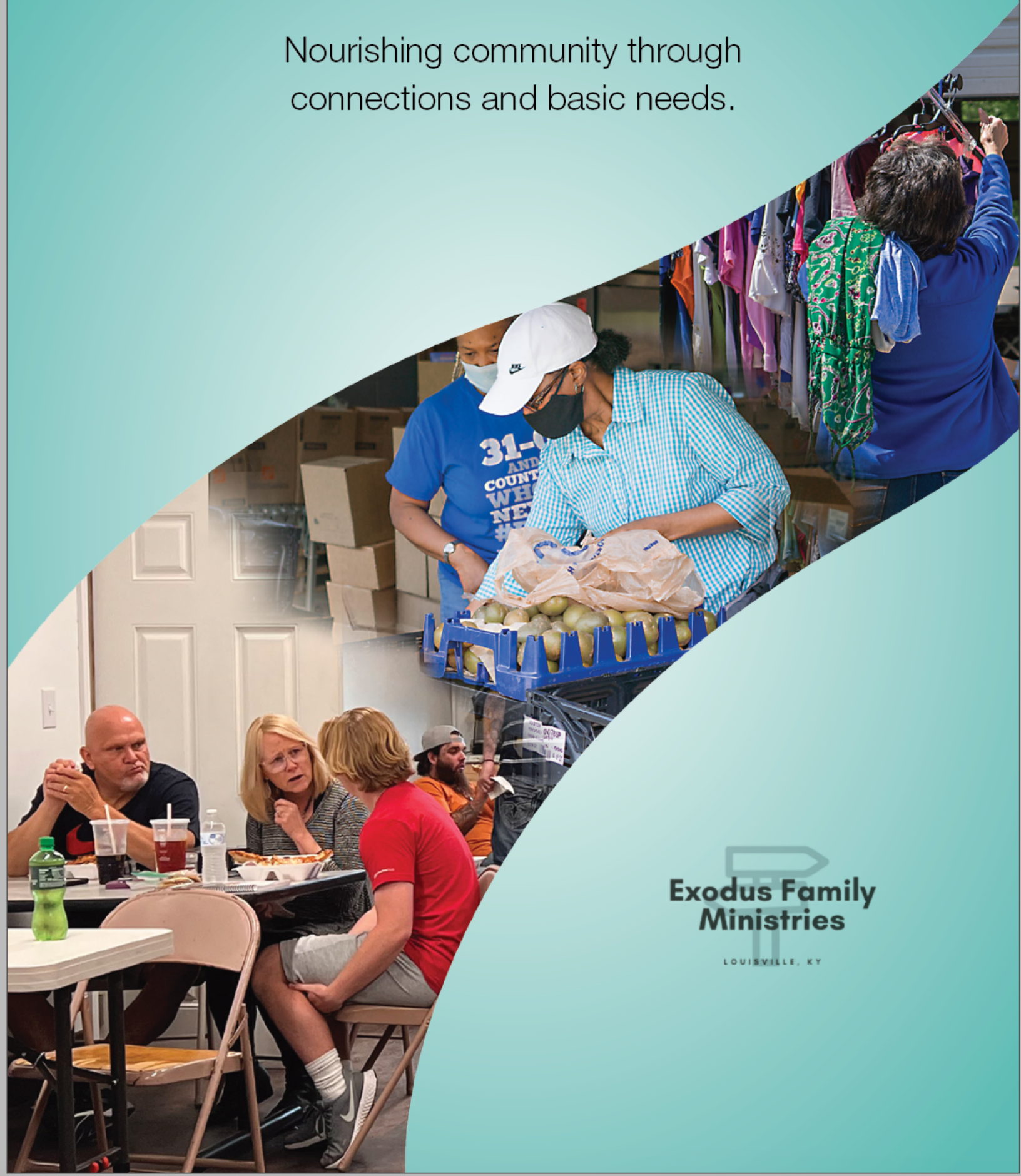


Nourishing community through
connections and basic needs.




**Exodus Family
Ministries**
LOUISVILLE, KY

Background

Exodus Family Ministries focuses on the Southwest Louisville communities to work alongside individuals and families and guide them to a better life through food provision, clothing assistance, and connection to needed services.

Our name comes from the book of Exodus, which tells how God guided Moses to lead the Israelites out of Egypt, and into a better life. We feel we've been called to a similar mission of working alongside our neighbors in challenging environments and helping them into a better life. That's why Exodus has created support services to spark hope and nurture the steps to move from the desperation of the streets to stability.

