

## A Step Up for our Men's Dormitory!

Thanks to some wonderful volunteers and generous friends like you, our men's dormitory received a much-needed renovation this summer. The renovation included putting in new flooring and repainting the walls, as well as installing new StepUp beds.

These unique beds are a departure from traditional bunk beds. They are modular bed systems that provide each man with his own small living area, including a locker, charging station and three walls for extra privacy. The StepUp beds are especially nice for men who are staying at Shelter KC as they work and move toward independence.

Thank you so much to all of you who helped make the renovation possible and enhanced the quality of service for our guests!

**There are still opportunities to sponsor a StepUp bed! If you're looking for a meaningful way to honor or remember someone special, or if you're just looking for another way to help care for our men, please contact Connie Chambers at (816) 421-7643.**



## Pray and Give Thanks!

**Please join us as we:**

**Pray** for our neighbors who are struggling with financial hardships, housing instability and other challenges.

**Pray** the men and women in our recovery programs who are rebuilding their lives, growing in their walk with Christ and reforging ties with family members.

**Pray** for God's blessing on the many neighbors who will be coming to Shelter KC for help during the coming weeks.

**Give thanks** to the Lord for His never-ending love for us, His grace, forgiveness, and healing.



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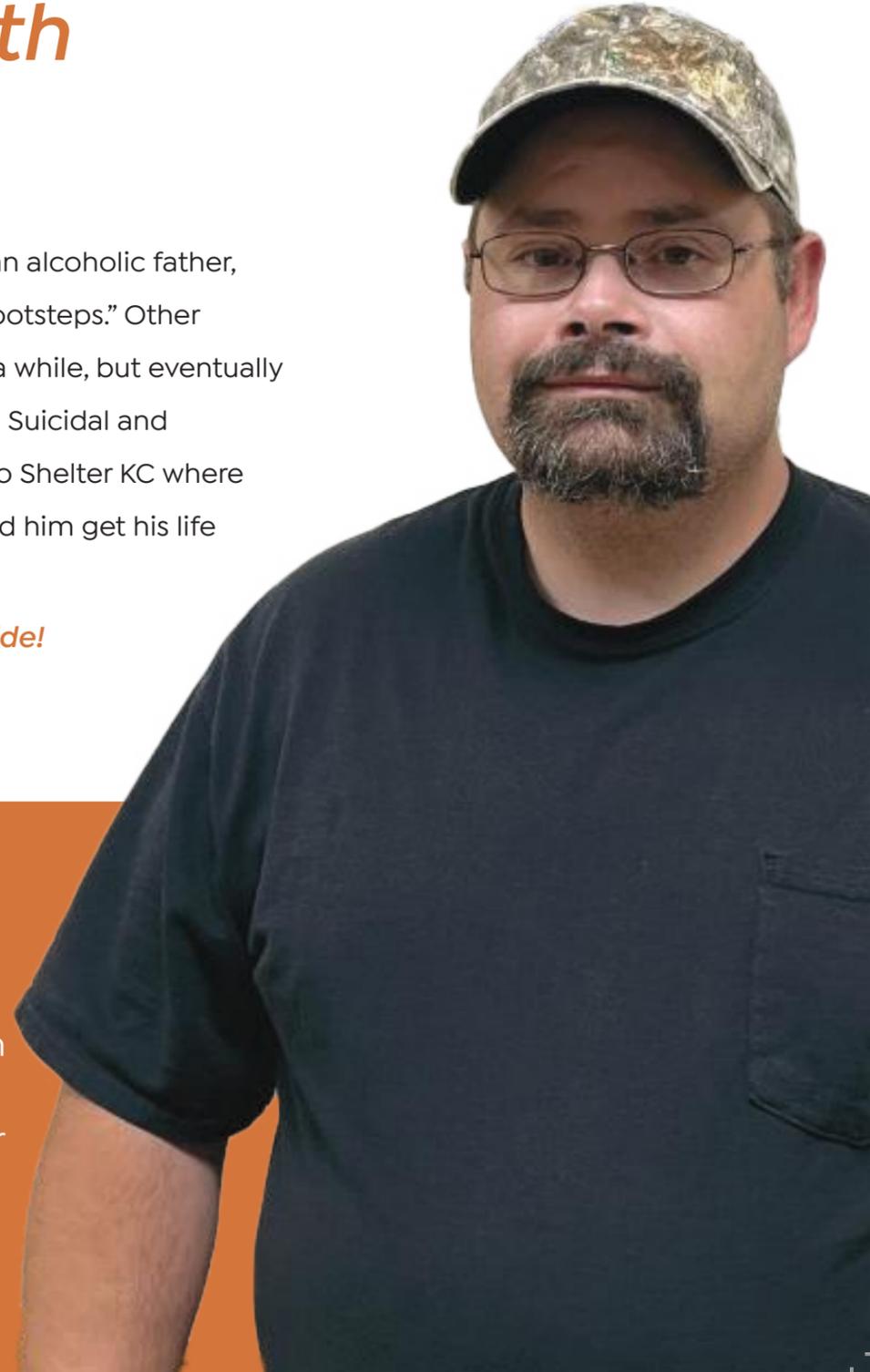


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## Blessed with recovery!

