Volunteers needed for Operation Family Feast!



Operation Family Feast is almost here! This special outreach helps bring the joy of Thanksgiving to families across Kansas City by providing food boxes filled with everything needed to prepare a traditional Thanksgiving meal—with enough leftovers to enjoy afterward.

This year, we need volunteers to help pack and deliver 350 Thanksgiving food boxes. Whether you can lend a hand for a few hours or help deliver a meal to a family, your time can make a meaningful difference.

Sign up today at ShelterKC.org/volunteer!



CHRISTMAS AT THE CROSS KC ROADS



Christmas at the Crossroads is just around the corner — and we'd love for you to be part of this unforgettable day!

Join other volunteers from across the community at The Truman to share the joy of Christmas with our homeless neighbors. Volunteers help by serving festive meals, hot coffee and sweet treats while distributing warm clothing and care packages. Guests also enjoy free grooming services, family photos, games and Christmas crafts throughout the celebration.

We hope you'll partner with us to help make the Christmas season brighter for individuals and families in need!

Christmas at the Crossroads Care Packages

- *Lotion*
- *Chapstick*
- *Body wash*
- *Deodorant*
- *Toothpaste*
- *Granola bars or crackers*
- *Wal-Mart $25 gift cards*
- *Snacks*

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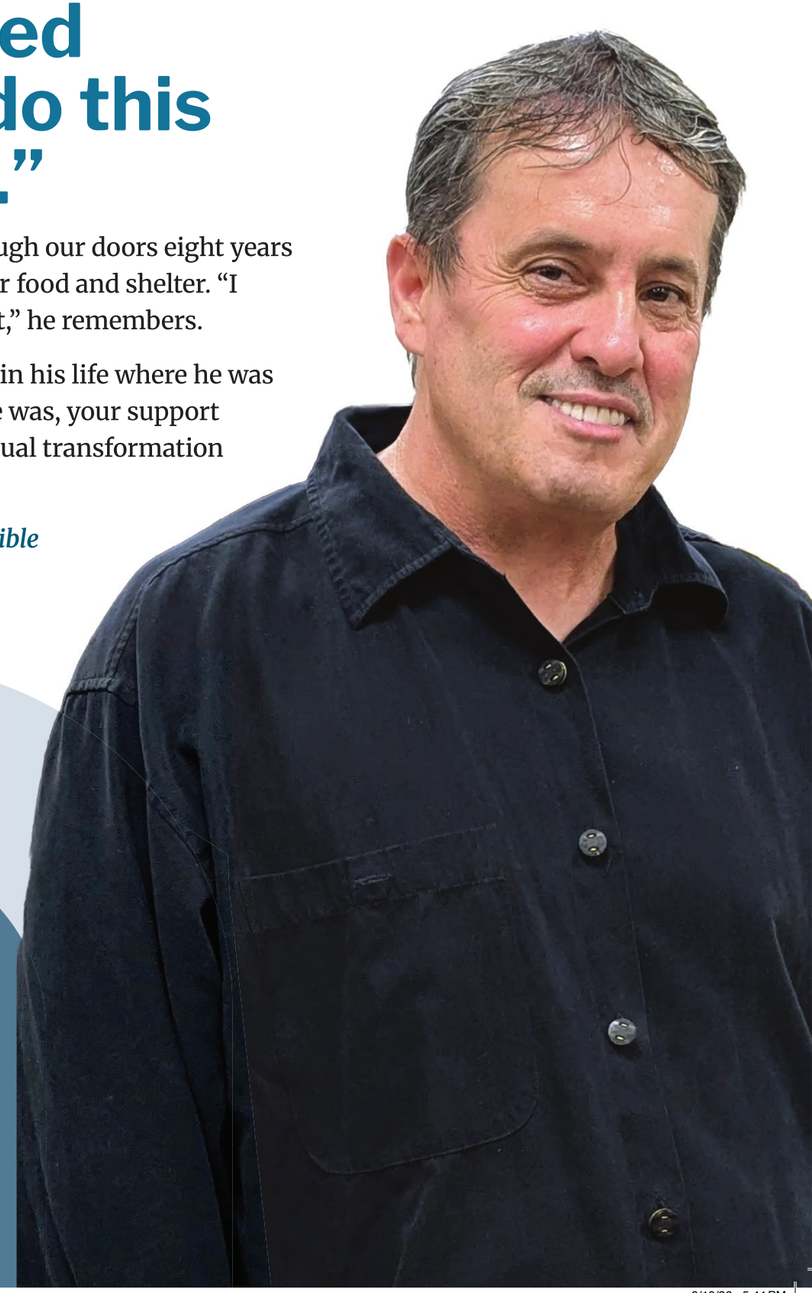
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"God showed me I can't do this on my own."

