



Help us beat the heat!

As temperatures start to rise this summer, the men and women we serve will need help beating the heat!

You can help by donating summertime essentials, including:

- 6 oz. (or smaller) bottles of sunscreen
- SPF lip balm
- Travel-sized deodorant
- Granola bars
- Bottled water

These items can be dropped off at 1520 Cherry St. in Kansas City during normal business hours.

Thank you!

Pray & GiveThanks!

Please join us as we:

Pray for the many individuals who will be coming through our doors this summer in need of help.

Pray for the men and women in our recovery programs as they grow in their walk with Christ and work to rebuild their lives.

Pray for God's blessing on the many volunteers who will be serving at Shelter KC this summer.

Give thanks for our partnering churches who help us share Christ's love with those in need.



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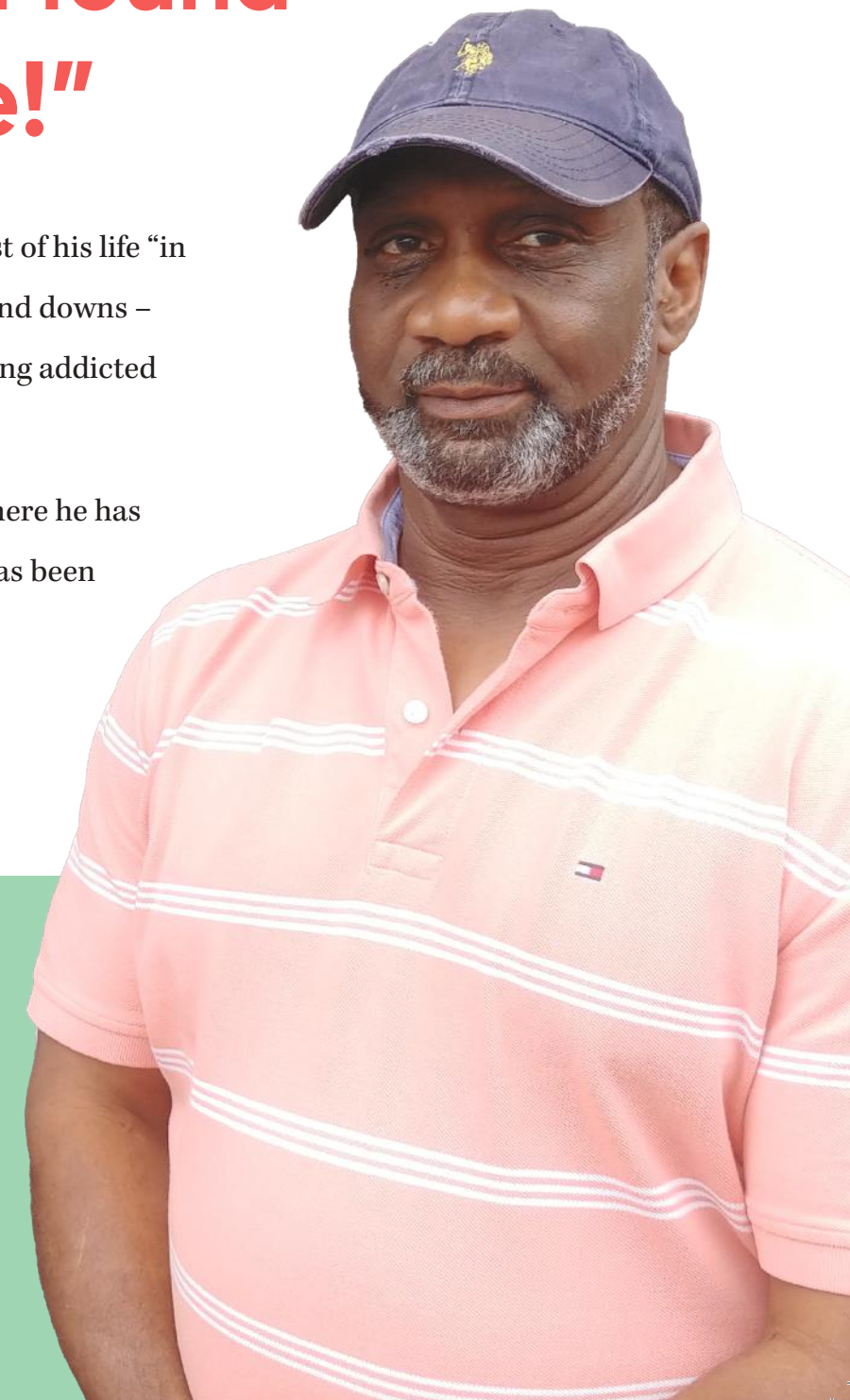
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"I was looking for food, clothing and shelter. But I found so much more!"

Raised here in KC, DeMarco spent most of his life "in the fast lane." His life was full of ups and downs – owning his own business and becoming addicted to drugs and alcohol.

The Lord eventually led him to Shelter KC, where he has not only worked through difficult times but has been called to help others!

Read his story of redemption inside...

