



December 2024

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Hello Shane,

Exodus Updates

News and Notes from the Heart of the Ministry

2024 In Review

It is hard to believe 2024 is coming to an end - we've had an exciting year with much growth and progress. **Thank you for being part of our journey!**

While we will continue to serve throughout the month, here's a quick recap of the number of people we've helped this year.

For the third year in a row, our client base has increased by 30%! At the end of October, we had already served **nearly 5,700 clients.**



Client Numbers Through October

Our pantry has provided 1,402 families (4,661 individuals) with substantive food boxes.

Our clothes closet has helped 977 individuals directly (and many more through the donations we share with nearly 15 other organizations each month).

Our resource center has connected 433 unsheltered individuals with community services and programs.

Our faith services have reached more than 100.

More details will come in January, but please know that **your support is what makes this growth possible.**

As you consider your charitable giving options at the end of the year, we ask you to prayerfully consider a donation to Exodus to help us handle our continued growth. We also ask that you consider volunteering.



Hand Up Holiday Dinner a Success!

Thank you to the planning committee, volunteers, sponsors, speakers, attendees, auction item donors, and vendors who made our third annual **Hand Up Holiday Dinner** a success. We **raised more than \$112,000** to help people in our community who are struggling with food, clothing, and housing insecurities. We especially want to recognize **Shirley's Way** for their \$30,000 matching grant that encouraged others to give generously.

This event is our largest fundraiser. It also serves as a way for us to thank those who have been supportive, review the impact of our programs, and share news for the upcoming year - like the **big announcement that we have found a new home for our ministry.**

At the dinner, we announced that we are purchasing a former Methodist church in the heart of Shively (2020 Garrs Lane) so that we can bring all our program areas together in the coming year. Stay tuned for capital campaign announcements in the first quarter of 2025.

If you would like to get involved with the building campaign, make a contribution to have a room or wing named after you/your company, or be considered for construction/remodeling opportunities, please reach out to our executive director, Shane Schlatter at the ministry's main number: 502.614.8544.

Thank you to our Hand Up Holiday Dinner Sponsors

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Volunteer of the Month

Lisa Moore, with JenCare Senior Medical Center, has been volunteering with Exodus for more than two years. She got involved when she kept hearing about the organization from her patients and wanted to learn more about the food boxes and clothing they were getting from our organization. "Many of them would not be able to eat if it weren't for Exodus! The food boxes brought to them are "life-saving." Her involvement led to a board position. Lisa can be found with a smile on her face helping at our events and wherever else she is needed. She encourages others to volunteer because "we have a responsibility to serve our community. Exodus is the epitome of serving as the hands and feet of Jesus."

PROGRAM UPDATES

For pictures of our November events, including two dinners for our unsheltered neighbors, our special Thanksgiving meal box giveaway, our nursing home parties, our delivery of 350 meals from **Malone's** on Thanksgiving morning (thanks to partnerships with **Kentucky Harvest who made the connection and Breakin' Tha Chainz who worked with us to make the deliveries**), our Hand Up Holiday event, or our Bible Studies, please check out the galleries located under the [Blog section of our website](#).

Special shout outs to **Scout Pack and Troop 187** (who meet at Sun Valley) for hosting a food drive that resulted in their delivering a car full of food items to the pantry on November 16. Also to the **students, teachers, and staff of Dixie Elementary** who donated more than 375 pairs of socks to make Blessing Bags for the unsheltered in our community. On November 22, 11 randomly selected students helped bag the socks, along with hand warmers we provided, so that we may add them to Warming Kits this winter.

If your school, church, company, or organization is looking for a volunteer project, please keep us in mind!



Food Pantry

Volunteers needed to help with:

- Christmas Food Box Distribution - **December 21**, arrive at 6501 Bethany Lane at 10am

- The food pantry can always use peanut butter, tuna, and hearty soups. Place cans in the drop box next to the building or bring them on Saturdays, 11am–1pm.

Thanks to **Kroger** for giving us a special rate for the turkeys we bought to share with our clients for Thanksgiving!



Resource Center

- We're going to be hosting a **Christmas Outreach Dinner** for our unhoused neighbors on **December 15** at Southeast Christian Church - Southwest Campus, 8301 St Andrews Church Rd. Volunteers who have registered to help need to arrive at 5pm.

- The recent snowfall means that **temperatures are getting colder**. Please help us care for our neighbors on the streets by donating items for our Warming Kits such as: batteries, sternos, gloves, hats, scarves, hand/foot warmers, socks, and snacks.

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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 on:

Sundays at 11am for Fellowship Meetings, **Mondays at 6:30pm** for Bible Study, or **Wednesdays at 6pm** for Prayer Meetings.

We need volunteers for nursing home Christmas parties:

- **December 15**, Landmark River City, 1015 Magazine St, 2:30pm

- **December 22**, Landmark Iroquois, 900 Gagel Ave, 3pm



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MONDAY BIBLE STUDY: 6:30PM
WEDNESDAY PRAYER MEETING: 6PM

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The Clothes Closet

• We are accepting **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. We are especially needing **kids' coats, men's boxer briefs (new - all sizes, but especially L and XL), sweatshirts, and sweatpants**.



**Wishing you the true joy and wonder of this holy season
as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.**

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!



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