When Michael first walked through our doors eight years ago, he was primarily looking for food and shelter. "I wasn't ready for the program yet," he remembers.

But last year, he reached a point in his life where he was ready for a change. And when he was, your support allowed him to experience spiritual transformation and a new way of life.

Read more about Michael's incredible journey inside.



What you'll find inside:

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- The Transformation is Complete!
- Christmas at the Crossroads is Coming Soon!

CEO'S MESSAGE
Eric Burger



No room at the inn...

As the celebration of Christ's birth draws near, we are reminded that the Lord was born in a humble stable because there was no room at the inn.

Many in our community – individuals who've lost their jobs and homes, seniors on fixed incomes, men and women broken by abuse and addictions – are similarly stranded and in desperate need.

Thanks to your help and support, Shelter KC is here to provide room – and much more – to those who are homeless, hungry and needing support to start new lives.

Your gift of time, talents and treasure means our doors are open 365 days a year to serve the poorest of the poor. Your generosity not only provides meals and shelter but gives those who come to us the physical, emotional, spiritual, social and vocational support they need to rebuild their lives and return to their families and the community.

Thank you so much for making a real and eternal difference this holiday season. May God richly bless you and yours!

Eric Burger

"It's what God has done within me."

Michael grew up in the KC area. His parents divorced when he was young, and his mother remarried multiple times. But it wasn't until he was 22 that a brother-in-law introduced him to cocaine.

From there, Michael progressed to meth, which eventually led to medical problems, incarceration and homelessness.

"I was here at the Mission in 2018 and 2023," Michael remembers. "Just as an overnight guest. I wasn't ready for the program yet." Michael's final visit came in June of last year. "I had been released from prison where I had completed a six-month drug program."

After being released, watching an ex-girlfriend get high was Michael's wake-up call. "Watching her made me want to get high," he remembers. "So, I came to Shelter KC to avoid going back to prison."

Michael was admitted to our C-COR program – Christian Community of Recovery – for those battling life-controlling addictions.

"Not just another program. It saved my life."

"I thought this was going to be just another program," he says. "But the other programs I tried before weren't based on Christ. I learned that my drug addiction wasn't my deepest problem. It was a result of my need for God."



"Being at Shelter KC got me started on my journey seeking God and doing my daily devotion. It's a recovery program, but I was reading about and studying Jesus Christ in the classes. That really helped."

"I thought I knew who I was," Michael says today. "But God showed me I can't do this on my own. I need to have my support team around me, and that's one thing Shelter KC has shown me. It's not what I've done. It's what God has done within me.

Michael got baptized this summer and has graduated from C-COR. He's staying here on a transitional basis as he starts trade school through Goodwill to get a certificate in manufacturing. He's also restoring ties with his family.

"I'm so grateful for what Shelter KC's donors have done," he says. "They saved me by God working through them."

Thank you so much for making a difference in Michael's life through your partnership!



Complete Holiday Dinner — Just $2.07!

The holiday season is here, and we at Shelter KC need to be ready to serve hundreds of meals to hungry guests every day – including the special dinners we'll serve during our annual Thanksgiving and Christmas banquets.

Each meal served here is more than just a plate of food. It's an act of compassion that touches someone's life. It provides them with nourishment, and it gives them hope. It shows them that someone cares about them, and it helps introduce them to services that can guide them to housing, employment, recovery and new life in Christ.

And because you can feed a hungry individual at Shelter KC for just $2.07, your gift of any size makes an immediate and lasting – and even eternal – difference. Please mail your gift today or donate online at **ShelterKC.org**.

Thank you for making a difference this holiday season! God bless you!

The Transformation is Complete!

This fall, we were blessed to bring our Transformations Campaign to a close and hold open house events showcasing Shelter KC's new expansion!

We are incredibly grateful for everyone who helped bring this vision to reality. This project means so much more than building a new facility. From the beginning, it's been about creating a space for dignity, restoration and lasting change for the men we serve. It's also been about expanding our capacity to serve more individuals in need and creating a holistic environment for people to heal and rebuild their lives.

Thanks again to all of you who made this project possible. Every gift, big or small, helped build something that is already changing lives.

If you missed the open house events and would like to take a tour to see the new facilities firsthand, please contact Kara Feitz or Alisha Roberts at (816) 421-7643.



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