

THANK YOU!

We want to thank all the wonderful, individuals, churches, companies and volunteers who have made this past holiday season so special for people in need here in Kansas City. Among the many things from the holidays we're grateful for:

- **Over 300 single-serving turkey dinners** served to needy people during the Turkey Convoy
- **Over 350 food boxes** distributed to needy families at home during Operation Family Feast
- **Over 400 homeless guests fed**, ministered to and provided with gift bags during Christmas at the Crossroads
- **Special Christmas meals** served to the men and women in our programs
- The **donation of coats, hats and other supplies** to keep our guests safe and warm
- **YOU** – your prayers, your participation and your support which made it all possible



Thanks to you...



Lives are rebuilt through recovery programs for men and women.



Hundreds of meals are served every day.



Safe shelter is provided to homeless guests every night.



Education and job readiness programs provide new beginnings.



Counseling, Bible study and chapel services provide spiritual nourishment.

Thanks to you, men and women who need help now more than ever are finding it at Shelter KC.

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"There's a sign on these doors that says, 'There is hope for all who enter here,' and it's true."

Raised under a strict father, Tommie rebelled at a young age and left home for good when he was just 16.

He became addicted to drugs and spent much of his life in and out of prison. He avoided seeking help as long as he could, but one cold, snowy day, he made a decision that changed his life.

Read Tommie's amazing story inside...

What you'll find inside:

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Here's my Easter gift to fill plates with food and hearts with joy!

- ☐ \$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 monthly gift

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It's easy to give your gift online:
ShelterKC.org.

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Eric Burger, Executive Director

Doubly Blessed!

There is no celebration that's more relevant to Shelter KC than Easter.

Suffering turned to hope.

Despair turned to joy.

It's what the work here is all about!

Thanks to you, men and women in our community who are hungry and homeless can come here for meals, shelter, care AND the most important message of Easter: **hope, the love of God and the renewal of life!**

Jesus came to save and seek the lost (John 3:16) (Luke 19:10).

Through your partnership, our guests are **doubly blessed** by receiving the necessities of life and the opportunity to come to know the Savior who can and will change their lives.

Far too many people continue to struggle – many in need for the very first time. They are asking for our help – and yours – to get back on their feet.

Please continue to pray for those in need and provide help and hope through your support.

May God bless you and yours this Easter and throughout the year to come!

Eric Burger



HOPE is on the menu this Easter.

\$8.28 feeds four hungry guests.

\$28 provides a night of warm shelter.

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

THANK YOU!

This Easter season we have so much to celebrate! We celebrate the coming arrival of spring, and we celebrate the hope and new life we have through Jesus' resurrection.

We also celebrate the way that God continues to provide through friends like you.

Every day your generosity makes it possible for us to feed, shelter, clothe and care for men and women who have nowhere else to turn. Thank you so much for all that you do to help us minister to 'the least of these'. God bless you!

"This place put me back on the right path."

Tommie grew up in a good family but rebelled at a young age against the strict rules his father had set.

"I didn't like rules," he remembers. "My dad was an officer in the Navy. He was a tough dude, and I wasn't having that."

"I had a good family. They're good people, but I didn't take that path, and I paid the price."

He started using drugs when he was just 12 and left home at 16.

"I've been all over this country and in and out of prison my whole life," he says. Eventually settling in Kansas City, Tommie continued to struggle with drugs despite a friend's urging to come to Shelter KC.

"I had a buddy who was at Shelter KC, and he was like, 'Man, Tom, you're really doing bad.' He



kept seeing me go deeper and deeper. He kept coaxing me to come here, but I kept turning him down."

Finally, one snowy day, the struggle became too much.

"I'd always avoided places like this," Tommie says. "But I was exhausted and at my wit's end."

"My sister got me here, and I never looked back."

Tommie went on to graduate from our long-term recovery program for men. For a long time after leaving, he volunteered once a week at Shelter KC by encouraging other men in the program.

"Every morning now I get up and have my devotional. I continue to read God's word and stay steady on the path, and my life's been getting nothing but better. I have a great job now. I got a house. My worst days now are nothing like before I walked through these doors. Because of this place, my life has been getting better day by day."

"The people here gave me the right tools, and I just keep building on that."

Thank you for giving people like Tommie a new start in life!



GOD BLESS YOU!

Thank you for helping us Tackle Homelessness!

Last Thanksgiving, in conjunction with the Kansas City Chiefs' game against the Dallas Cowboys, Shelter KC had a friendly week-long fundraising competition – called Tackle Homelessness – with our friends at the Union Gospel Mission in Dallas.

The competition culminated with the game, and thanks to friends like you, we were blessed to raise over \$42,000 to help care for men and women here in Kansas City. PLUS, we beat UGM, and the Chiefs beat the Cowboys – two wins for KCMO!

Thank you so much for supporting Tackle Homelessness and for making it possible for men and women to receive food, shelter and HOPE during the holidays!

Join us this Easter Volunteer

Please contact us at (816) 421-7643.

Donate food

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| Dinner rolls | Hams |
| Salad | Canned green beans |
| Homemade desserts – pies, cakes, cookies | Easter candy |
| Potatoes | Fruit |

Please drop off donations by Friday, April 15 at 1520 Cherry St. in Kansas City.

No time to shop? Make a gift at ShelterKC.org.

Leaving a Legacy

For 72 years, generous donors like you have saved and changed the lives of countless numbers of men and women through your support for Shelter KC.

If you'd like to extend your compassion well into the future – and enjoy certain tax savings at the same time – then please consider giving to Shelter KC through your will or other estate plans. Doing so is a flexible and effective way to leave a legacy.

For more information, please contact Connie Chambers at (816) 421-7643 or at CChambers@ShelterKC.org.

