
NEWSLETTER

OSEOLA MCCARTY "YOUTH IN ACTION"

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A Newsletter for the Oseola McCarty Youth Development Center
Mission Statement: "To Empower Youth to Win in Every Area of their Lives"

January Activities



Today we honored the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by traveling to Richton to serve along with our Perry County community with their Annual parade. We must continue to teach our next generation the importance of "service".

In the words of Dr King...

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'"

Thanks to all who participated and answered the "Call to Serve"!!

February Activities – Environmental Education



What a great learning Environmental adventure and history lesson we had with Dr. [Sherry S. Herron](#) at our own community...Chain Park!! The kids (and we adults) learned a lot about our own community. Thank you so much Dr. Herron for your insight, your time, and your strong desire to educate our community youth!! We look forward to our next learning session!!

Serving Our Community.... Sharing Love!!

By sharing what we learned with others, we can make a real difference in our community and inspire hope for the future of our youth. Environmental Stewardship is so important!!

USM Big Event Garden Project at OMYDC 2019 was again a great success!!



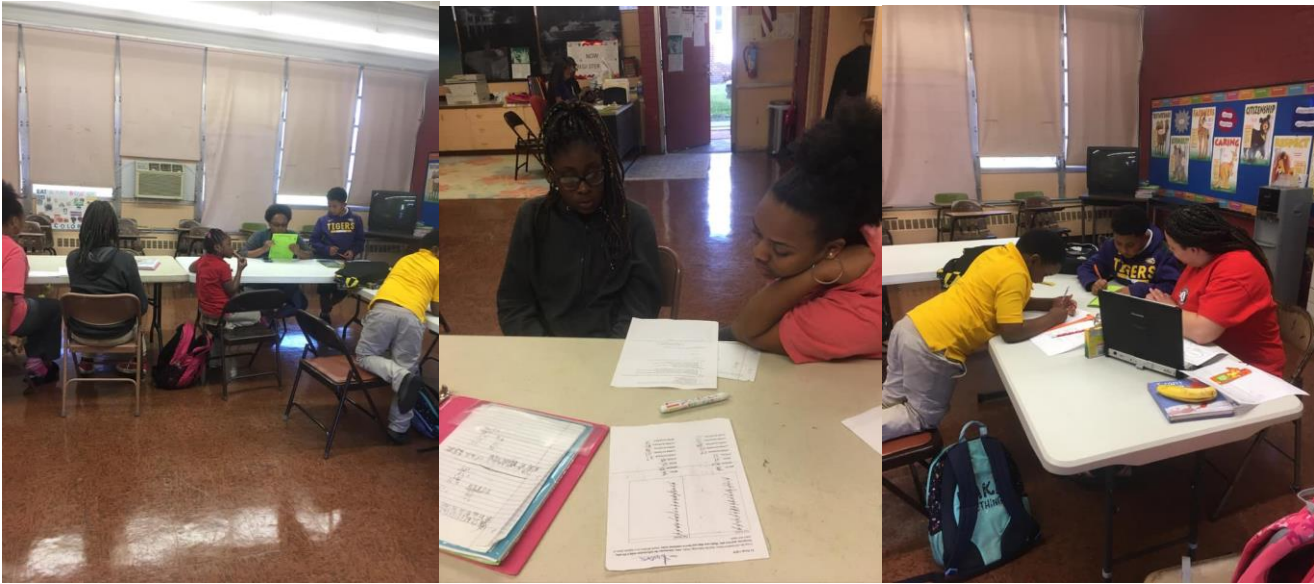
What a great day for community service!! Many thanks to our friends from USM Big Event for coming to help us with the garden project!! We had our first collards harvest and even did a little more planting. YOU ALL ARE THE GREATEST!! We love our volunteers!!

A Healthy Community is a Happy Community!!

Relaxation, fitness, family fun, delicious food—sounds like a dream vacation at an all-inclusive resort. But believe it or not, this can all be found in a simple backyard garden. Gardening supplies a total-body workout, allows us to reap what we've sowed, and provides an opportunity to reconnect with nature and our loved ones. So grab a shovel and let's get out there!!

