## **Needs That Never Go Away**

### **Shower Kit Needs**

Sunscreen Fingernail Clippers Shaving cream Disposable razors Shower shoes or flip flops, all sizes Travel size mouthwash Washcloths and towels Travel size lotion

### **Medical Needs**

Multi-vitamins and Vitamin C tablets Band-Aids - all sizes Gloves, size M Reading glasses, any strength Tums Rolaids Aleve Weekly pill containers Any allergy OTC med in generic form

Personal facial tissue packs

### **Women's Center Needs** Underclothing, all sizes, new only

Pajamas, nightgowns, all sizes Ankle socks and athletic socks, new only Arts & craft supplies

Assorted food storage containers

### **Men's Center Needs**

Undershirts, all sizes, new only Boxers and briefs, new only Men's pants, large sizes Men's shirts, large sizes, 2X, 3X, 4X, 5X New or gently used jeans and pants, all sizes Giant print Bibles (font size 13 or larger)

For more information, please contact Annel Rice (816) 421-7643 or at arice@shelterkc.org.

# **Pray and Give** Thanks!

### Please join us as we:

Pray for the men and women in our recovery programs who are building better lives for themselves and their families.

Give thanks for our wonderful volunteers who find joy, refreshment and fulfillment through their services. and without whom this ministry would not be possible.

Pray for neighbors who are still homeless, hungry and in need, that they may find help and hope.

**Give thanks** to the Lord for His never-ending love for us, His grace, forgiveness and healing.



Care, Love & Hope

Just as our Women's Center garden flourished this summer thanks to care, love and hope, so do homeless women seeking hope and healing here at Shelter KC as we teach them about Jesus and watch

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# CONNECT + Shelter KC



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"If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off?"

> hanks to your prayers, partnership and support, a lost sheep has been returned to the flock!

Read more of Ivan's story on Page 3!

### What you'll find inside:

- The Table of Grace
- "I have God back in my life!"
- Thanksgiving Dinner for \$2.07
- Pray and Give Thanks!





Eric Burger, Executive Director

# The Table of Grace

This Thanksgiving season, more than 30,000 meals will be served each and every day at tables where guests are treated with dignity and respect.

We expect every seat to be filled at every meal. No one is forgotten. No one will go hungry. And so much more than food is offered, as this song reminds us:

At the table of grace, the cup's never empty. The plate's always full, and it's never too late To come and be filled with love never ending: Everyone's welcome at the table of grace.\*

Help, hope and grace are available for all, even those who can't come to the table at Shelter KC!

Operation Family Feast will deliver delicious holiday meals and food boxes to needy neighbors - enough for an abundant Thanksgiving feast with plenty of leftovers for other meals.

There are so many ways to be part of the Table of Grace: Volunteer. Donate food. Pray for those we serve. Make a gift to Shelter KC.

Your support today will bring more people to the table tomorrow!

Giving thanks for you,



# "I have God back in my life!"

van, grew up with a father who was a "fire and brimstone" preacher. As he grew older, Ivan became more and more skeptical about the

place God had in his own life, and he finally left the church in his twenties.

When Ivan began to suffer from anxiety and panic attacks, his doctor prescribed medications. But nothing seemed to work. Then a friend introduced him to alcohol, and Ivan began "self-medicating."

He progressed from an occasional beer to wine, then mixed drinks and finally straight vodka. Alcohol calmed his panic attacks, but as his consumption and tolerance level went up, his life went downhill.

"I couldn't hold a job. I went through a divorce and was in and out of jail...and homeless."

26 years of sobriety and relapse... "a horrible experience."

Lonely and depressed, Ivan battled cold in the winter and dehydration in the summer. "At one

**Complete Thanksgiving** 

Thanksgiving is just around the corner. That

means we are gearing up to prepare hundreds

The menu is set: turkey, potatoes, rolls, pumpkin pies, all the trimmings of a traditional Thanksgiving

dinner. Your generous support today will help ensure that we have enough food to feed every hungry person who walks through our doors.

At just \$2.07 per meal, imagine how

generous gift today!

many lives you can touch. Please send a

of turkey dinners at Shelter KC, and we need

Dinner - Just \$2.07!

your help.

point the police found me passed out and took me to the hospital. I felt hopeless, but I wasn't ready to stop drinking. I would panhandle and get my drink for the day and just live

in miserv."

Ivan found Shelter KC on New Year's Eve 2020.

"The first 90 days gave me a lot of time to reflect. The Scripture that really spoke to me was, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and strength,' and 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' I started seeing deeper meanings in the teachings of Jesus Christ."

Through our Gospel-based recovery program, Christian Community of Recovery (C-COR) Ivan experienced the "abundant life" Jesus offers, and that led to a healing

that is slowly restoring relationships with his family.

With his faith restored, Ivan now has the aptitude -- and the heart – to finish his college education and become a drug and alcohol counselor!

Thank you for making a difference in his life through your partnership!

**Volunteers** welcome

Individuals, groups or families. For more information, contact us at (816) 421-7643, or go to ShelterKC.org and click on "Volunteer."

# Thank you for helping us Beat the Heat!

Now that summer is over, we want to thank everyone who supported Project Beat the Heat! Thanks to your kindness and generosity, hundreds of

heat survival kits were distributed to our homeless neighbors to help them survive the soaring temperatures. The survival kits included items like bottled water, sunscreen, deodorant,

and pray with people.

granola bars and New Testaments, and were a tremendous blessing to the people we serve. Special shout-outs go to youth groups from Church of the Resurrection Downtown, Oakwood Baptist Church and College Church of the Nazarene (Olathe, KS). They not only gathered survival kits; they demonstrated the love of Christ by hitting the streets with Shelter KC staff to distribute the kits



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