

Leaving a Legacy of Care



You helped men and women Beat the Heat!

Now that summer is over, we want to thank each of you who supported **Project Beat the Heat!** Your kindness and generosity made a huge difference in the lives of homeless men and women during a time of year when the weather makes life difficult and dangerous for people on the street.

Thanks to your generous response, we were able to distribute hundreds of heat survival kits to our homeless neighbors to help them survive the soaring temperatures. Each survival kit included items like bottled water, sunscreen, deodorant, granola bars, and New Testaments, and each one was a tremendous blessing to someone in need.



Thank you again for making a difference this summer!



Since 1950, caring partners like you have transform a countless number of lives through your support for Shelter KC.

If you'd like to extend your compassion well into the future – and take advantage of certain tax benefits at the same time – then please consider making a bequest to Shelter KC through your will or other estate plans. Doing so is a relatively easy but effective way to leave a legacy of care.

For more information, please contact Kara Feitz at (816) 421-7643 or at KFeitz@ShelterKC.org.

And if you've already included Shelter KC in your estate plans, please let us know so that we can properly acknowledge your generosity.

Thank you!

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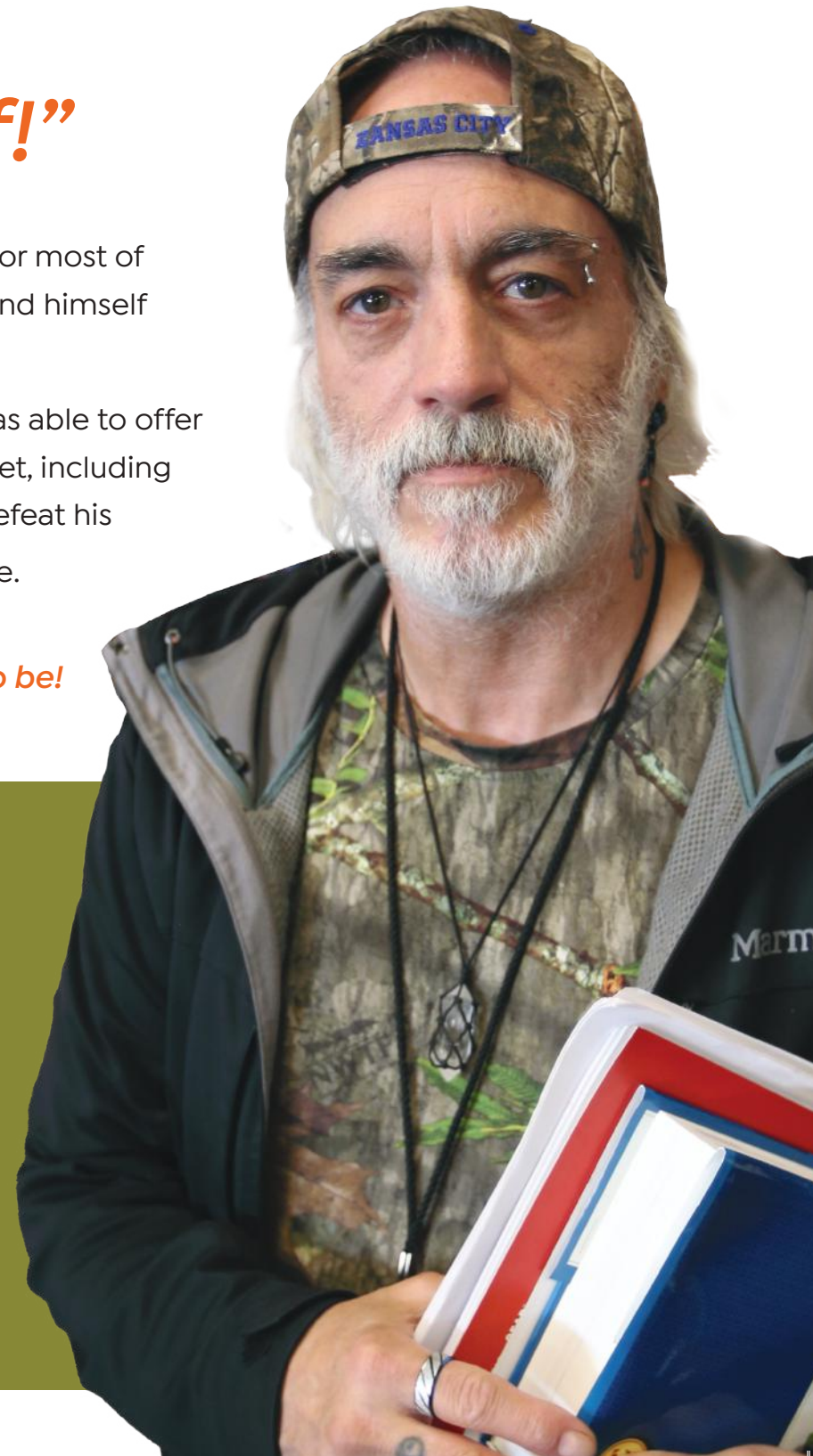
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“A chance to better myself!”

