

THANK YOU!

This past year has been a challenge for us all, but especially for those who are homeless, hungry and in need.

Shelter KC and those we serve are grateful for:

- 300 Christmas gift bags for men and women experiencing homelessness in the KC area
- Christmas Gift Packages for the residents at our Women’s and Men’s Centers
- Individuals, churches, companies and volunteers who made our holiday meals possible
- The delivery of 530 meals during our Turkey Convoy
- The donation of masks, coats and hats to keep our guests safe and warm
- Free COVID testing for staff and guests
- YOU – your prayers, your participation and your support



Lives YOU have touched this month



More than 9,000 meals



Bible study, prayer, counseling and education



Over 4,000 nights of shelter



Men and women in our recovery programs

Thank you for your prayers and support!

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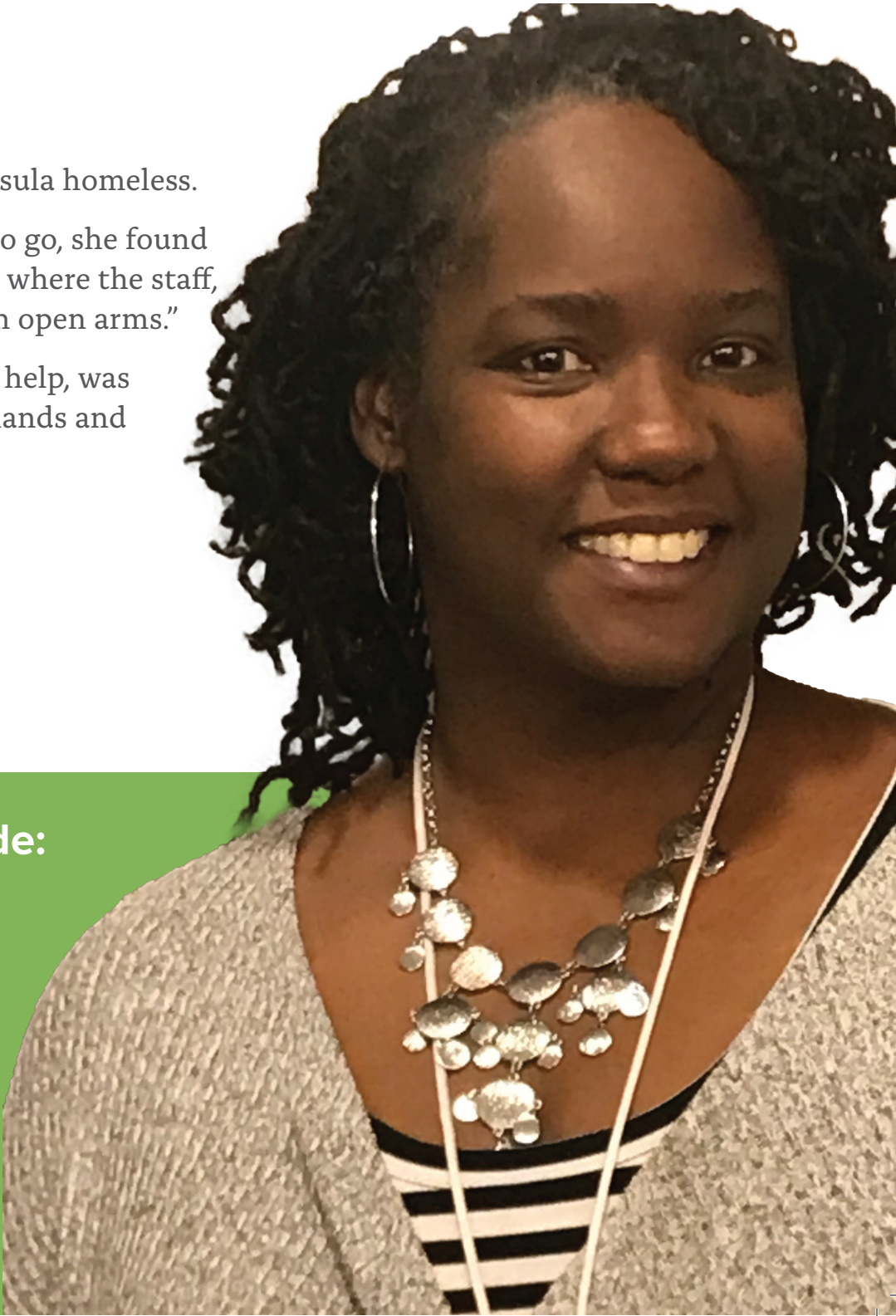
Destitute and Broken

A “toxic relationship” left Ursula homeless.