WE LOVE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD!!

Thanks to all our AmeriCorps volunteers for working so diligently with our after school youth.
You all are the greatest!!



It's so wonderful to have such caring and hard- working volunteers come to our rescue to help prepare our playground area for inspection. Jourdan Martin, Rodney Ellis and Jonathan Conley are members of new mentoring group called "TALK". Thanks guys for a job well done!! Also thanks to Sara Watts, Angelo Cooks and Jerry Spann, our everyday, faithful volunteers for coming to help with other needy work projects at the center. Our team is FABULOUS!!



*"No one is more cherished in this world than someone who lightens the burden of another."
Author Unknown*

Summer Camp 2019!!

Oseola McCarty Youth Development Center

SUMMER CAMP 2019 STEAM
SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING ARTS MATHEMATICS

Theme: "Full STEAM Ahead" ... focusing on Science, Technology, Engineering Arts and Math.

Registration Dates: May 6th – May 9, 2019
From 2pm till 6pm each day

Summer Camp Dates: June 3–28, 2019
For Youth K–12th Grades
Time: 7:30am till 1:00pm Daily

Breakfast and Lunch will be served!!
Cost: \$15.00 per child for entire month

Guest Speakers Fun & Educational

Arts & Crafts

FIELD TRIPS!

Robotics



Summer Camp 2019!!



Full “STEAM” Ahead Summer Camp was Fabulous!! The kids were geared up and ready for a fun, educational and exciting summer camp focusing on Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math!!

We Have Such a Giving Community!!



As a part of the summer feeding campaign initiated by MS Food Network in Jackson; whose goal is to make sure no child goes hungry while school is not in session. Praxair / PG Technologies at Howard Technology Park in Ellisville’s management and employees quickly joined this cause by hosting a summer feeding snack food drive for OMYDC! We have partnered with MFN for the past 10 years to provide healthy nutritious meal for our community youth. Many thanks to our friends at Praxair for all their donations of food snacks and summer camp supplies. Many thanks also to MFN for continuing to address critical food needs and make a difference in our community!! YOU ALL ARE THE GREATEST!!

Fresh Vegetable / Fresh Fruits Donations



It's that time of year again that our friends at Society of St. Andrews shared fresh fruits and veggies for our community families. Fresh blueberries!! Cucumbers... Zucchini and Sweet potatoes!! Thank you so much for your continued support to us...Our community is truly grateful!! The SoSA (Society of St. Andrews) Mississippi team once again worked together to share fresh produce in our communities. This team is comprised of churches, nonprofits and other organizations all over the state. This Truckload of surplus produce, donated by the agricultural community, was delivered to agencies serving the underserved communities. All share the same mission of SoSA which is to supply fresh vegetables and fruit that helps to improve the health and well-being of society's most vulnerable.

Society of St. Andrews Cereal Donations



Another surprise during summer camp youth when our youth received cereal. Thank you so much Society of St. Andrews for once again putting smiles on the faces of our kids as they select their cereal choices!! What a blessing!!

