



Christmas at the Crossroads

Once again, Shelter KC is planning to celebrate Christmas with hundreds of Kansas City's neediest residents.

With your help, on December 23 we'll distribute 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!



Workplace Giving

If your employer participates in the United Way's workplace campaigns or the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), please consider designating your support to Shelter KC. Thank you!

United Way Donor's Choice: #43-1287029
Combined Federal Campaign (CFC): #90936

Pray, Give Thanks and Rejoice!

Please join us as we:

Pray for the men and women who will be coming to us for food, shelter and other services this holiday season.

Pray for those facing winter on the streets.

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

Give thanks for the grace of God and the support of our donors, volunteers and staff who have enabled Shelter KC to minister to those in need in our community this holiday season.

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

Your prayers and thanks:

Please include your prayer request or thanks on the back of your gift slip and return it to Shelter KC.

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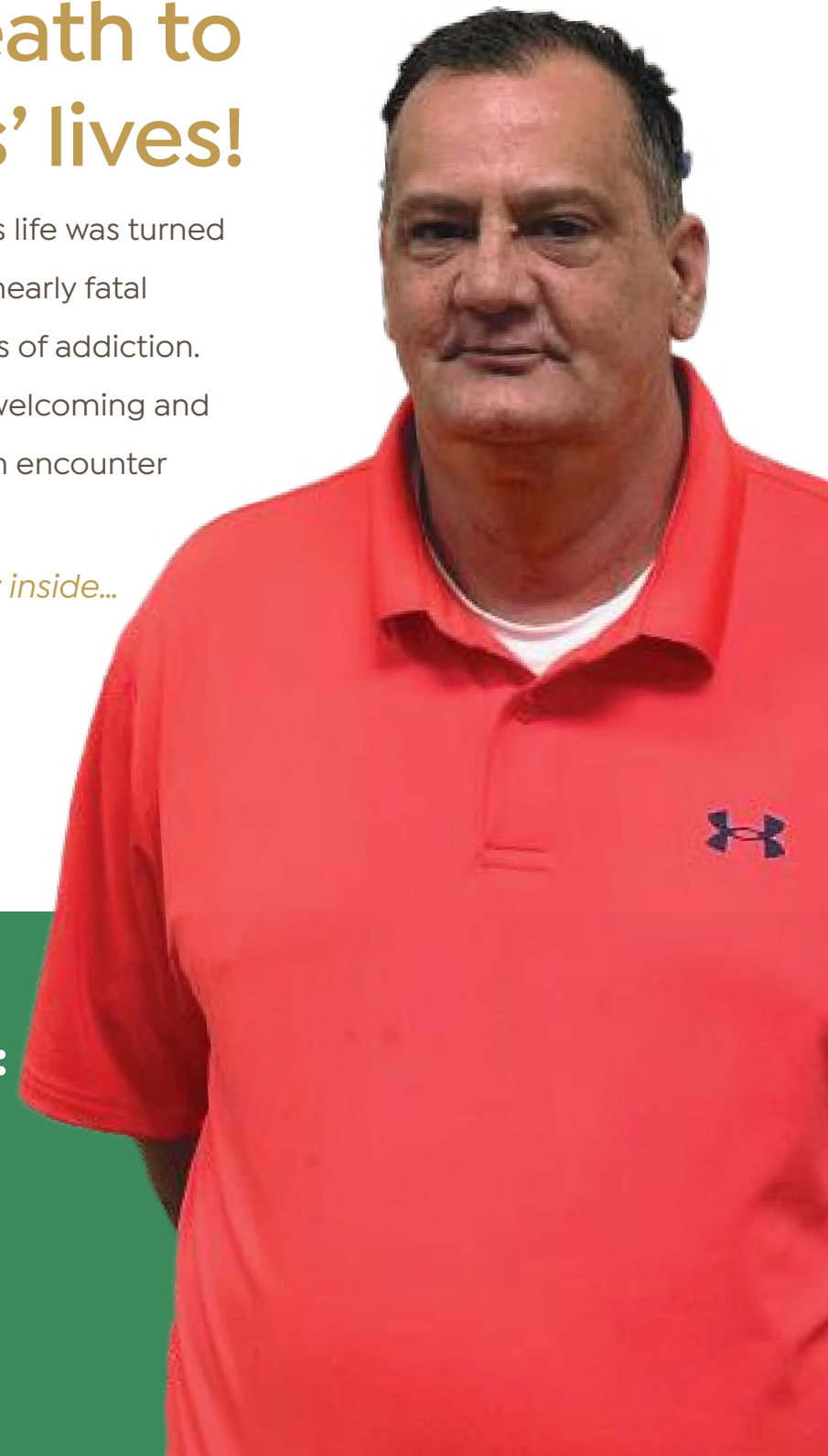


From near death to saving others' lives!

Thanks to your support, Eric's life was turned completely around after a nearly fatal auto accident and five years of addiction.

