



# Queen of Angels

## MONTESSORI

### Queen of Angels Montessori Middle School Service Program

*“To stretch [the children’s] intellects, to make them classicists, to form budding scientists and mathematicians, to give them academic excellence will have no worth unless they are also integrated, committed, respecting, loving, and caring individuals.”*

Margaret Stephenson, Cosmic Education

The QAMS Middle School philosophy includes an active component of service. Our leading values statement expresses the value of service a community beyond the school as a key experience for the young adolescent:

**Service and community beyond school:** building direct academic and experiential links with the outside community. The service and community component provides an important element of reality to the adolescents’ study and work. It also prompts young adolescents to look beyond themselves and, in so doing, to diminish self-centeredness.

Our adolescents travel to a number of local agencies one afternoon each month to serve the poor and handicapped of our community. Each month, students select from a variety of agencies, and many students commit to regular service at one specific agency.

An important feature of this program is that the students go out in small groups. This makes their volunteer work more meaningful and more purposeful, both for them and for the agency they are serving. .

We also encourage multi-date commitments from students. Commitments lasting more than one month enable students to develop deeper relationships with the people/agency they are serving, to have more than a superficial experience of the need they are addressing, and to have time to experience the unexpected graces with which God is prepared to enrich their own lives through stretching themselves.

Parent drivers and chaperones have been instrumental to the success of this program. We appreciate those parents who have donated their time to enable our young people to be of service to others in our community!

#### **Agencies served include:**

#### **Camp Stepping Stones**

831-4660, ext. 26

Contact: Sarah Bosley; [sarah.bosley@steppingstonescenter.org](mailto:sarah.bosley@steppingstonescenter.org)  
[www.steppingstonescenter.org](http://www.steppingstonescenter.org)

**Clientele:** Mentally handicapped children and adults:

**Work:** Work with arts and crafts, hiking, learning life skills (cooking, cleaning, etc.), recreational skills (pool, foosball, etc.).

**Mercy St. John Social Service Center**

Contact: Stephanie Brown; [scbrown@health-partners.org](mailto:scbrown@health-partners.org), 981-5816  
1800 Logan St. (Central Pkwy. and Elder, near Findley Market)

**Clientele:** Low-income people with desperate needs, homeless people, people in need of food, clothing, free lunches; emergency assistance.

**Work:** Work in material resource department: make sandwiches, sort food and clothing, give out lunches (1:00-3:00 p.m.).

**Rose Garden Mission**

1800 Madison Ave. Covington. KY 41014.  
Sister Saraphina. (859) 491-7673.

**Clientele:** Poor, people in need.

**Work:** Assembling food and care packages for the poor; serving the poor directly; assisting Franciscan sisters with various tasks. Very friendly place for students to work.

**People Working Cooperatively**

Rachel Haffey 351-7921, ext. 269; [haffeyr@pwchomerepairs.org](mailto:haffeyr@pwchomerepairs.org)

**Clientele:** Poor, handicapped, shut-ins.

**Work:** PWC sends work crews to homes of handicapped, shut-ins, etc., to assist with home clean-up and repair. Students usually do yard work. Provide own tools, gloves.

**Starfire U.**

5030 Oaklawn Dr. 45227 [www.starfireu.org](http://www.starfireu.org)  
Krista Clinebell (281-2100 ext. 104) [Krista@starfirecouncil.org](mailto:Krista@starfirecouncil.org)

**Clientele:** Adults 18-30 with developmental disabilities (autism, Down Syndrome, etc.).

**Work:** Help with community service projects (arts and crafts, cooking/baking). Members of Starfire U. also host luncheons.

**Tender Mercies**

Contact: Michael Reardon, 721-8666, (884-3245 cell); [mreardon@tendermerciesinc.org](mailto:mreardon@tendermerciesinc.org)

**Clientele:** Residence for homeless and mentally handicapped

**Work:** Interaction with residents, clean-up, painting.

**Madisonville Education and Assistance Center**

Jessica Wabblers (Executive Director), 233-2498; 379-8695 (cell)  
4600 Erie Avenue; Office Phone: 513-271-5501; Pantry Phone: 513-271-2215  
[meac1@fuse.net](mailto:meac1@fuse.net)  
[www.meaconline.org](http://www.meaconline.org)

**Clientele:** Poor individuals, families. MEAC serves the poor who reside in Madisonville and surrounding areas.

**Work:** Stocking shelves for food pantry; sorting clothing for clothing closet to distribute to clients; assist with mailing center's newsletter; filling backpacks with items to distribute to children.