Charitable donations make VAC possible. As a donor, you help VAC serve our community in numerous ways and make a real difference in the lives of local people. All donations to VAC stay in Boone County, serving people in need. VAC is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit agency. Donations to VAC are tax-deductible.

Seasonal Programs

Christmas Program
This adopt-a-family program for low-income families, elderly, and disabled individuals provides food and gifts for the holidays for over 4,000 people each year.

Homes for Computers
Reformatted computers are donated by the City of Columbia for families with kids K-12.

Lunch in the Park
A summer lunch program that provides a free and healthy lunch as well as enriching and educational programs for low-income children.

Summer Fan Program
This program provides fans for those susceptible to heat, including families with small children, pregnant women, and elderly or disabled people.

School Supplies
Each August, school supplies are given to local children to prepare them for the school year.

Warm Up Columbia
This coat & blanket drive provides warm items to low-income families, elderly, disabled, and homeless individuals.

Additional VAC funding sources include:

Visit VAC

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403A Vandiver Drive
Columbia, MO 65202

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Fax: 573-874-9172
vac@vacmo.org
www.vacmo.org

Office Hours
Monday – Friday
Walk-in: 9 a.m. – noon & 1–4 p.m.
Phone: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Helping low-income families and individuals bridge the gaps between crisis and stability. Improving the quality of life in Boone County.
Our Vision
VAC will be valued as the essential agency providing connections and resources for health, employment, education, and housing for low-income residents of Boone County. VAC will be regarded as the agency providing the most value for clients, volunteers, and donors.

Family Assistance & Emergency Services
VAC addresses the basic and emergency needs of people living in poverty in Boone County. This program strives to help those living in poverty to survive, to prevent people from slipping into poverty, and to move people out of poverty. VAC provides assistance with emergency and basic needs, information, advocacy, and follow-up. Each year, VAC provides over 49,000 of these services to more than 19,000 people. Examples of specific services include:

- **Health**
  - Prescription medications
  - Medical & dental co-pays
  - Emergency food
  - Hygiene items
  - Baby formula

- **Employment**
  - Bus tickets and gas for work
  - Auto repair for the employed
  - Required work uniforms
  - Missouri birth certificates, I.D.’s and driver’s licenses

- **Housing**
  - Emergency motel stays
  - Rental assistance
  - Air conditioner exchange

- **Education**
  - Youth scholarships for children to participate in enriching activities
  - School supplies

In addition to its own programs, VAC serves as an information hub to refer clients to other organizations that provide services within the county. VAC’s social service specialists are knowledgeable about other organizations’ offerings and, as a result, are able to better serve clients. Last year VAC responded to more than 7,000 phone calls and 10,000 in-office visits requesting information about other resources in Boone County.

Directory of Community Services
This directory lists hundreds of social service agencies and organizations that serve Boone County. VAC provides this directory, an indispensable resource for social services in the county, for $25. Its purpose is to facilitate cooperation among organizations and provide improved services to clients. Each organization’s directory description includes details such as its services, hours, and eligibility, and the directory index provides an easy way to search by specific client populations, problems, or services.