Today he works here at Shelter KC, welcoming and counseling others and helping them encounter God's love.

Read more of Eric's amazing story inside...



DONATE. VOLUNTEER. CONNECT. ShelterKC.org   

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

- \$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

Card # _____ Exp. Date _____ CIV/SEC# _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

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

Shelter KC
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Eric Burger, Executive Director

The Power of One

One meal. One prayer. One night of shelter.
One man. One woman.

As the holidays near, we are giving thanks for the Power of One.

Especially for each One like you.

Over the last couple of years, you've truly demonstrated the Power of One through your sacrificial giving and prayers. Without you, we never could have ministered to the needs of this community during such a turbulent time.

Jesus reminds us of the Power of One in the Parable of the Lost Sheep in Luke 15. It not only illustrates the love and compassion God has for each individual but serves as a reminder that all of us are called to care for those who are hurting and lost.

This holiday season, many in our community are facing new difficulties. With the rising costs of groceries, rent, utilities and gas, many more people are coming to Shelter KC for help.

As we prepare to serve these men and women, we would be extremely grateful if you would consider demonstrating the Power of One again with a gift of any size to provide food, shelter, clothing, hygiene, recovery, education, and spiritual care. I also ask you to keep those we serve – as well as our staff and volunteers – in your prayers.

At the same time, we recognize that these same challenges may be affecting you, so please let us know how we at Shelter KC can be lifting you up in prayer.

Thanks again for all that you do to demonstrate the Power of One in the lives of the men and women we serve. May God richly bless you and yours!



Holiday Needs List

\$25 Walmart gift cards

\$10 fast food gift cards

Chiefs or Royals gear (t-shirts, sweatshirts sizes L-3X)

Women's PJ sets (L-3X)

Christmas at the Crossroads Care Packages

Toothbrushes

Chapstick

Body wash

Deodorant

Toothpaste

Hats

Gloves

Razors

Shaving cream

Christmas cards

For a full list of needs, visit ShelterKC.org.



“God reached down and grabbed me up!”

Eric doesn't remember much about the horrific accident that put him in the hospital, just that he collided with a jackknifed semi. “I hit him in the wheels and not under the truck bed,” he remembers. “Otherwise, I wouldn't be here today.”



It was after the accident and six months in a convalescent care center that Eric's life “fell apart”. “I lost my house, my wife, my job, my career, everything. Then I found methamphetamines and that's when my addiction began. It was an escape from reality, an escape from the pain.”

“God came for me.”

Eric's addiction eventually landed him in the hospital. Not thinking he was going to make it, he found himself in the chapel. “I told God, ‘My life is yours. Please forgive whatever I've done. I'm turning it over to you.’”

It was a cold winter day when Eric left the hospital. He wandered the streets before a homeless man took pity on Eric and told him to go to Shelter KC.

“I was pretty shaken up when I got here. It was so bitter cold outside that day, I couldn't even write my name on a piece of paper.”

“I got into the program as soon as I came in the door. I felt a love here. A community.” Eric soon decided that he wanted to give others the sense of love and welcome he felt at Shelter KC.

“I want to be that guy who welcomes these gentlemen in, to help them find the love and to find God in their lives and the Christian walk.” That desire led Eric to enroll in our Discipleship Through Service (DTS) program. “It's a one-year program where you work in all areas of the shelter. I spent time in maintenance. I spent time in the kitchen. I spent time at the front desk.”

Lives restored. Families reunited.

Today, Eric serves on staff as a life coach and outreach coordinator. Three times a week, he visits homeless encampments and reaches out to homeless men to bring them into Shelter KC.

“One gentleman had been on the street for 13 years,” Eric said. “He came here in March and has completely changed his life around. He's working full time. He's in our Shelter Launch program, which is a commitment to leave homelessness and do what it takes to do that.”

“I've watched his family come back together. I've watched him get ready to launch into his own place. That feels good.”

“The things that happen here are nothing short of miracles. God is so good to us. The donors are so good to us...investing in what God can do for the guys here. We are so grateful for everything. Our needs are always met.”

Calling all Thanksgiving volunteers!



Turkey Convoy

This Thanksgiving, with your help Shelter KC's Turkey Convoy will provide 500 pre-cooked single-serving turkey dinners with all the trimmings to people in need. These meals will be delivered right to the door of every individual or family.

The Turkey Convoy helps fill the gap for poverty-stricken families, the elderly and other homebound individuals who have no access to other community resources.

To make this happen, volunteers are needed to prepare the meals in advance and to deliver them on Thanksgiving Day.

Operation Family Feast

Shelter KC's Operation Family Feast will consist of friends like you packing and delivering hundreds of food boxes, each with enough food for a family to prepare their own Thanksgiving feast at home with plenty of leftovers!

Sign up today to help with Operation Family Feast and Turkey Convoy by going to ShelterKC.org/volunteer!