



## Calling all volunteers!

Shelter KC will be serving many men and women from across Kansas City this summer, and we would love to have your help! Individuals and groups are all welcome.

**For more information, please contact us at [volunteer@shelterkc.org](mailto:volunteer@shelterkc.org).**

**We hope to see you soon!**



**Pray & GiveThanks!**  
Please join us as we:

**Pray** for our community and the nation.

**Give thanks** for partners from across the community who make this ministry possible.

**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.

## From a dark, dark place into the light of Christ!



**M**arilyn tried to take her own life twice and nearly succeeded both times. Then her family found Shelter KC Women's Center.

Learn how Marilyn found a new purpose for her life, and how your prayers and support are helping hundreds of men and women like her each and every day.

*Read more of her story inside!*



### What you'll find inside:

- Moving Forward!
- "I know God has a purpose for me!"
- Make Twice the Impact
- Pray & Give Thanks!

**DONATE. VOLUNTEER. CONNECT.** ShelterKC.org   

### Match my gift to **DOUBLE** the amount of help.



- \$26.91 for **26 meals and care**
- \$51.75 for **50 meals and care**
- \$76.59 for **74 meals and care**
- \$\_\_\_\_\_ to help as many people as possible

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It's easy to give your gift securely online at: [ShelterKC.org](https://ShelterKC.org)

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Eric Burger, Executive Director

# Moving forward!

We all have our ups and downs.

For most of us, there are family and friends around us who provide love, support and help during difficult times.

For men and women like Marilyn, there are friends like you and Shelter KC.

With your prayers and your partnership, God is working every day in the lives of those we serve who are hungry, homeless and in need. Because of you they're able to experience the promise of Isaiah 41:

"...do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Those who are hungry are fed.

Men and women who are homeless are provided shelter.

Once their immediate needs are met, they can find help through Christ-centered long-term programs that work to restore lives.

Your gifts do so much more than provide food, shelter and care. They provide HOPE and ENCOURAGEMENT!

Please continue to be a beacon of hope and the voice of encouragement through your prayers, your gifts and your time and talents.

Thank you, and God bless you!

*Eric Burger*



MAKE TWICE THE IMPACT TODAY

**\$10,000 Matching Challenge Gift DOUBLES your Support!**

Thanks to a generous Matching Challenge Gift your support today will have twice the impact!

That means you'll be able to double your impact on providing food, shelter and lasting hope for homeless and hurting people in Kansas City.

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

**\$50 becomes \$100 to help twice as many**

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

Mail your gift today or donate online at [ShelterKC.org](http://ShelterKC.org).

**THANK YOU!**

## "I know God has a purpose for me!"

Marilyn grew up in a very strict religious home. "We weren't exposed to alcohol...we weren't supposed to drink or dance. I was the oldest and a preacher's kid, so there was a lot of pressure on me to make sure everybody was happy, all the things were taken care of."

Marilyn married young and became a nurse. A few years into her nursing career, her mom died, which had a huge impact on Marilyn.

"People loved my mom. She was a very good influence in my life. Her death influenced my alcoholism later. I went through a really unhealthy grieving process."

Later, when Marilyn was 44, she was introduced to drinking through friends at work.

"When I started drinking, it was a gradual progression," she remembers. "I started drinking more and more until I was drinking until I blacked out. I would say, 'Just one bottle, and then I'll stay sober.' But one bottle would turn into bottles and bottles, and I would wind up in detox and rehab. And after rehab, I would pick up where I left off."

Marilyn tried to commit suicide twice. "I was in the hospital and they didn't know if they could revive me," she says. "I ended up in the ICU on a ventilator both times."

Praise God, her family found the Women's Center program at Shelter KC!

"I'd been in and out of other rehabs but they were not Christian. This place is long-term, and it's helping me grow spiritually, mentally, even physically. I'm connecting and fellowshiping with other women, and there will be healing and reconciliation with family. **It's completely different from any place I've ever been.**"

"It's helped me understand how to make better decisions. We would normally pay thousands of dollars for the curriculum and the courses we get here."

"I can trust God instead of me trying to fix everything. Being in God's presence, I can listen to Him and hear His voice. Having

Jesus in my heart is paramount in everything I do."

Today, Marilyn knows God has a purpose for her – to be a disciple. "I'm putting on the full armor of God so that I can deflect the devil's arrows and attacks."

"I want to be in ministry, to be able to say to another woman, 'I know what you're going through, and here's how we can do this together in Christ.'"

**Thank you for making a difference in Marilyn's life through your prayers and support!**



**"I really believe God saved my life."**