**H**aving grown up with an alcoholic father, Willi "followed in his footsteps." Other programs helped for a while, but eventually Willi would start drinking again. Suicidal and depressed, Willi found his way to Shelter KC where your prayers and support helped him get his life back together.

*Read more of Willi's story inside!*



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### YES, I'll bless people in need with food, shelter and care this Thanksgiving season.

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### What you'll find inside:

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- "I had to surrender to something greater than myself."
- Thanksgiving Dinner for \$2.07
- A Step Up for our Men's Dormitory!



Eric Burger, Executive Director

## Giving thanks... for you!

With Thanksgiving approaching, now more than ever we want to let you know how grateful we are for you.

Your sacrificial giving has sustained Shelter KC through some very turbulent times. Without your prayers and support, we never could have cared for the men and women who came to us these past two years for food, shelter, recovery and spiritual care.

Sadly, as our nation faces new challenges, many people in our community are still struggling. With increasing food cost and skyrocketing gas prices, rent and utility bills, the number of men and women coming to Shelter KC for help is increasing.

**Our facilities are at capacity. More people to feed each day means more meals.**

As we prepare for a busy Thanksgiving, we would be extremely grateful if you would consider helping again with a gift of any size to help feed and care for people in need. I also ask you to please pray for those we serve, as well as our staff and volunteers.

Moreover, we recognize that these challenging times may be directly affecting you and your family. Let us know how we at Shelter KC can pray for you.

Thank you again for all that you do to help us reach hearts and change lives! God bless you!

*Eric Burger*



# “I had to surrender to something greater than myself.”

**What leads people to become addicted to drugs or alcohol?**

In Willi's case, it may have been watching his father, who was an alcoholic. Or being introduced to marijuana at 13. Or going into foster care when his mom had to leave the family because his father was abusing her.

Leaving foster care at 17, Willi went to live with his dad and began using again. Moving in with his mom meant two or three years of sobriety before the cycle began in earnest: Drink, use drugs, get arrested, get probation.

No matter where he went, Willi found friends who used drugs and drank. “I couldn't stay clean and sober,” he says. “I got suicidal and depressed. I didn't think I had a road I could go on that would fix anything.”

### Then Willi found Shelter KC!

“Every day I face little challenges, but today I don't face them like I used to, where I'd go out and use or be angry. I face things responsibly.” Through our Gospel-based recovery program,

Christian Community of Recovery (C-COR), Willi is striving to be clean, sober, active in church, employed in a career and experiencing “the abundant life” Jesus offers.



“I became a member of a church here, and I go faithfully on Sundays. I regularly do Bible studies. I've just turned my will and my life over to God. He's got a greater understanding than I do. Every day is going to be a journey but facing things with the Lord has gotten a lot better for me.”

Willi has also been rebuilding family relationships with his parents and siblings and setting goals for a brighter future that includes helping others find the great new life he has been granted.

“My goal is to stay here for another year, do the servant training institute, get my peer certificates, and start a counseling degree.”

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

“Life's gotten a lot better!”

## Thank you for helping men and women Beat the Heat!

Now that milder temperatures are here, we want to thank everyone of you who supported Project Beat the Heat this summer! This past season was especially hot, and your kindness and generosity made such a difference in the lives of homeless men and women.

Because of your generous response, we were able to distribute hundreds of heat survival kits to our homeless neighbors to help them survive the soaring temperatures. The survival kits included items like bottled water, sunscreen, deodorant, granola bars and New Testaments, and were a tremendous blessing to the people we serve.

**Thank you again for making a difference this summer!**



## Complete Thanksgiving Dinner – Just \$2.07!



Thanksgiving will be here before we know it. With more people than ever coming to Shelter KC for help, we're already gearing up to serve thousands of dinners to hungry people here in Kansas City.

The menu is set: turkey, potatoes, rolls, desserts – all the trimmings of a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. Your generous support today will help ensure that we have enough food to feed every hungry man or woman who walks through our doors.

At just \$2.07 per meal, imagine how many dinners you can provide and how many lives you can touch. Please send a generous gift today or donate online at [ShelterKC.org](http://ShelterKC.org).

**Thank you!**

## Lend a Hand This Thanksgiving Season

Looking for ways to get more involved with helping people in need? We have plenty of volunteer opportunities for individuals, groups and families!

**For more information, call us at (816) 421-7643.**

