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### Community Resource Drop-In Center

This year we expect more than 5,000 visits. Nearly 60% of our visitors will be homeless women, men, and children. Visitors receive immediate assistance like emergency food, bus tickets, clothing, sleeping bags, tents, and more. Even more important - we develop long term, respectful relationships that help our neighbors take their own next steps.



### Dinners and Lunches

Every year volunteers prepare and serve more than 15,000 meals to our hungry and homeless neighbors. On Tuesday evenings hot, nutritious, and we're told delicious Community Dinners are served and followed by Life Skills Classes. Community groups make sack lunches for our Drop-In Center visitors and snacks for Kidz Club.



### Kidz Club After School Program

Nearly 70% of the children attending our nearest elementary school live in poverty...80% can't read at grade level and 90% are behind in math. Children living in poverty who attend high poverty schools are 10 times more likely to drop out before graduating high school. That's why we do Kidz Club - so our kids won't become part of these statistics.



### Growing Together Teen Moms

At monthly dinners, and in between, teen moms and their children meet together with leaders, mentors, and a family and marriage counselor. They learn from each other, share resources (and baby clothes) and are growing together. Learn more at [www.facebook.com/groups/GrowingTogetherMonroe/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/GrowingTogetherMonroe/)



### Cold Weather Shelter

When it's cold outside, our homeless friends tell us all you have to walk all night to keep from freezing to death. The Monroe Cold Weather Shelter opens any night the temperature is forecast to fall below 32°. Last winter the shelter kept people warm and safe through more than 50 cold nights.

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