



Jan/Feb 2025

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Exodus Updates

News and Notes from the Heart of the Ministry

Community Needs are Rising

January 2025 was a busy month with several days of below-freezing temperatures that necessitated operating an emergency white flag warming center for Louisville Metro to keep our unsheltered neighbors safe (to see our news coverage, click [here](#)). Once the weather warmed a bit, we had time to calculate our numbers for 2024 and wanted to share the results since you helped make them possible.

Our client base grew by more than 60% over the past year -from 4,497 at the end of 2023 to 7,205 at the end of 2024 (details below). While we feel blessed to have been able to handle this increase in services thanks to supportive partners and caring volunteers, this considerable growth sadly reflects the growing needs of our neighbors to get support for basic necessities like food and clothing. Can we count on your continued involvement?

Every day we meet people who are struggling with food, clothing, and housing insecurities. We work with seniors who need to stretch their social security checks, families with young children who aren't sure where they will find their next meal, and adults who lost their homes and cars due to economic hardships and are now living on the street. Your compassion and generosity provide the hope and resources necessary to serve these people in need. **THANK YOU!**

³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me

in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. **Matthew 25:35-36**



2024 by the Numbers

Our pantry provided 1,520 families (4,953 individuals) with 9,241 substantive, nutritious food boxes totaling more than 277,000 pounds to address hunger and food insecurities.

Our clothes closet helped 1055 individuals (plus many more through the donations we shared with nearly 15 other organizations each month) receive clothing, coats, shoes, and other supplies.

Our resource center connected 477 unsheltered individuals to basic necessities during 2,547 visits, as well as to community services and programs, which resulted in 26 finding permanent housing and 47 going into recovery programs.

Our faith services reached more than 720 people with messages of hope, forgiveness, and love.

If you'd like to learn more about our 2024 impact and goals for 2025, we invite you to join us at an upcoming [Open House](#) or [Volunteer Orientation](#) (information below). Also, as you consider your charitable giving options for 2025, we ask you to prayerfully consider a [monthly or annual donation](#) to Exodus to support the growing needs of our community and our expanded programming.



We Have a New Building

We're excited to share that we've purchased a former church in the heart of Shively (**2020 Garrs Lane**) to bring all our program areas together under one roof, as well as add new ones, like faith services. While it may take us a while to move all the programs there, we invite you to visit to get a sneak peek of the space we will be transforming to meet our growing needs and hear about this year's plans for the ministry. Please join us at our upcoming [Open House](#) on February 20. Reservations requested.

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21,
3-4:30PM

EXODUS FAMILY MINISTRIES
NEW BUILDING

2020 GARRS LANE, LOUISVILLE, KY
40216



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

Has God been tugging at your heart to serve in the community? Now is the perfect time to share His abundant love! Join us for our Volunteer Orientation at our new building on Garrs Lane to discover how you can make a meaningful impact. Exodus Family Ministries is growing and we need more hands and hearts to help us serve. We'd love for you to be part of this mission!

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Volunteers of the Month

Jeff and Gwen Brock, who run [Breakin Tha Chainz Ministry](#), have been volunteering with Exodus for more than a year. They got involved in November 2023 after our resource center opened because their ministry also works with the unsheltered. Jeff said that a number of groups told him to

check out our organization, and he's glad he did. "I felt like I had a calling to serve and found that the people at Exodus did, too. They truly care about the people they serve. They don't just talk about it - they are actually doing the work."

Jeff can be found driving the van for our resource center and delivering food boxes to seniors. He and Gwen enjoy attending Exodus Bible Studies and assisting wherever else help is needed. They were extremely helpful during our emergency day shelter in January. They commented that the folks at Exodus "feel like family" to them. "The brotherly love is real." They also appreciate the support that Exodus has shown to their ministry which helps to feed the unsheltered and provide warming supplies, especially after hours, when others aren't able to help. Be sure to say hello to them if you see them at events and thank them for all the work they do for us and the community.

PROGRAM UPDATES



Board of Directors Updates

Help us welcome **Lonnie Harris** to the Exodus Family Ministries board of directors. Lonnie is a sales representative for Vestis and has been involved in the ministry for a number of years after connecting with us while we helped his brother who was unsheltered. Last year, he helped launch the ministry's Southwest Unity Festival, which he will be spearheading again this year.

Tom Jacks was voted in as Board Chairman at the group's strategic planning meeting in January.

Also, help us thank our out-going board members, **Eddie Squires and Bruce Bryant**, who rotated off the board in December. Both of them were important partners to the organization and brought a wealth of talents to us. Their involvement helped us grow the organization into what it is today.

Food Pantry

Volunteers are needed to help with food box deliveries in zip codes: 40210,

40211, 40214, 40215, and 40216. This is on a weekly basis, but can be adapted to your schedule and availability. Contact Jackie Parks at 502-614-8544 extension 101 if you would like to learn more about role.

Resource Center

- Volunteers are always needed, especially on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays during the day.
- With freezing temperatures still possible for the next couple of months, we need your help caring for our neighbors on the streets. Please consider donating items for our Warming Kits such as: batteries, sternos, gloves, hats, scarves, hand/foot warmers, socks, and hearty snacks. Items can be dropped off at 6501 Bethany Lane or purchased via Amazon.

[Check Out Our Amazon Wish List](#)

Faith Services

The purchase of our new building gives us a large space to hold faith services. You're invited to join us at 2020 Garrs Lane for:

- [Monday Night Bible Studies](#)
- [Wednesday Night Prayer Sessions](#)
- [Saturday Morning Digging Deeper Classes](#)
- [Sunday Morning Fellowship Gatherings](#)



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2020 Garrs Lane, Louisville, KY 40216

SUNDAY SERVICE: 11AM
MONDAY BIBLE STUDY: 6:30PM
WEDNESDAY PRAYER MEETING: 6PM

**A real fellowship, serving real people
through the love of Jesus.**

 Exodus Family Ministries Office: 502-614-8544 Ext 103
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The Clothes Closet

- We will be accepting winter clothes for all ages through the end of February. 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. We are especially needing kids' coats, men's boxer briefs (new - all sizes, but especially L and XL), sweatshirts, and sweatpants.
- Spring clothing will begin to be accepted in March.
- Exodus is supporting the [Giving Loving Heartfelt Prom Dress Giveaway](#), click the link to learn more about donating or getting prom dresses and accessories.



Upcoming Events

Mark your calendar for these upcoming special events:

- [Black Balloon Day](#), March 6, 4-8pm, 2020 Garrs Lane, in partnership with [God's Gang](#), to remember those we've lost to overdoses.
- Southend Unity Festival/Revival, May 24, noon-6pm, 2020 Garrs Lane (more information coming soon, sponsorships available - call Lonnie Harris at 502-379-1455 for details.

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