

A New Chapel in Honor of Old Friends

Earlier this year, Shelter KC was pleased to dedicate the newly renovated Colaizzi Chapel in honor of Joe and Marilyn Colaizzi and their 35 years of loving service to the ministry.

The Colaizzis were honored during a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new chapel, at which Joe spoke along with three recovery program graduates who shared about their time at Shelter KC (formerly Kansas City

Rescue Mission). It was a beautiful time of worship and testimony.

Joe and Marilyn's family attended, along with Shelter KC staff, board members, recovery program clients, and the anonymous donors who under-wrote the cost of the chapel renovations. Attendance was limited to honor social distancing guidelines.

We are so thankful for Joe and Marilyn, for the donors who made the new chapel possible, and for the ways that God is moving at Shelter KC!



Pray & Give Thanks!

Please join us as we:

Pray for our community and the nation.

Give thanks that the pandemic is fading.

Pray for the men and women working hard to change their lives in our recovery programs.

Give thanks for the generosity and partnership of those who volunteer their time.

Pray for those who come to Shelter KC each evening, that they will find freedom from their past and hope for the future.

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“His heart of gratitude aided in his healing.”

Randy overcame abandonment as a child and an addiction to alcohol.

But when multiple medical problems made it impossible for him to work, Shelter KC was there with the support he needed.

Read more of Randy's story on page 3!

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Eric Burger,
Executive Director

Moving forward!

The last year or so has been a challenging season at Shelter KC.

But we have held strong because we know the Lord has great things in store; just as He promises in Jeremiah 29:11:

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

Now we are blessed to move forward into that future that God promised:

To help more neighbors who have lost jobs and homes get back on their feet.

To provide meals, shelter, and care for more people than we’ve ever served before.

To empower men to find victory over addiction, poverty, mental health, and physical disabilities through Shelter Launch – a faith-based program for guests with multiple challenges.

With the prayers and support of partners like you, Shelter KC is moving forward, caring for those in need in Jesus’ name.

Thank you so much for your partnership!
God bless you!

Eric Burger



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Thanks to a Matching Challenge Gift from generous donors, your support today will have double the impact.

That means you’ll make twice the impact for homeless and hurting people in need of food, shelter, and lasting hope:

\$20 doubles to \$40 to help with meals and shelter.

\$50 becomes \$100 to help twice as many people.

\$100 doubles to provide \$200 worth of life-changing services.

Mail your gift today or donate online at **ShelterKC.org**.

THANK YOU!

“Clean and sober for 20 years!”

Randy’s mom died when he was just seven. His dad remarried and kept Randy’s older brother and baby sister, but Randy was placed in foster care. “I never understood why I wasn’t kept with the family,” he says.

Believing in God but lacking the guidance he needed to stay out of trouble, Randy began drinking. Eventually, his addiction became so bad it landed him in prison for three and a half years.

Twenty years ago, sick of being broke and a slave to his addiction, Randy prayed for God’s help and quit drinking. “I didn’t ask anyone but God for help, and He was there.”

Never one to be afraid of hard work, Randy was able to keep a job and his own place most of the time. But sometimes his past would catch up with him, and he would be asked to move on.

It was during one of those times four years ago that Randy first came to Shelter KC. He was here

just long enough to get back on his feet by finding a job and a new place to live.

A problem he couldn’t solve on his own.

Blind in one eye and bent under the weight of a huge tumor on his shoulder and back, Randy eventually returned to Shelter KC for help.

Life Coach and Chaplain Michael Purlee and R.N. “Nurse Liz” helped Randy navigate and coordinate the complexities of his medical journey. This included dealing with several debilitating health issues, including diabetes that had gone undiagnosed.

Today, Randy is looking forward to getting back to work and “having his own place.” Nurse Liz says she’s never met anyone who expresses his faith in God and his gratitude more than Randy. She says, “His heart of gratitude aided in his healing!”

Thank you so much for making Randy’s healing possible through your partnership!



New lives and new beginnings start here!



Mail your gift today, or donate online at ShelterKC.org.

Thank you!