Day of Service Garden Project at Oseola McCarty YDC



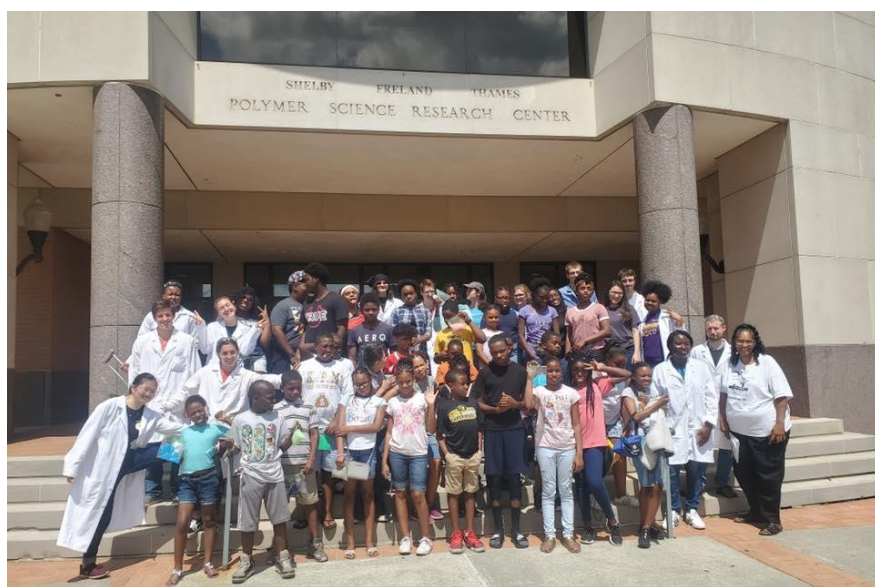
Our team of volunteers and youth worked extremely hard at the Oseola McCarty Community Garden in spite of all of this South MS HEAT!! Great job!! Many thanks to United Way of SE MS for funding this project for us. [Soul Session Connection](#) applied and received one of the [United Way of Southeast Mississippi](#) Day of Service Mini-Grants which allowed us in partnership with [Sipp Talk](#) to rework the Oseola Community Garden.

Oseola McCarty Center Need Tutors / Mentors to Assist with After-School Program, Special Projects and Monthly Activities

We are looking for passionate volunteers to tutor and mentor students in our after-school program. Students will need assistance in Mathematics and English primarily, and may sometimes have special projects. This position is mostly suited for someone very energetic, and someone who can work well with students from different backgrounds. If interested in this opportunity, Please contact: Janet Baldwin @Email: jbjspecial@comcast.net or you may contact me at 601-520-0657

Summer Camp 2019

As our “Full STEAM Ahead” Summer Camp 2019 comes to an end...we can truly say... IT WAS SPECTACULAR!! We are truly grateful to Dr. Heather Broadhead, Kim L. Wingo and all the students at USM School of Polymer Science & Engineering for all the fun and educational group learning sessions provided to our 4th-12th graders. This experience has provided a lasting impression with our students... WE THANK YOU ALL!!





Oseola McCarty Youth Development Center Calendar of Activities 2019 Continued Please Mark Your Calendar.... Upcoming Events for the Center

**Thursday, July 25, 2019 - National Night out against Crime Kick-off event – 6pm till 8pm
sponsored by City of Hattiesburg – C.E. Roy Community Center**

**Tuesday, August 6, 2019 - Night Out Against Crime Event in East Jerusalem Neighborhood
Friendship / Eastside Park – 6pm till 8pm**

**Saturday, August 31, 2019 USM Football Concessions Event
Show up time 2:30pm - Gates open 5pm - Game-time 6pm**

**Tuesday, September 3, 2019 – Afterschool Program Begins
From 3pm till 6pm Monday thru Thursday - Supper meals will be served**

**Saturday, September 28, 2019 - USM Football Concessions Event
Show up time 2:30pm - Gates open 5pm - Game-time 6pm**

**Saturday, October 12, 2019 - USM Football Concessions Event
Show up time 2:30pm - Gates open 5pm - Game-time 6pm**

**Saturday, November 9, 2019 - USM Football Concessions Event
Show up time 11:30am - Gates open 1:30pm - Game-time 2:30pm**

**Monday, November 11th – Friday, November 15th 2019 Registration for Forrest County Marine Toys for Tots
10am till 6pm Each Day**

**Saturday, November 23, 2019 - USM Football Concessions Event
Show up time 11:30am - Gates open 1:30pm - Game-time 2:30pm**

**Friday, November 29, 2019 (Black Friday), "Stuff the Bus Event"
9am till 2pm – Location Site TBA**

**Friday, December 20, 2019 – Forrest / Lamar County Marine Toys for Tots Give-a-way to Families
9am till 2pm**



**Many volunteer opportunities... We appreciate any help!! Please call Imani
Steven at 601-329-1644 or Janet Baldwin at 601-520-0657Thanks!!**

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