We began serving the Shively area in 2014 as a local community ministry. In 2020, we changed our name to Exodus Family Ministries. In the beginning of the pandemic, Exodus pivoted to education and food when we saw families needing assistance as they struggled with educating their children at home and putting food on the table. A clothing closet was added as well.

Throughout 2021, Exodus served more people than we imagined through our food pantry, which was supported by Dare to Care, Kentucky Harvest, and Meijer Grocers. In 2023 we average 175 food boxes a month – each box serving 3 to 4 meals for four people.

As the community faced changing school and job landscapes due to COVID, Exodus launched a summer tutoring program in partnership with Highland Park Community Development Corporation. This transitioned into offering an after-school Non-Traditional Instruction (NTI) program to benefit both parents and children - at no charge to the families. In 2022, as children returned to school, and the number of unhomed people rose in our community, our focus shifted, and we closed the tutoring program and pivoted to outreach in the fast-growing homeless communities in our area.

As we saw an increase in young adults and seniors who were one medical bill or rent increase from the edge of living in the streets, Exodus began to provide more services to the unhoused and housing insecure. We started taking food, clothing, and hygiene items to them and worked with them to secure forms of identification, and other needs.

To address the root causes of the growing homeless crisis in our area, we have opened the Exodus Community Resource Center to provide basic needs like showers, laundry facilities, and meals. We are partnering with other groups to offer needs assessments, referrals to social services, and adult classes for nutrition, finance basics, and GED assistance. The outpouring of neighbors and organizations joining hands with us to help others amazes us every day as we continue our work to walk with and guide people in our community to a better life.

Fact Sheet

Organization Name	Southwest Family Ministries DBA Exodus Family Ministries
Established	Southwest Family Ministries 2014; Exodus Family Ministries established 8/21/2020; 501(c)(3)
Address	6501 Bethany Lane, Louisville, KY 40272
Phone	(502) 614-8544
Email	info@exodusfamilyministries.com
Focus	Exodus Family Ministries helps people in Southwest Louisville find a better life through food provision, clothing assistance, and resource connection. We've created a place of support and community to nourish our neighbors' bodies, minds, and spirits. We seek to partner with other social services and match clients with them whenever possible.
Community Served	We serve Shively, Pleasure Ridge Park, Valley Station, and surrounding areas in the south and west portions of Louisville Metro. While we are a faith-based outreach program, we serve our community without requiring specific religious beliefs or church attendance.
Key Staff	<p>Shane Schlatter, Executive Director</p> <p>Shane joined Exodus in 2020 and previously served as a Youth Pastor and outreach pastor in the Shively area. He also worked as a supervisor and manager (managing up to 150 employees at a time) in distribution centers for over ten years. The Devos Urban Leadership Initiative selected him as one of ten leaders in Louisville to take part in their leadership program in 2022.</p> <p>Pam Chancey, Resource Center Manager</p> <p>Pam served as an EFM volunteer in 2022-3 and joined Exodus as our Resource Center Manager in September of 2023.</p>
Volunteers	Over forty volunteers participate in the day-to-day operations.
Board of Directors	Exodus Family Ministries' seven-person Board has oversight of the ministry, strategy, operations, and financial compliance. Board members bring experience in business or public services, education, management, and the geographic area served. All 990s are made public for accountability and transparency. All decisions are handled through a board vote.
Website	https://exodusfamilyministries.com
Facebook	https://www.facebook.com/ExodusFamilyMinistries/
Verifiers	<p>The organization has earned a Candid Silver Seal of Transparency on GuideStar and is an accredited BBB Charity</p> <p>Guidestar Profile BBB Charity Reviews</p>

Leadership

Staff Shane Schlatter, Executive Director, Exodus Family Ministries

Shane has a passion for working in the community and has done so as a Youth Pastor for more than 12 years in the Shively area, and three years as an outreach pastor. The Devos Urban Leadership Initiative selected him as one of ten leaders in Louisville to take part in their leadership program. Shane received a Mayoral Proclamation for this milestone in 2022 and completed the program in 2023. He has also served as a supervisor and manager (managing up to 150 employees at a time) in distribution centers for over ten years.

Pam Chancey, Resource Center Manager

Pam served as an Exodus Family Ministries volunteer in 2022-3 and joined Exodus as our Resource Center Manager in September of 2023.

