify who you are.
- Report your projects as soon as possible following the event and include the number of members who participated and the total number of hours involved. Reporting right after the event will ensure that nothing is forgotten. **You DO NOT report any monetary values in Auxiliary Outreach. This is a VOLUNTEER program.**
- If you have a recurring project that is multiple times a month, you may accumulate those hours and report them one time at the end of the month. In your description, please include the dates that your Auxiliary or member participated in.
- Be creative and descriptive when reporting the project. Did something fun and unexpected happen? Report it so you will catch my eye!

Together we can make ourselves an asset to our community!

REPORT, REPORT, REPORT **ALL** your volunteer efforts at
www.vfwauxmo.org

Everyone have a safe, fun, enjoyable end to 2024!