



Christmas at the Crossroads

Shelter KC is planning a Covid-safe celebration of Christmas for Kansas City's neediest residents.

On December 23 we'll distribute at least 600 gift bags, provide a holiday meal and offer a variety of activities with help from as many as 200 volunteers at the event.

If you'd like to help with this event, visit ShelterKC.org beginning November 26th!

To learn more about all our holiday needs, please visit ShelterKC.org!

Pray, Give Thanks and Rejoice!



Please join us as we:

Give thanks for the grace of God and the support of our donors, volunteers and staff who have enabled Shelter KC to continue to reach hearts and change lives during these difficult times.

Pray for continued strength and guidance for the men and women in our recovery programs who are receiving the tools and care they need to get back on their feet.

Give thanks for those who have found freedom from the past and hope for the future through the programs you support here at Shelter KC.

Pray for those still in need including homeless individuals facing winter on the streets.

Rejoice in the coming celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior.



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"This place has opened a lot of doors for me!"

Thanks to your help and support, Shalise went from being homeless to helping those who are in recovery.

Read more about her amazing transformation inside.



What you'll find inside:

- "I will say it again: REJOICE!"
- "This place has opened a lot of doors for me."
- Pray and Give Thanks

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Use my gift to provide meals and care this holiday season.

- \$26.91 for **13 meals and care**
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Eric Burger, Executive Director

"I will say it again: REJOICE!"

The holidays are a time for celebration and rejoicing.

But how hard is it to rejoice if you are hungry? Or homeless? If you're in prison? Or facing eviction?

The Apostle Paul shared his secret with us in Philippians 4:13: "I can do everything through Him who gives me strength."

Actually, it's no secret at all. Those who are empowered by Christ can do not only the possible, but the impossible as well.

This is the message you help us share each and every day!

It's shared with those who come to Shelter KC for a simple meal. With the men and women who are building better lives in our recovery programs. It comes with every piece of clothing and every cup of coffee.

It's an integral part of our chapel services and our education and life skills classes.

With your help and support, everyone seeking help at Shelter KC will have the opportunity to find not just food, clothing and care, but joy and hope in Jesus Christ.

REJOICE!



"Shelter KC gave me hope."

Not having the love she needed at home, Shalise ran away at 13. "I was introduced to drugs because I was living on the streets. Prostitution was a part of my life. It was just a means to survive daily."

As she grew older, her life just "spiraled out of control."

"I was living in my car, going to friends' houses, begging people to let me stay with them for a night or two."

The night that changed everything was cold and snowy. Shalise pulled into a parking lot, locked her doors and went to sleep. When she woke, there were people all around her car. "It just became too much," she says. "The freezing, having to wash up in restrooms. It became overwhelming."

With the help of a vocational rehab counselor, Shalise was at our Women's Center within two days!

"Being here, learning about boundaries and implementing them became the biggest challenge for me, coming from a family where everything was, 'Do as



I say and not as I do.' To know that I have a voice and to be able to use it in a productive way made an impact on my life."

"My grandmother was avid about going to church and learning about the Lord, so I think that was one thing that caused me to want to come here. It was Christian based. I really have to say that Shelter KC has helped me reconnect with God."

Today, Shalise works at Truman Medical Center as a peer support specialist, helping others who are working through recovery. She's currently working on getting her certification to become a community health worker.

"This place has really opened up a lot of doors for me," Shalise says. "Today, I work with people like myself who are in recovery. I share my story with them and help them regain their lives."

"Shelter KC gave me the hope and the knowledge that any and everything is possible through Christ."

Thank you for making a difference in Shalise's life through your partnership!



Turkey Convoy

Shelter KC is gearing up to provide 500 prepared single-serving turkey dinners with all the trimmings to people who need help. Thanksgiving meals will be delivered right to the door of every individual or family.

The program is designed to help fill the gap for poverty-stricken families, the elderly and other home bound individuals who have no access to other community resources.

Volunteers are needed to prepare the meals in advance and to deliver them on Thanksgiving Day.



Operation Family Feast

Shelter KC volunteers will pack and deliver 350 food boxes, each with enough food for an abundant Thanksgiving feast at home with plenty for leftovers!

Sign up today to help with Operation Family Feast and Turkey Convoy by going to [ShelterKC.org/volunteer!](http://ShelterKC.org/volunteer)

Holiday Needs List

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- Hoodies
- Activity books
- Flashlights
- Backpacks
- Winter Boots
- McDonald's \$10 gift cards
- \$25 Walmart gift card
- Webster pocket-size dictionaries
- Adult coloring books

Christmas at the Crossroads Care Packages

- Lotion
- Chapstick
- Body Wash
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste
- Granola bars and/or crackers
- \$25 Walmart gift card
- Various Snacks
- Christmas cards

For a full list of needs visit: ShelterKC.org/give/Christmas-gifts-needs, or contact Annel Rice at (816) 421-7643, or at arice@shelterkc.org.