Board of Directors

Exodus Family Ministries' Board has oversight for the ministry, strategy, operations, and financial compliance. Board members bring experience in business or public services, management, and the geographic area served. The board is an all-volunteer board; no salaries are paid. All 990s are made public for accountability and transparency.

All decisions are handled through a board vote.

President of the Board

Dayrl Koppel is a business owner in building and construction, real estate, and other endeavors.

Board Members

Julie Halbert, Secretary/Treasurer, is a local CPA and a graduate of Spalding University.

Eddie Squires works with seniors and veterans, helping families navigate caring for loved ones. He is an active volunteer in the community.

Aaron Troutman is a community engagement pastor for Southeast Christian Church Southwest Campus.

Bruce Bryant has been a computer programmer for over 20 years and brings IT knowledge and organization skills to his role. He serves as president of the board for Highland Park Community Development Corporation.

Kim Hilpp is a department head at Home Depot, with a background in speech pathology. She joined the board in 2023.

Lisa Moore is a Community Outreach Specialist with JenCare Senior Medical Center. She joined the board in 2023.

Ex-Officio Board Member (Immediate Past Chairman)

Tim Vincent is a construction company owner, businessman, and lifelong resident of the area served.

Programs

It is our goal to encourage and support our neighbors in the Southwest Louisville area. A healthy, stable, and vibrant community begins with stability in health, housing, and employment. We do the work we do because of our faith, but do not require clients or volunteers to belong to a certain church or practice a specific religion.



Food Pantry

The food pantry provides food access to those struggling to make ends meet or who may have health or mobility issues preventing them access to food. Our food pantry operates two weekends each month. Families can pick up meal boxes on a first-come, first-served basis, with limited deliveries made if arranged in advance. A family must bring a valid driver's license for identification when picking up. Food partners include community groups, Dare to Care, Kentucky Harvest, and Meijer Grocers.

Clothing Closet

Our clothing closet accepts donations of gently used clothing, shoes, blankets, and new hygiene items from individuals and organizations. We then sort and organize these items to offer them at no cost to other neighbors in need. Properly fitting and stylish clothing helps both children and adults feel more comfortable in their surroundings and gives them dignity and self-confidence. Clothes can be picked up two Saturdays a month or delivered with an appointment.



Resource Center

Our Resource Center offers basic services like showers and laundry facilities for the unhoused. We partner with organizations to offer common assessments, identification documentation, education, job skills, interviews, and access to treatment programs for addictions and other needs. Providing these services in the vicinity of our unhomed neighbors eliminates the barrier of travel required to apply at each organization and lets them connect and receive services in a non-threatening environment. We offer life skills education like GED classes, financial literacy, job interviewing and resume help, and nutrition guidance, among other topics.

Impact

Exodus Family Ministries helps people on their journeys to self-sufficiency by providing food, clothing, and education as well as connection to jobs, housing, social services, and addiction recovery. When people are encouraged, provided resources, and are not alone, their path forward opens with hope and change. They can see more possibilities and have courage to move into what's possible.

Testimonials

From a partner

"Exodus Family Ministries is a fantastic partner agency of Dare to Care. Last winter, Louisville was hit by a massive ice storm. I received a desperate call from a mother-daughter duo, aged 62 and 82. Their needs were numerous and extreme. Their home had lost power due to ice, they lost all the food in their refrigerator/freezer. Their home was so cold it was impacting their health and wellness.... I later found out that [Exodus] began talking to these sweet people. Through this connection, they were able to get a HVAC professional to come assess the damaged system. It needed total replacement. Exodus then found a donor (over the weekend) to purchase a \$3,500 unit and had it installed the following Monday. Exodus Family Ministries saw a problem, empathized for this family, and used their power to protect this family from serious peril and ensuring their safety in the future.

Exodus Family Ministries is who I would call for help if my own family was in need. "

From a client

"To the wonderful people of Exodus, I want to say thank you. My daughter and I survived a violent crime at our home in the middle of the night after which our lives took a bad turn. We were scared, traumatized, and were feeling hopeless. I couldn't work and we were getting low on food. I was told about Exodus. To call them and see if they could help us. Not only did they bring me food, but they also prayed with me. I felt comforted. They also came to my home several times to pray with me before my surgeries. My daughter and I are doing better each day and we're healing. "

Partners and Donors

Partners

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