Desperately seeking a place to go, she found Shelter KC’s Women’s Center where the staff, and God, welcomed her “with open arms.”

Learn how Ursula, with your help, was able to put her life in God’s hands and begin healing.

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I now have the drive to help others

I wanted God to change my life...

Love in Action

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Here’s my Easter gift to bless those in need:

☐ \$26.91 for **13 meals and care**

☐ \$51.75 for **25 meals and care**

☐ \$76.59 for **37 meals and care**

☐ \$_____ to help as many people as possible

☐ Bill my credit card

☐ Make this a recurring gift

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It’s easy to give your gift online: [ShelterKC.org](#)

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Director's Message

Doubly Blessed!

Eric Burger, Executive Director

This past year, it would have been all too easy to give in to worry, fear and despair.

But I was often reminded of the promise made in Psalms 46: "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear..."

In addition to shielding us from fear, God sent His Son to live among us and free us from sin!

So despite difficult times, we have a double blessing to celebrate this Easter.

Furthermore, thanks to the prayers and support of friends like you, the men and women cared for by Shelter KC can celebrate these blessings beyond measure this Easter.

As we move into a year filled with hope and promise, many neighbors still need your help and support to get back on their feet. Loss of jobs has far too many of our neighbors facing homelessness for the first time.

Please keep these neighbors – and Shelter KC – in your prayers. And if you are in a position to volunteer your time or make a gift, that would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you so much for the blessings you share with men and women in need through your prayers and support!

Wishing you and those you love a wonderful and joyful Easter,

Eric Burger

"I now have the drive to help others."

While still in prison, Craig prayed a simple prayer: "I prayed to help the homeless."

God answered that prayer after Craig got out of prison by leading him to Shelter KC, where he enrolled in our men's recovery program.

Craig began helping others by encouraging the other men in the program and by making newly arrived men feel welcome.

Upon graduating from the program earlier this year, Craig began working as a journeyman painter and moved into our transitional house.

"I learned many life skills while I was here," Craig says. "I now work for God, and I will always remember to keep the main thing the main thing."

Thank you so much for helping men like Craig rebuild their lives through your support!



"I wanted God to change my life!"

Raised in a Christian home with a grandfather who pastored a church, Ursula's life was going well until her mother died of breast cancer just a month before Ursula's 16th birthday.

She married and had a son. But the relationship was a "toxic" one in which she and her husband were both using drugs.

"Some people can change with just modest redirection," she says. "I have to have a big old billboard sign with flashing bulbs to get my attention." That "billboard" showed up the night her husband and son got into an argument over \$20.

Ursula left and began walking to get away from the fighting. The next thing she knew, her husband pulled up in the car and threw all her clothes on the ground. "I had been wanting to leave", she says. "But I had no resources. No job."

Ursula called different places to get help, and Shelter KC was the last call she made.

"I truly believe God brought me here because I didn't have the courage to do it for myself."

Thanks to your support, Ursula was given a chance to start over at our Women's Center. "It is awesome how God works. The resources and the staff just build me up...they have lovingly invested in my life! I feel like God is just building this wave of support around me."

Today, Ursula's goal is to have a home and be financially stable. "When I came in, I was destitute and broken. I had turned my back on God. Today, they tell me I am worthy. Nobody ever said that to me before. This is the most loving environment I could hope for."

Thank you for helping Ursula heal through your prayers and support!

Ursula shares her favorite Bible verse: "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer." — Psalms 19:14

Your legacy of caring

For 71 years, generous donors like you have saved and changed the lives of hundreds of thousands of men and women. Through your compassionate support, you have helped individuals overcome homelessness and return to our community to live better lives.

Now, your care for "the least of these" can be continued into the future when you make a planned gift, either during your lifetime, or through your will.

To learn more about continuing your legacy of caring, call Connie Chambers at (816) 421-7643, ext. 141, or send a private message to Connie at cchambers@ShelterKC.org.

