

Morton Junior High School

Help-a-Thon 2026 - FAQ



What is it?

The MJHS Help-a-thon is similar to a walk-a-thon or read-a-thon; however, instead of collecting pledges to walk or read, students will seek donors to sponsor their involvement in a service project within our community. This the sole fundraiser MJHS conducts.

When is it?

Our 14th annual Help-a-Thon Community Day will be Friday, October 9, 2026 from 8:30-10:30. Students raising \$250 in pledges attend a bonus field trip to a Peoria-area location TBD in late October/early November.

Who will participate in the service projects?

All 500+ MJHS students and staff members will participate in a service project.

Some past and/or current organizations that benefit from our students' volunteerism:

Morton Community Partners:

TCRC, Restmor Nursing Home, Community Harvest Food Bank, Goodwill, Brandon Wood Retirement Center, Villas of Holly Brook, Morton Elementary Schools, Mission Mart, Chamber of Commerce, Library, Police Department, Fire Department, Morton Park District, MYBA, MGSA, Kennel Lake, American Rentals

Who benefits from the donations raised?

This fundraiser supports many school programs immediately. Funds are used for various projects around the school. Past projects have included: CareerMaker modules, classroom novels, PE equipment, guest speakers, park benches, choir program, athletic equipment, Kiln furnishings, musical props, athletic equipment & uniforms, etc. Proceeds also fund student field trips to the movies in December, 7th Grade Chief's game, and the 8th Grade fun day.

In addition, 10% will once again be donated to the Morton Community Foundation.

Can anyone donate?

Yes. If someone would like to make a donation to the MJHS PTO Help-a-thon, please make a check payable to MJHS PTO and mail to MJHS at 225 E. Jackson Street. Donations are tax-deductible.