

Thank you for making a difference during the holidays!

We want to thank all the wonderful individuals, churches, companies and volunteers who made this past holiday season special for people in need here in Kansas City. Among the many things we're thankful for:



- Over 300 single-serving turkey dinners served to needy people during the Turkey Convoy
- Over 25 food boxes distributed to needy families at home during Operation Family Feast
- Special dinners served to the men and women in our recovery programs
- The donation of coats, hats and other winter supplies to keep our guests safe and warm



4th Annual

Christmas at the Crossroads

We want to give an extra big shout-out to everyone who helped make Christmas at the Crossroads a success. During this very special holiday event at the Truman Event Center – with the help of our wonderful volunteers and booth sponsors – over 609 homeless guests were fed, ministered to, and provided with care packages, warm clothing, and other items. Lives were brightened, and God's love was shared with those in need!

Special thanks to our generous event sponsors:

Aetna	Abundant Life
Digital Division	Phase 2 Coffee Co.
Delia Martin Agency	Sackloth & Ashes
The Truman	Center Church

God bless you!

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“Shelter KC gives you a second chance.”

The first time Jesse came to Shelter KC, all he wanted was “to get the program done and make it look good. To say ‘Hey, I did it.’ I didn’t take in a lot of the stuff offered me. I just kind of skimmed by.”

“That worked for about eight years, then my son was born. He was autistic and I used that as an excuse to start drinking again. Before I knew it, here I was at Shelter KC again.”

Read the story of Jesse's second chance inside...



What you'll find inside:

- May you be blessed!
- “God is real, and I believe He helps us.”
- Join Us This Easter

DONATE. VOLUNTEER. CONNECT. ShelterKC.org

Here's my Easter gift to fill plates with food and hearts with joy!

- \$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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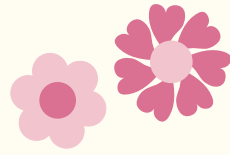
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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Eric Burger,
Executive Director



May you be blessed!



We are counting you among our blessings this Easter because you have blessed so many others.

You have shared hope for a better life through your prayers, your service and your generous support of Shelter KC.

Your support has reunited families. Your gifts have provided meals for hungry men and women. Your partnership has helped those in need get back on their feet and find hope in our risen Lord and Savior.

“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)

Not just life today, or tomorrow, but life eternal.

At Easter – and throughout the year – you make Shelter KC a place where hunger and homelessness end and hope begins. It starts with a meal, shelter, care and counseling. But most of all, it starts with you!

Thank you for making an immediate and eternal difference in the lives of homeless and hungry men and women.

May the blessings of Easter fill your heart and your home!

“God has me here for a reason!”

“I started using weed when I was 16,” Jesse remembers. “My dad hurt his back and was taking OxyContin. He shared them with me and my addiction kind of went from there.”

“I don’t think he was trying to hurt me,” Jesse says today. “Being on those pills makes you feel good. I really think he was trying to get closer to me by being a good friend, but he wasn’t being a good father.”

Jesse’s use of drugs and alcohol finally led him to sleep on the streets of Kansas City until his sister found Shelter KC and Jesse found a new way of life. “To be honest, the first time, I was just doing the program to make myself look good. I didn’t take everything it had to offer me.”

Eight years later, now married with a son, Jesse started drinking again.

“Things just gradually started getting out of control,” he remembers. “I started drinking on the weekends. Then it got to where I was drinking during the weekdays. Then I’d get hung over, or I’d drink that day and call in sick. I lost several jobs doing that. I think my wife finally said, ‘Enough is enough.’ She took our kid and moved to North Carolina.”



When Jesse hit rock bottom, he came back to where he knew there was help.

“This place gives you a second chance if you really want to do it and get back on your feet.”

“I came here because it’s a Christian-based community. There’s more to life than drugs and alcohol, and Shelter KC gives you that.”

Jesse now has a place of his own and is working in construction. He eventually plans to move to northern California to live near his sister.

“She has a house there with a spare bedroom. I talk with her every day. We have a great relationship. She’s willing to give me that second chance like this place has given me a second chance.”

“This place taught me better. I’ve learned a lot more about the Lord. I really couldn’t deal with all this stuff on my own on the outside. This place really opens your spirit and brings you out of your other life. God can help you get through it.”

Thank you for making a difference in Jesse’s life through your prayers and support!

Lives you have touched this month

- Over 50 men and women in recovery programs
- More than 5,830 meals served
- 2,970 nights of shelter for individuals
- Over 150 people in chapel services and Bible studies
- Many hours of prayer, counseling and education

Thank you for your prayers and support!



Give Easter Meals and HOPE.

\$8.28 feeds four hungry guests.

\$28 provides a night of warm shelter.

Mail your gift today or donate online at ShelterKC.org.

THANK YOU!



Transforming the Way We Serve

Since 1950, countless numbers of lives in Kansas City have been transformed through your caring support for Shelter KC.

To continue the tradition of changing lives and serving with excellence, Shelter KC has launched our Transformations Campaign, which will increase our capacity to serve more guests and improve the facilities and services provided once they arrive.

The \$8 million campaign consists of two phases: The Renovations Phase and the Expansion Phase. We are currently in the Renovations Phase, which includes:

- Creating a Respite Center for guests recovering from surgery
- Establishing a Mental Health Center
- Creating a separate dorm for our Shelter Launch clients
- Upgrading all dorm beds to StepUp beds
- Improving facility bathrooms
- Creating needed office space for staff members

All renovations (as well as the future expansion) are implementing trauma-informed design to create an environment that fosters healing and recovery.

If you’re interested in learning more about the Transformations Campaign and how you can be a part of changing even more lives in our community, please contact Kara Feitz or Alisha Roberts at (816) 421-7643. Thank you!

