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Exodus Updates

News and Notes from the Heart of the Ministry

Hello Shane,

Recap of our Resource Center One-Year Celebration!

On October 10, Exodus Family Ministries held a one-year celebration of the Exodus Community Resource Center, which is the city's only full-service day shelter for the unhoused outside of I-264. When the center opened last fall, the goal was to serve 100-150 unsheltered individuals living in the south end. We've tallied our results and, to put it mildly, we FAR EXCEEDED our expectations thanks to our staff, volunteers, community partners, and donors. To read about the full impact the center is making, click [here](#).



Shane Schlatter, Exodus executive director, shared the impressive stats for the year. During its first year of operation, the resource center served **408 people** and had



Multiple community partners shared their praises for the work our staff and volunteers are doing at the center to help those in need. **Laurie Hardin** from the VA



The audience also heard testimonials from two clients, including **Shane Swanson** pictured above, whose lives have been transformed through the center and

2,001 visits; 17 people moved into housing and 37 went to recovery programs.

Medical Center offered her congratulations for a job well done.

the connections they made to community resources there.



A big THANK YOU to [The Well Coffee Co.](#) for donating all the pastries, donuts, and coffee for our one-year anniversary! Thank you Pat and Mindy Stayton for always supporting our community in the south end.



Thank you to all who came out and helped us celebrate!
It was a beautiful day.

Senior Commodity Boxes

Last fall, the Exodus food pantry began offering **Senior Commodity Boxes**, a special government program that provides low income seniors (ages 60 and up) with a large box of food to supplement their nutritional needs each month. These shelf-stable, pre-packaged boxes are offered in partnership with [Dare to Care](#) and the USDA. Exodus currently has 90 seniors enrolled in the program, which provides the boxes on the second Saturday of the month from 1:30-3pm via the pantry at 6501 Bethany Lane. There is currently a waiting list for the program. **Seniors must be pre-approved to participate.** If you know of someone in Jefferson County who might qualify, please call 502.614.8544 x-104 to qualify them and get their name(s) added

to the list.



Save the Dates:



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, OCTOBER 26TH,
2:00 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

Sometimes, people just need a hand up in life...

Someone to give them help and hope when they need it most. Exodus Family Ministries is here to offer that hand... with food, clothing, and support for the unsheltered.

We hope you'll put your hand (and bid card) up at our holiday dinner.

Third Annual Hand Up Dinner and Auction

Thursday, November 21, 2024
6:00 - 9:30 pm

Signature Venue

6000 Lions Arms Drive (40216)

Dress: Casual, Festive Holiday Attire
Tickets: \$50 per person or Table of 8 for \$400

Sponsorships Available | Auction Items Accepted
Questions? 502.614.8544



Reservations are now being taken for our third annual **Hand Up Holiday Dinner & Auction** on November 21. If you'd like to purchase a ticket/table, become a sponsor, or donate an auction item, click the link below to find out more. Special thanks to [Shirley's Way](#) for being our presenting sponsor.



SHIRLEY'S WAY
"People Helping People"

Dinner & Auction Info



Volunteer of the Month

"Mama" Vicki Logsdon may be small, but she has a big passion for the people Exodus serves at the resource center and it shows. While she is extremely humble and will tell folks that what she does "isn't any more important than what everyone else brings to the program," she (and her team's cooking) may be THE reason many clients come back to the center week after week! In addition to coordinating a team of helpers in the kitchen who provide substantive meals to keep clients from going hungry, she brings with her a wealth of experience and information since she has a background in social work, a strong commitment to the area, and a deep faith.

She believes that "if you listen, God will put you where you need to be to learn what you need to learn." She feels blessed to have been involved "on the ground floor of Exodus' work with the unhoused" nearly four years ago and feels that if she has been able to help even one person by the end of each day that she has made that day count for something.

She admits that working with the downtrodden "requires a special calling," yet feels the work is very rewarding, especially since she has had family members impacted by addiction. She became truly committed to feeding those on the streets after paramedics told her that her grandson survived what should have been a fatal overdose of Fentanyl "only because someone had given him a good meal before he had taken it." So, as long as Mama Vicki is around, you can bet everyone is going to have a hearty meal.

PROGRAM UPDATES

The focus this month for all program areas are the holiday events/giveaways happening throughout the months of November and December. If you can help with any of the following events, please call **502.614.8544**.

Food Pantry

- The food pantry is in need of peanut butter, tuna, and hearty soups. Place cans in the drop box next to the building or bring them on Saturdays, 11am–1pm.
 - Need volunteers to help with the following special distribution days:
 - Thanksgiving Food Box Distribution - November 16, arrive at 6501 Bethany Lane at 10am
 - Christmas Food Box Distribution - December 21, arrive at 6501 Bethany Lane at 10am
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Resource Center

- Need volunteers to assist with the following events:
 - Thanksgiving Outreach Dinner, November 13, Shively Christian Church, arrive at 5pm
 - Thanksgiving Outreach Dinner, November 18, GracePointe Baptist Church, arrive at 5pm
 - Thanksgiving Day Food Distribution in camps, November 28, meet at the Resource Center, 4205 Cane Run Rd, 8am-noon - Christmas Outreach Dinner, December 15, Southeast Christian Church - Southwest Campus, arrive at 5pm
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Faith Services

- Need volunteers for nursing home holiday parties:
 - Thanksgiving party, November 10, Landmark Iroquois, 3pm
 - Thanksgiving party, November 23, Landmark River City, 2pm
 - Christmas party, December 15, Landmark River City, 2:30pm
 - Christmas party, December 22, Landmark Iroquois, 3pm
 - 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.
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The Clothes Closet

- We are accepting **fall/winter 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.
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Giving Tuesday & End of Year Giving

As the end of the year quickly approaches, we invite you to prayerfully consider including Exodus Family Ministries in your charitable giving plans. Individual donor support is critical to our future success as we continue to grow to serve the community. Whether you **give once or become a monthly donor**, we appreciate you!

We also appreciate any **matching corporate donations**. If we need to complete any forms or provide you with additional information to complete the match, please email [us](#).

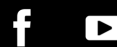
Giving Tuesday will be on December 3 this year. Gifts can be made [here](#).

The logo for Giving Tuesday, featuring the words "GIVING" and "TUESDAY" in blue, with a red heart icon replacing the letter "I" in "GIVING".A silver-bordered box containing the text "Silver Transparency 2023" and the "Candid." logo below it.

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