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News and Notes from the Heart of the Ministry

Hello Shane,

WHO WILL CATCH YOU IF YOU FALL?

We recently saw a meme that said: "If you've ever had a *'move back in with your parents phase'* yet look down on homeless people, you may need to reevaluate yourself because the only difference between you and them is you had someone to catch you when you fell." This statement truly describes many of the people we are seeing who don't have a support system that could take them in when they lost a job, could no longer afford rent, or faced other major financial hurdles.

With the cost of housing increasing by double digits, food prices at a 30-year high, and other daily living expenses like transportation, clothing, and health care outpacing wage increases, more people (including seniors) are finding themselves a paycheck or two away from the streets. Services like ours are crucial to helping these individuals navigate their way back to stability again. Homelessness can no longer be ignored because it is coming to a neighborhood near you!

Our resource center works with this vulnerable population to help them overcome the many hurdles they face when trying to find their way back to a steady life. People often say "Why don't they just get a job?" but when we explain that they're having difficulty getting one because they don't have an ID, a phone, or reliable transportation; or they can't afford a place with the salary they are making because our community has a major shortage of affordable housing units, people begin to understand the multi-dimensional challenges that occur once someone falls through the cracks.

We work to help these individuals find their way back. We begin by meeting their basic needs (food, clothing, hygiene services, and other supplies) and then work to build a relationship with them to understand the challenges that led to their current situation. We then walk alongside them as we connect them to resources that will help on their journey toward housing. If you'd like to be a part of our solution, please reach out to us to discuss ways to get involved. Help us as we lift others up, instead of looking for reasons to keep them down.



Mark Your Calendar:

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2 PM
RESOURCE CENTER,
4205 CANE RUN ROAD.
RESERVATIONS REQUESTED.

Our organization is looking for dedicated individuals like **YOU** to join us in our mission to make a positive impact in our Southwest Louisville community.

Register today!



**Exodus Family
Ministries**

LOUISVILLE, KY

Register for Volunteer
Orientation



To learn more about the impact Exodus Family Ministries is having in the community, please come to our next Open House. Register below.

Register for Open
House



September 12 – Kentuckiana’s largest day of giving is quickly approaching and we need you involved! If you love Exodus and all the good we’re doing in the community, consider:

- 1) Becoming a Champion to help us raise money.
- 2) Offering a matching gift.
- 3) Making a [donation](#) to us during the event.
- 4) Spreading the word on your social media accounts or via calls, texts, or emails.

Last year, our team helped us raise more than \$11,000. Will you help us get to \$15,000 this year?

Learn more about Give For Good
Louisville



We are gearing up for our third annual fundraising dinner and auction and know that it will sell out quickly. If you'd like to join the committee, become a sponsor, get a table, or donate an auction item, click the link to find out more!

Dinner & Auction
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Volunteer of the Month

Exodus could not do the work we do without our volunteers. This month, we recognize the hard work and dedication of **Michael Hudspeth**, a volunteer at our Resource Center. Michael started helping us eight months ago after coming to our Bible Study from his sober living house. Many people may think he is on staff because he is there every day, doing whatever is needed to support the center like overseeing laundry services, stocking supplies, picking up clients, or cleaning the bathrooms between client showers. He

enjoys helping people and notes that “seeing the smiles on their faces when they get clean or fed says it all.” He appreciates how “family-oriented the center is and how everyone genuinely cares for each other. The love there is straight from God.” Be sure to let Michael know how much we appreciate him the next time you see him.

PROGRAM UPDATES

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

THE CLOTHES CLOSET

- We are still accepting **summer clothes for all ages**. Deposit clean, seasonal clothing in the dropbox on the side of our building (6501 Bethany Lane) any day, or bring them in person on Saturdays, 11 am-1 pm.
- Special needs: Men’s basketball shorts, kids’ back to school clothes 5T-18.



FOOD PANTRY

Thank you to **Texas Roadhouse** on Dixie Highway for collecting food items and cash donations for Exodus during their Summer Bash in July.



Also, congratulations to the team who set up our display at the event: (back row: Lisa Moore, Kim Hilpp, Mary Lou Ballard, front row: Sandy Lathery and Jackie Parks). They won the contest for the Most Thematic Booth!



We're still looking for **drivers to help with food deliveries**, even once or twice a month. We encourage volunteers to do this with a partner, so ask a friend or spouse to join you.



The pantry needs **cans of soup**. Place cans in the drop box next to the building or bring them on Saturdays, 11 am–1 pm.



Special thanks to [Dare to Care](#) and [Shirley's Way](#) for helping us purchase a commercial cooler and freezer to store our USDA food items. We appreciate you!



Thank you to the **45th Annual Gray Family Reunion** who made volunteering a part of their gathering in Louisville last month. If you'd like to organize a group volunteer project, call us!



RESOURCE CENTER

The Resource Center has a new convection oven and range thanks to [Shirley's Way](#) and another passenger van thanks to grants from: [The Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels](#), [Samtec Cares](#), [Southeast Christian Church](#), and the [Kentucky Social Welfare Foundation](#). We also appreciate the folks at [Bob Hook Commercial & Fleet Sales](#) for their assistance getting the van.



• **Needs this month:** men's and women's athletic shorts (elastic waist), flip flops, bug spray, sunscreen, and cases of water.

• **Adult volunteers** are needed during the day on **Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.**

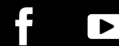


Faith Services

Contact us at **502.614.8544** if your church, company, or service organization could provide a **meal for approximately 40-50 people**. We're looking for partners to help feed the attendees of our Monday night Bible Study, which is attended by folks from various recovery centers, homeless camps, and the community at large.



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