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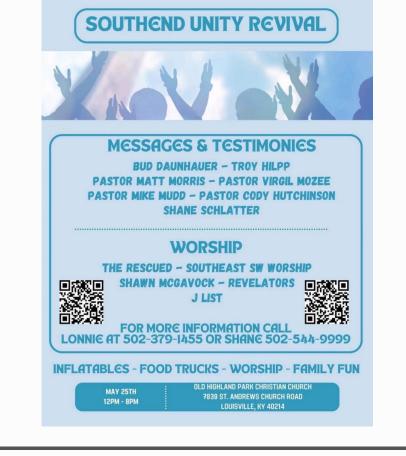
**Exodus Updates** News and Notes from the Heart of the Ministry

## Mark your calendar for the upcoming Festival!

Saturday, May 25, noon – 8pm at the former Highland Park Christian Church, 7839 St. Andrews Church Road (Louisville, KY 40216). This free family-friendly event will bring together the faith community of Southwest Louisville and feature uplifting live music, shared testimonies, food trucks, and activities for the kids.

Special thanks to Shirley's Way for their support of this event.

**Sponsorships** are available (\$250-\$5000). If you are interested in exhibiting, booth space is free to churches, \$50 for nonprofits, and \$100 for businesses. For more information, contact Lonnie Harris at (502) 379-1455.



Interested in volunteering? We would love to have you for the upcoming training session! Make sure to get registered for the event below!!

We are currently looking for volunteers to assist with food box deliveries (great project to do with a friend or spouse), help in our clothes closet, assist with the homeless resource center, or to visit people.



## **Register Today!**



Lonnie Harris (pictured on the left) came to Exodus Family Ministries via his brother, Vinnie, posthumously. Vinnie had been living in a camp that Exodus visited regularly while doing outreach. Lonnie and his dad were visiting the camp to see where Vinnie had stayed and met Shane Schlatter, Exodus' executive director, who was ministering to some of the unsheltered residents. As they spoke, Shane invited Lonnie to come to the Thanksgiving meal where Vinnie was going to be baptized.

Lonnie was thankful to learn that his brother had established a relationship with Christ before he passed. When he came to the dinner and saw how the volunteers were filled with "overwhelming love in a nonjudgemental way," he knew he wanted to be a part of it.

Lonnie has been a regular volunteer with Exodus for the past 18 months in all of our program areas. He recently had it on his heart to bring together as many of the churches in the area so that congregants could meet one another and those who may be looking for a church home might find one. He, therefore, organized the Southend Unity Festival that will be on May 25th. He said the free event will feature at least 15 churches, live music, testimonials, messages of faith, food trucks, and children's activities. Exodus appreciates all that Lonnie does for the ministry and that he included us in his plans for the Festival. Be sure to stop by the event to let Lonnie know that he's done a great job!

## Mark your calendars for the upcoming Yard Sale at the Food Pantry!



As the temps start to rise, the camps will need a lot of water to keep the people hydrated and out of hospitals. Please consider donating cases of water to our ministry.



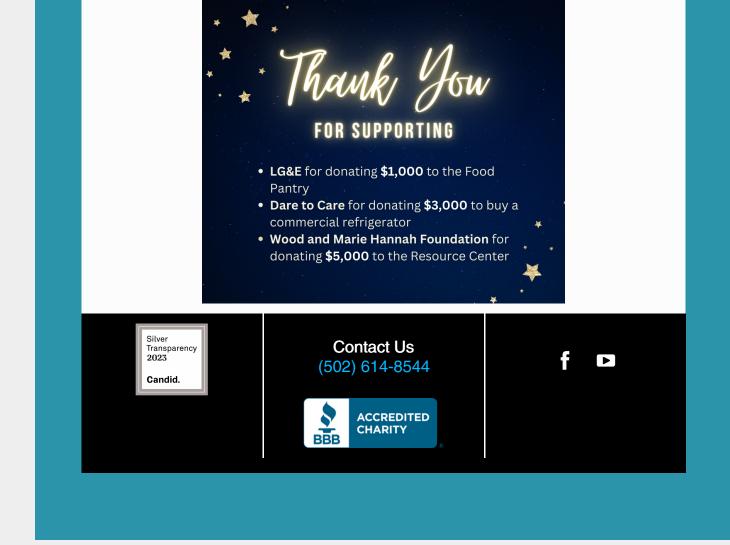
## Hats Off to Julie Halbert

Exodus wants to thank Julie Halbert, CPA for her service as board treasurer for the



past four years. Julie will be rolling off the board at the end of this month. She was instrumental in the reorganization of the ministry from its predecessor, Southwest Family Ministries, and has been a wonderful advocate for our organization. We can't thank her enough for her tireless efforts to get us on sound financial footing so that we can serve the southend where she was raised.





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