After struggling with addiction for most of his life, Anthony eventually found himself homeless.

Thanks to friends like you, Shelter KC was able to offer Anthony a chance to get back on his feet, including our C-COR program that helped him defeat his addiction and move forward with his life.

Learn how your support helped him become the person he was meant to be!



What you'll find inside:

- We're thankful for... you!
- “God is definitely working here!”
- Pray & Give Thanks!
- Lend a helping hand this season!

DONATE. VOLUNTEER. CONNECT. ShelterKC.org

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

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

Point your smartphone camera here to give now



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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Eric Burger,
Executive Director



Giving thanks... for you!

As we enter our busiest time of the year, I want you to know how thankful we are for YOU.

Only with your prayers and your support are we able to care for the men and women who come to us every day for food, shelter, recovery and spiritual care.

Sadly, far too many people in our community are still struggling. With increasing food, gas, rent and utility costs, the number of individuals coming to us for help is increasing.

As the weather grows colder and the holidays grow nearer, 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 ask you to pray for those we serve, as well as our staff and volunteers.

At the same time, please let us know how we at Shelter KC can pray for you and your family.

Thank you again for reaching hearts and changing lives through your partnership.

God bless you for caring!

“God is definitely working here!”

“There was a lot of physical and mental abuse,” Anthony remembers of his early years. “I thought that’s how life was.”

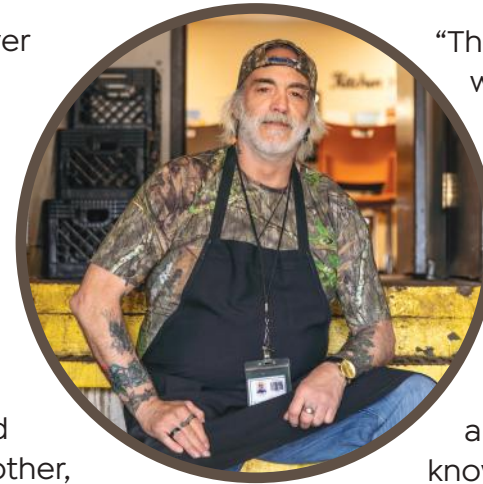
“From the age of 7, my life was addiction. I never tried anything without it.” By the age of 19, he fell in with the wrong crowd and ended up spending two years in prison. He’d stay sober for a while, then fall back into using and drinking.

By the time he was 40, he was in a relationship and had three boys. His spouse died of cancer and Anthony ended up raising his sons on his own. “After she passed, I started getting into heavier stuff. One thing led to another, and by the time I got here to Kansas City, I was on meth. I ended up on heroin and pretty much everything under the sun.”

He had a roof over his head for six years until he tried to intervene with a man who was beating a woman. Anthony pulled a pistol on the man to stop the abuse. His neighbors became frightened and his lease was not renewed.

“God has picked me up more times than I can count.”

“I became homeless. I lost my vehicle and a motorcycle.” Anthony went from shelter to shelter until he found Shelter KC.



“They also offer the C-COR program, which is a Christian Community of Recovery. After a whole life of drugs, I definitely needed the recovery program. I decided from the beginning that I was all in.”

“I started grabbing on with all I had. Every day it just grew with more intensity to learn as much as I could about God. I have a purpose today. I know I was meant for more.”

“God is definitely working here. We’re bringing people to Christ, and we have some really awesome teachings here. I’ve cried countless times in class, I get so much clarity. What they’re teaching I’m already seeing and hearing, so it’s very uplifting.

Anthony successfully completed our recovery program and is now living in the community. He now gives back to those in need of service.

Thank you for helping Anthony find a new life through your prayers and support!



Pray and Give Thanks!

Please join us as we:

Pray for those in Kansas City who are struggling with hunger, homelessness, unemployment and other challenges.

Pray for the men and women in our recovery programs who are taking steps each day to rebuild their lives and grow in their faith in Christ.

Pray for our staff as we make preparations for a busy Thanksgiving season.

Pray for God’s blessing on our wonderful volunteers who come to Shelter KC to help during the holidays and throughout the year.

Give thanks to the Lord for His love, grace, forgiveness, and healing power.

Complete Thanksgiving Dinner – Just \$2.07!

Even with rising inflation, it still takes just \$2.07 to feed a hungry man or woman at Shelter KC!

That’s because, in addition to generous financial gifts from friends like you, donations of food and other supplies from local businesses keep our food costs stable and help make your financial gifts go further to feed and care for people in need.

As we prepare to serve thousands of meals to hungry guests this Thanksgiving season, just imagine how many dinners you can provide and how many lives you can touch with your gift! Please mail your donation today or give online at ShelterKC.org.

God bless you!



Lend a Hand This Thanksgiving Season

Looking for practical ways to help people in need this Thanksgiving season? We have many different volunteer opportunities for individuals, groups and families!

For more information, call Annel Rice at (816) 421-7643, or go to ShelterKC.org and click on “Volunteer.”

