

Charity Initiative 2014 – 2015

Every employee at Directions Training is granted one paid charity day per year to help out in their communities. Check out the great events your colleagues have attended to give back!

Chris Voss



Chris Voss and his two oldest sons volunteered their time at Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) on July 2, 2015. Feed My Starving Children is a Christian non-profit organization committed to feeding children around the world that do not have food to eat or the funds to get their own food.



The approach at FMSC is simple, volunteer's hand-pack meals specially formulated for malnourished children. Feed My Starving Children then sends the food to partners around the world such as orphanages, schools, clinics and feeding programs. Their goal is to break the cycle of poverty. FMSC food has reached more than 70 countries in their history.

Chris's group had a successful day when volunteering their time at FMSC. They packed 91 boxes that fed 19,656 meals which comes out to 53 kids that will be fed for one full year. Great job Chris and sons!

Jamie Miller

Jami Miller attended the St. Catherine University Alumnae Council annual meeting. This council carries out the mission, vision and goals of St. Catherine University, a private, non-profit organization as well as the nation's largest university for women. The council promotes greater access to University resources including educational opportunities, career counseling or participation in key events. This allows networks to be built that will equip alumnae to serve as brand ambassadors for the University.

Each Council member is asked to serve a three-year term and Jami serves on the Communications Committee. The purpose of the Alumnae Council Communications Committee is to advise and support communication efforts to engage alumnae with each other and the University.

Jami Miller also volunteers at St. Kate's as an international family for a student from Zimbabwe. She also serves as an advisor to the student council and as an alumnae advisor to the University Board. Thank you for all that you do to give back to your community!



Tom Vanek



Tom Vanek volunteered his time at Greater Chicago Food Depository and was part of a group of 25 that repackaged food into boxes. When he had volunteered in the past, these were for individual families, but in this specific day they packed food for organizations, like food pantries & VA's. Between the two packaging lines the group's goal was 4,000 pounds of bread & they ended up doing 10,000 pounds! Tom was at the end of the line palletizing the filled boxes, five across & five high. Being at the end of the line, he would use the few seconds of downtime between boxes to run & restock the empty boxes for the people further up the line to fill.

This is the most common & accessible volunteering you can do at Greater Chicago Food Depository, but there are many other opportunities, including offsite events like food drives & "food rescues" at McCormick Place which is speed shopping for all the sample food products that are otherwise discarded. There are plenty of less labor intensive opportunities as well.

How will you help your community?