

4th Annual

Christmas at the Crossroads



Once again this Christmas, Shelter KC will be celebrating the birth of our Savior with hundreds of Kansas City's neediest residents.

During the event, volunteers from across the Kansas City metro area will assemble at The Truman Center to provide our guests with delicious holiday meals, as well as coffee and desserts.



Volunteers also distribute much-needed items, including coats, hats, gloves, shoes, socks, and personal hygiene items. Guests are also treated to grooming services like haircuts and shaves.

We would love to have your help with this very special event! For more information, please visit ShelterKC.org!

Christmas at the Crossroads Care Packages

- Lotion
- Chapstick
- Body wash
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste
- Granola bars or crackers
- Snacks
- Christmas cards

Holiday Needs

- Fast Food \$10 gift cards
- Wal-Mart \$25 gift cards

For a full list of needs, 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

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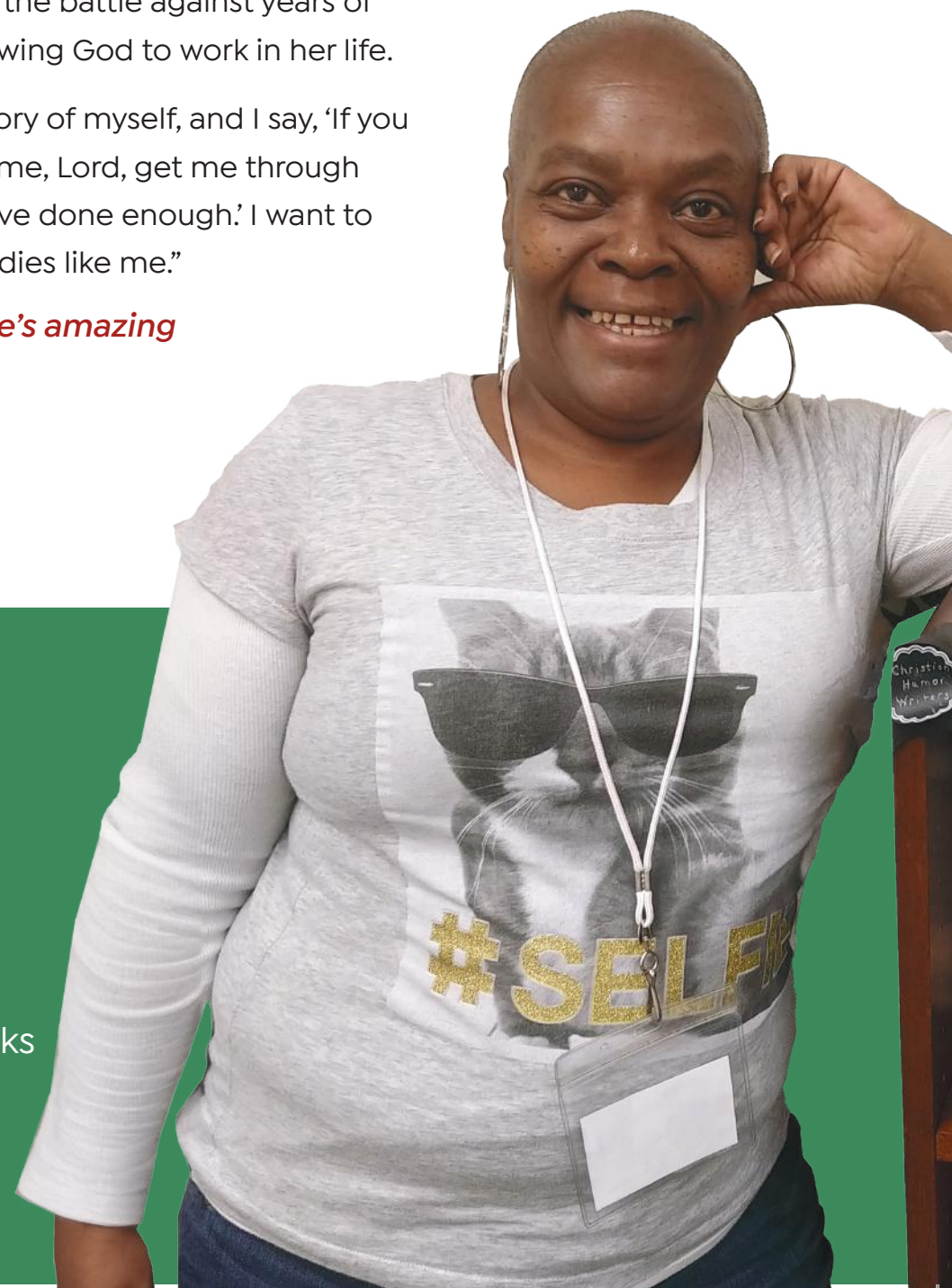
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"God has blessed me!"