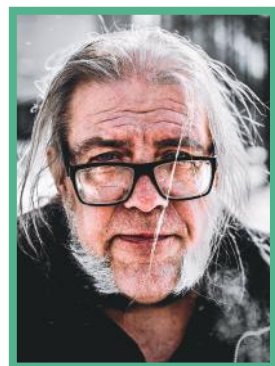


What you'll find inside:

- Praying for another miracle!
- "I have a great opportunity to be part of God's plan."
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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

Bill my credit card Make this a monthly gift

Card # _____

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

Shelter KC
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Eric Burger, Executive Director

Praying for another miracle!



Matthew 14:13-21 tells us the story of the loaves and fishes. How Jesus took five loaves of bread and two fish, blessed them, and fed 5,000 people with “twelve basketfuls of broken pieces left over.”

Right now, we have an opportunity to see a similar miracle happen here at Shelter KC!

You see, soaring prices for food and basic needs have increased with the number of men and women needing help. At the same time, these rising costs have put pressure on many of our supporters.

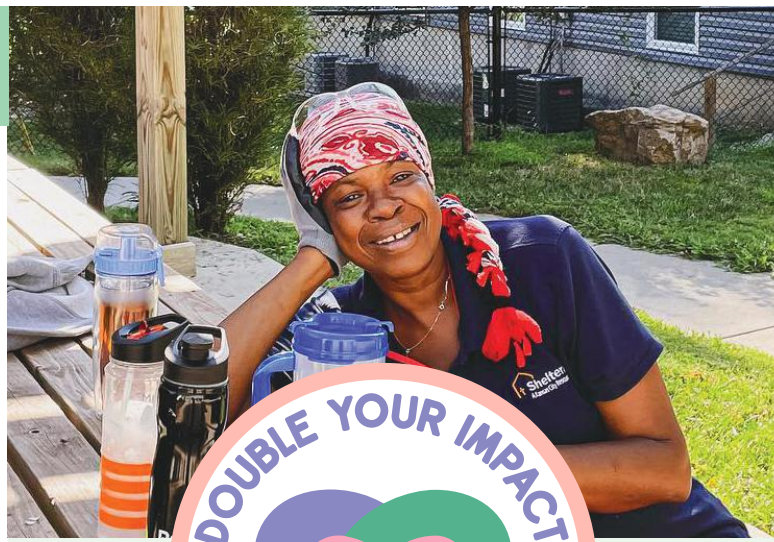
These rising costs have also affected Shelter KC, and we’re tightening our belts as best we can so that our services can continue uninterrupted.

During this challenging season, we hope you’ll join us in praying for our community and for the men and women we serve.

And if you’re able to give toward our Matching Challenge, please know that your support at any level – just like the loaves and fishes – will multiply the help and hope provided for hungry, hurting and homeless people in our community.

Thank you for all you do to make miracles happen at Shelter KC! God bless you!

Eric Burger



MAKE TWICE THE IMPACT TODAY

\$20,000

Matching Challenge Gift **DOUBLES** your Support!

Thanks to a Matching Challenge Gift of \$20,000 from a generous group of donors, your support today will have twice the impact!

That means you’ll be able to double your impact on providing food, shelter and care 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.**

THANK YOU!



“I have a great opportunity to be part of God’s plan.”

DeMarco grew up in a single-parent home here in KC. Although he was exposed to church and religion “it didn’t take root.” Instead, he spent his time in “the fast lane.” He went into the military but went back to the same life when he came out, and eventually ended up in prison.

“I was very hard-headed, disobedient. I just didn’t want to follow the rules, so I did my own thing for a long, long time, and I compounded the problem with drugs and alcohol.”

“I was so broken by the time I got here.”



DeMarco had come to Shelter KC once or twice several years ago but didn’t stay. Then came the day when the Lord spoke to him. “I heard a voice in my head which I believe was the Holy Spirit say ‘Get down to Shelter KC.’”

“God had me to a point where he was able to plant the seed, and that seed grew. It was fertile soil by that time. I embraced whatever the Lord had for me.”

“This place has been a blessing. God managed to get ahold of me

spiritually where I entered into a magnificent relationship with Him, and He started to reveal Himself.”

That relationship has helped DeMarco through some tough times. He was here for about a month and a half when his father died. The day after his father’s funeral, a nephew was shot and paralyzed. He spent time at the

nephew’s bedside with his sister and “mended a lot of fences,” including restoring a relationship with his daughter.

Today, DeMarco is part of our

Discipleship Through Service program, training to serve here at Shelter KC. “I see me in those gentlemen,” he says. “I see the need for help. I see the despair in their faces. I see the depression. I see the anger. I see all of those things that I experienced. And going through this program, it allows me to have some great hands-on contact with the people.”

Thank you for making a difference in DeMarco’s life through your partnership!



Calling all volunteers!

Summer is a busy season at Shelter KC, and we would love to have your help serving the men and women who come to us in need of help. Individual volunteers and groups are all welcome, and opportunities include everything from serving meals to sorting donations to landscaping and grounds maintenance.

For more information, please contact Annel Rice at (816) 421-7643, ext. 112 or at ARice@ShelterKC.org.

We hope to see you soon!

