

Exodus Updates: News and Notes from the

Heart of the Ministry.

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Faith First

As 1 Peter 4:10 states: "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." While Exodus Family Ministries is a faithbased nonprofit, our homeless resource center, food pantry, and clothes closet are open to anyone needing service - there are no requirements or expectations of joining a certain church or practicing a certain religion. We simply hope that through our being living examples of God's love, others will be moved to want to get to know Him.

If you'd like to join us in serving others, or in learning more about God's word, please read on to learn what's happening with our ministry this month.

Upcoming Events

Southend Unity Festival

Mark your calendar for the upcoming Southend Unity Festival on Saturday, May 25, from noon - 8 pm at the former Highland Park Christian Church, 7839 St. Andrews Church Road (Louisville, KY 40216). This free familyfriendly event that Exodus is helping to organize will bring together the faith community of Southwest Louisville and feature uplifting live music, shared testimonies, food trucks, and activities for the kids. Thanks to Shirley's Way for sponsoring. <u>Read more...</u>



Volunteer Orientations

If you are interested in getting more involved with Exodus, please join us at one of our upcoming <u>Volunteer Orientations</u> to determine the best fit for your abilities and interests. **Saturday, April 20, 2-3:30 pm** or **Friday, May 17, 5:30-7 pm** at the Resource Center (4205 Cane Run Road).

Open Houses

To learn more about the work Exodus is doing in the community, we invite you to join us at an upcoming **Open House.** We'll give a brief presentation, offer tours of our facility, and answer questions. Click here to <u>register</u>. **Tuesday, April 30, 9-10 am**, or **Tuesday, May 14, noon-1 pm**. Space is limited. Reservations requested.

Welcome New Board Members



Andrew Gonzales

Exodus Family Ministries is honored to introduce our two newest board members: **Andrew Gonzales** and **Tom Jacks**. Both of them bring a strong faith and passion for serving others to their role on the board. We are thrilled to have them involved. To learn more about them and our other board members, click here.



Tom Jacks

Organize a Volunteer Event Today

Last year, Exodus served nearly 4,500 unique individuals - many of them repeatedly. This feat could only have happened through the work and generosity of our volunteers. If your company, school, church, service organization, or family is looking to give back to the community or get service hours, consider volunteering with us. (We are also looking for individuals who are interested in becoming regular volunteers.)

We have opportunities throughout the week and on Saturdays. To see what opportunities there are, click <u>here</u> or call **Mary Lou Ballard** at 502.614.8544 ext 104.



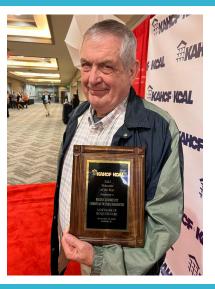
BNI Peak Referrals Chapter helping at the Resource Center.



The Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels helping at the Food Pantry.

Volunteer Recognition - Bud Daunhauer

This month, we'd like to recognize Bud Daunhauer for his commitment to Exodus. Bud has been an integral part of the ministry over the years, helping to answer calls for food boxes, picking up and delivering food, organizing the White Elephant booth to raise money for the pantry, and assisting with operations. Bud focuses his time now on preparing lessons for several of our Bible studies and bringing God's word to marginalized folks. His work in three nursing homes on our behalf earned the ministry statewide recognition as the Volunteer(s) of the Year from the Kentucky Association of Health Care Facilities last winter. Thank you, Bud, for all that you do for Exodus!



Newsletter Name

Thank you to all of the people who submitted names for this newsletter. We had 24 excellent submissions. We let the board members decide and they selected *Exodus Updates: News and Notes from the Heart of the Ministry* as the winner. Congratulations to Josh Jarrett for submitting the winning entry. He will be receiving a \$50 gift card to Kroger for participating.

Program Updates

If you are able to help with any of the volunteer opportunities or needed items listed, please call 502.614.8544 and follow the prompts for the appropriate department.

Clothes Closet



• We are now accepting **spring and summer clothes** for all ages. Clean, seasonal clothing may be deposited in the **dropbox** on the side of our building at 6501 Bethany Lane any day, or you may bring them in person on Saturdays, 11 am-1 pm.

• The <u>prom dress giveaway</u>, through our partnership with **Giving Loving Heartfelt**, continues through the month of April. Please share this event with high-school-aged girls or their parents.

• Item needs: Swivel hook hangers, size 16 or 16.5 men's shoes

Food Pantry

Our food pantry fed 1,587 people last month, which is DOUBLE the number it served last year during March (793). This work is possible because of great volunteers and generous partners.
This month we want to recognize the Louisville Metro Police Community Engagement Unit for sharing a van full of non-perishable food collected through their "Pack-A-Cruiser" campaign and Louisville Metro Government, who granted the pantry \$10,000 last fall via their External Agency Fund, so that we can address hunger in the community.



• Volunteer needs: Delivery teams to take food boxes once or twice a month to the homebound, disabled, or those without transportation. You can choose the zip code.

Resource Center



• God continues to help us remove barriers for our unsheltered neighbors. In the last month, we saw two people enter recovery programs and three people receive

housing vouchers (including one veteran).
These steps toward stability take time, so when they happen, we like to celebrate them.
Item needs: Tents, sleeping bags, bottled water, individual packs of hot chocolate, sternos.

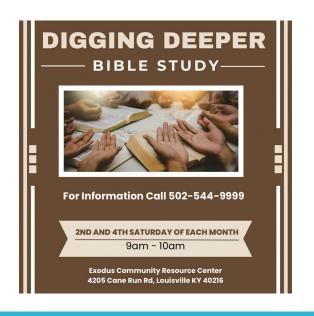
• Volunteer needs: Adult volunteers to serve Mondays, Wednesdays, and/or Fridays during the day.

Faith Services

• Along with our Monday night (6:30-8:30 pm) Bible study at 1524 Arcade Avenue, we are also hosting a class called **Digging Deeper** that is designed to help people develop skills to teach about God's word. The group meets at the resource center (4205 Cane Run Road) on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month from 9-10 am.

• Item needs: Bibles (prefer ESV version), devotionals.

• Volunteer needs: People to help lead Bible studies at nursing homes (once a month) or prepare lessons, and groups/people to prepare dinner for our 40-50 marginalized attendees and volunteers on Monday nights.



Stay Connected

If you'd like to become a volunteer, make a donation, tour our facilities, receive services, or attend an event, please check out our <u>Facebook page</u>, visit our <u>website</u>, or call our main ministry number: **502.614.8544**.



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