Having grown up with extreme childhood trauma, Dorrine is winning the battle against years of addiction and allowing God to work in her life.

"Every day I take an inventory of myself, and I say, 'If you don't do anything else for me, Lord, get me through this program, and you'll have done enough.' I want to be a testimony for other ladies like me."

Read more about Dorrine's amazing recovery inside...



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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

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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



From our family... to yours

Whether you're gathering around the table at Thanksgiving or around the tree at Christmas, the holiday season is a special time for family and friends.

For those who spend the holidays here at Shelter KC, we become their family, and YOU are their friend.

Your kind support makes sure there is a warm bed to sleep in at night. Your generosity puts nutritious meals on the table each and every day, including special ones at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Your partnership provides life-changing services like spiritual guidance, job training and programs that rebuild broken lives.

As the holidays quickly approach, our family is growing.

More men and women than ever are in need of help and friendship.

Thank you so much for blessing them through your partnership with Shelter KC. I pray that you and those you love will be blessed now and on into a joyful New Year!

Eric Burger



"God has me here for a reason!"

Dorrine grew up in an extremely abusive home in Baltimore.

"My mom started abusing me at the age of six," she remembers. "I was different. I didn't look like I belonged to her. My siblings would say, 'You're not my sister.'"

As a result, Dorrine took to drugs and life on the streets at a young age. Years later, after a family intervention, she came to Kansas City to start a new life. After sliding back into drug abuse, Dorrine came to Shelter KC's Women's Center in 2019.

"I didn't graduate, but the program was excellent. I left thinking that just because I had a lot of sobriety that I was ready."

Like many of our residents, she still needed to deal with extreme childhood trauma.

"I hadn't done the work on the inside."

"I didn't deal with the abuse I got from my mom. I didn't deal with people bullying me in school. I didn't deal with the bad relationships and the prostitution and things that went on in the streets. Nobody knew any of that because I didn't want to tell anyone."

Dorrine came back into the program. And today, she's dealing with her past and moving forward.

"I'm learning how to deal with conflict and set boundaries. I'm learning what my boundaries are and how to let God handle things that are out of my control. I have to let God deal with my mother and move on, because if I stay stuck there, I'm going to go back to using. I have to let God deal with her."



"Every day I wake up, I try to not be a problem but a servant."

"Every day I have a day clean, it's another day for me to keep me going. When I set goals, I have to follow through, and this program is helping me. I've got to read my Bible each day. This is a wonderful program. It helps people like me who are broken."

Dorrine's goal is to give back. "I want to become a volunteer here, and I'm thinking about going through the DTS program (Discipleship Through Service) to help other girls just like me."

Life change like Dorrine's would not be possible without partners like you. "I would like to thank the donors for their greatness in supporting Shelter KC," Dorrine says. "This is a very good program, and it's wonderful that we have donors out there supporting us, helping us."



Pray, Give Thanks and Rejoice!

Please join us as we:

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

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.

Pray for Shelter KC's Transformations Campaign as we seek to renovate and expand our facilities to better serve our homeless neighbors.

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.



Thanksgiving Volunteers Needed!

Turkey Convoy

With help from friends like you, 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 at Thanksgiving for

needy families, the elderly and other homebound individuals who lack access to community resources.

To make this happen, we'll need volunteers to help prepare these holiday meals in advance and deliver them on Thanksgiving Day.

Operation Family Feast

For Operation Family Feast, we will need friends like you to help pack and deliver 350 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/

