

# MONDA STUDENT RESOURCE CENTER

## Updates from Autumn 2025

### Staff Update

Monda Student Resource Center (MSRC) was busy onboarding new professional staff and student employees during the Autumn semester. We hired our program coordinator, Madison Barnes, who came to the MSRC from within the Office of Student Life. Madi advises the Buckeye Food Alliance student organization and oversees the daily programs in the MSRC. We also hired our Student Support Specialist, Jordyn Sikula. Jordyn offers case management to students needing individual support to obtain resources and services around essential needs. We onboarded eight federal work-study employees, sharing the responsibilities of managing our front desk, and two student assistants who manage the transportation of the program's orders and donations.



### Student Volunteer Highlight

Buckeye Food Alliance (BFA) continues to fight for collegiate food security through advocacy, fundraisers and volunteer commitment to the Monda Student Resource Center. Last semester, Buckeye Food Alliance recruited 35 new members to ensure coverage of the Student Food Pantry, in addition to the Reid Family Career Closet, which they adopted into their student organization in 2025. BFA was awarded a grant through Swipe Out Hunger, hosted a Reid Family Career Closet event to collect and distribute winter apparel to students and volunteered for approximately 2,400 hours within the MSRC. The MSRC also partnered with the Stadium Scholars Program and Transition Options in Postsecondary Settings (TOPS) for additional volunteer support.

### The Power of a Letter: The Story Behind the Monda Student Resource Center

What happens when generosity meets purpose? In a recent episode of Doc's Download: The Podcast Edition, host Dr. Melissa Shivers (Doc) sits down with Keith Monda and Veronica Brady, the visionaries behind the Monda Student Resource Center, along with Dhalia Brelsford, a student whose life has been deeply impacted by this remarkable space. Learn how a simple letter inspired a transformative gift, why addressing students' basic needs matters and how the Center is helping Buckeyes thrive.



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# Autumn 2025 MSRC Highlights



- Began a partnership with Ohio State Student Farm, where Buckeye Food Alliance volunteers helped tend crops and the Student Food Pantry received fresh produce in return
- Diversified its supply chain for food and clothing resources
- Began using technology applications to track the center's usage, pounds of donations received and to simplify ordering, inventory and scheduling for students
- Conducted tours, marketing campaigns and student and staff outreach

## Total number of visits

3,701



## Dollar value of items distributed



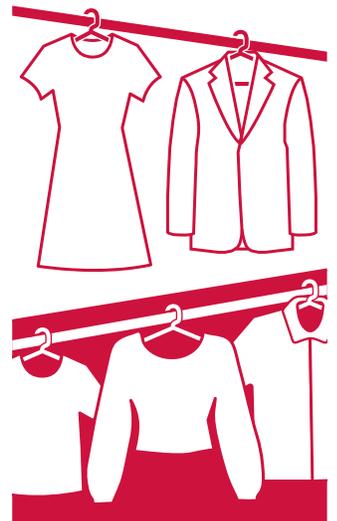
\$22,000

worth of food, hygiene and household items since November 1, 2025

## Number of donations made

172

donations of food and clothing



## Poundage of food items distributed

10,451

since November 1, 2025



1,153

Unique students served

