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EXODUS COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER OPENS TO HELP THE UNHOUSED

The new center serves the unhoused in southwest Louisville to go from the streets to stability.

LOUISVILLE, KY. (October 3, 2023) – Exodus Family Ministries is opening the first community resource center in southwest Louisville to assist unhoused people gain stability by offering a dedicated place of resources to guide people to self sufficiency. The Grand Opening on October 10 kicks off initial services to be offered 3 days a week.

“We partner with organizations throughout the city to provide assessments and connect individuals with services unique to their needs, help getting IDs, classes for life skills, and basic hygiene needs.” says Shane Schlatter, executive director of Exodus Family Ministries. “Our goal isn’t to duplicate services, but to partner with organizations to offer a pathway of hope for those needing help. This center will meet people where they are, and eliminate the hurdles of having to find the services and then travel to them.”

Louisville has experienced a 43% increase in unhoused populations in the past 4 years, with over 11,000 people living without traditional housing at some point within Metro Louisville over the past year, according to the Coalition of the Homeless. Southwest Louisville has also experienced this growth, primarily in young adult and senior populations, and is underserved in resources to assist these citizens.

“The food pantry and clothing closet we’ve offered since 2020 has proven to be a vital asset for the community in southwest Louisville,” said Dayrl Koppel, Board Chair of Exodus Family Ministries. “The homeless outreach is a natural extension of that work. We are honored to offer these services to our neighbors in vulnerable circumstances, and offer connections to gain stability in their lives.”

The Exodus Community Resource Center provides a place for showers, laundry, meal and a place of belonging and hope. Partner organizations will be on site on a regular basis assisting in help with accessing medical services, obtaining social security/ disability benefits, completing applications for housing, drug program placement, referrals for mental health services, advocacy, resume preparation, and applications for jobs. To insure long term success, classes for GED attainment, job interview skills, financial literacy and nutritional literacy are among the resources planned.

“We are excited to open this facility for our neighbors in Southwest Louisville.” said Shane Schlatter, Executive Director at Exodus Family Ministries. “We know that encouragement, connection to resources, and hope can bring the people we serve into a life of stability.”

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About Exodus Family Ministries

Exodus Family Ministries serves Shively and surrounding areas in the south and west portions of Metro Louisville, KY. Our programs feed, clothe, and encourage people in our community who may be struggling with food access, housing, and stability. Our food pantry and clothing closet opened in 2020, and our resource center for the unhomed is scheduled to open in 2023. We are a faith-based outreach program, and serve our community without requiring specific religious beliefs, or church attendance. Exodus Family Ministries is a 501C-3 organization. For more information, follow along on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ExodusFamilyMinistries/ and our website at www.exodusfamilyministries.com