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Exodus Updates

News and Notes from the Heart of the Ministry

Hello Shane,

September is Hunger Action Month and Give for Good Louisville

Delivering Food and Hope

One of the ways Exodus Family Ministries is different from many other food pantries in the community is that, in addition to our pantry being open on the first and third Saturdays of the month, we also deliver boxes of meal ingredients to people in need who are not able to make it to our 6501 Bethany Lane location - whether due to disability, illness, or lack of transportation. This delivery service is limited because we need more volunteers. This is where YOU can help!

As a driver, you can determine the day(s) of the week you'll deliver the food, the zip codes you'll deliver to, and the number of deliveries you'll make. We'll try to make it as flexible and convenient for you as possible!

For more information about what a difference this service makes in the lives of others, please see the *Volunteers of the Month* profile below.

You'll see how rewarding our drivers feel it is to serve others through delivering food and hope. Many of our clients truly look forward to our visits twice a month because they may be the only times they have outside contact. Plus, they know that they will not need to worry about being hungry. We not only bring nutritious meal ingredients to them, but also deliver a warm smile, a friendly word, and reassurance that there are good people in the world. Please consider joining us as a food box delivery volunteer. For more information, contact Jackie Parks at 502.614.8544 x 101.





Your Donations Go Further on September 12

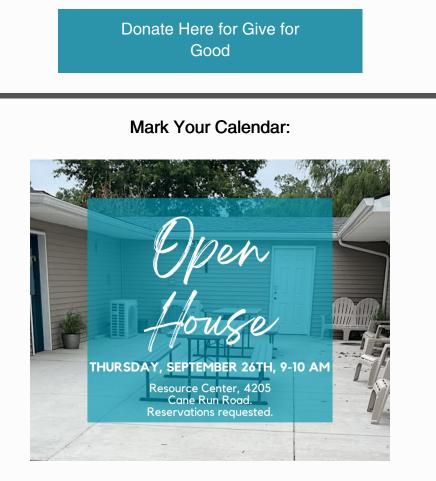
Kentuckiana's largest day of giving is quickly approaching and we need your support. Thanks to a number of generous donors, your donations may be doubled or even tripled this coming Thursday (September 12) from midnight - 11:59 pm (ET). If you love Exodus and all the good we're doing in the community, please consider:

1) Making a donation to us during the event.

2) Becoming a Champion to help us raise money.

 Spreading the word on your social media accounts or via calls, texts, or emails. Help us unlock \$5100 in matches (thanks to **Dayrl & Maureen Koppel**, **Natalie Mudd - Kentucky Farm Bureau**, **BNI Peak Referrals Chapter** and a **dear anonymous donor**), as well as potential prizes worth thousands of dollars by donating via the Give for Good Louisville platform this Thursday. Key giving times include: 6-8 am, 9-11 am, noon, 1-3 pm, 7-9 pm (especially between 7:15-7:17 pm, which is being called the "Greatest Two Minutes of Giving"), and 10-11 pm, but anytime you can do it will be appreciated.

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



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

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH, 2:00 – 3:30 PM RESOURCE CENTER, 4205 CANE RUN ROAD. RESERVATIONS REQUESTED.



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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!

Register for Volunteer Orientation



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 Info



Volunteers of the Month

Exodus could not do the work we do without our volunteers. This month, we recognize the time and dedication of **Candy and Lee Rockwell**, who deliver between 12 and 18 food boxes a week for us. They started volunteering one year ago after hearing about Exodus at their church and decided that since they were retired, getting involved would be a great way to give back to the community.

"It's not just taking people food. You get the opportunity to hear their stories. It really opened our eyes to how close so many people are to the edge. Many of them are waiting for us because they have no food and no transportation to get it...Some of these people have no one to help them," commented Lee. He shared how one couple is dealing with the wife's cancer and the husband's recent amputation due to diabetes. Another was a mother with four children under the age of five.

"There is no more rewarding experience than doing these deliveries," Candy added. "Meeting these people, hearing about their situations, and helping them the best we can has been so rewarding for us. It can also be a little heartbreaking and humbling, though. If I was in that position, I know I'd want someone to do this for me."

Lee chimed in, "I'm so glad that God has put us in a position where we can help now because I've been in situations where I needed help. I feel like it's our obligation to give back."

Candy agreed and concluded by saying, "The Bible calls for us to feed

the hungry and clothe the needy. We're happy to be His hands and feet and show people the face of Christ."

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

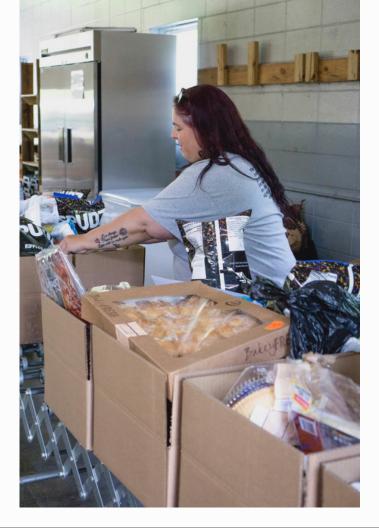
• We are now accepting **fall clothes for all ages**. Deposit clean, seasonal clothing in the dropbox on the side of our building (6501 Bethany Lane) any day, or bring them in person on Saturdays, 11 am-1 pm.

• Special needs: kids' back to school clothes 5T-18.



Food Pantry

- The food pantry is in need of peanut butter and tuna. Place cans in the drop box next to the building or bring them on Saturdays, 11 am-1 pm.
- Drivers to help with food deliveries are also needed.



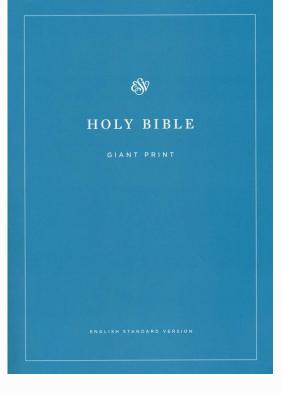
Resource Center

• Needs this month: donations of bottled water, Gatorade, and snack packs (grab bags of high protein snack items like peanut butter crackers, nuts, beef jerky, etc.)

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

Faith Services

Needs: ESV Giant Print Bibles, Meals for Bible study Contact us at **502.614.8544** if your church, company, or service organization could provide a meal for approximately 40-50 people (once or several times throughout the year). 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.



Volunteer Appreciation Awards

On August 31, Exodus held a Volunteer Appreciation Cookout to thank the people who are the backbone of our ministry - making it possible for us to serve 5000+ of our neighbors.

Several awards were distributed to recognize outstanding volunteers in each of our program areas. Please join us in thanking them for their service.

Faithful Servant Awards:

Vicki Logsdon (Resource Center) Kim Kays Crain (Clothes Closet) Mary Lou Ballard (Food Pantry) The White Elephant Team (Fundraising Support for the Food Pantry)

Ambassador of the Gospel:

Lonnie Harris (Southend Unity Festival)

Good Samaritan Award:

Silver

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Bobby Thomasson (Food Pantry Pickups) Carolyn Brinley (Senior Commodity Box Program) Candy and Lee Rockwell (Food Box Deliveries)

Click <u>here</u> to see pictures of the event.

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