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Winter Weather is Here

When the temperatures drop below freezing, our unsheltered neighbors are at extreme risk for frostbite, accidental burns, and hypothermia. Exodus has offered to operate an emergency winter weather shelter in partnership with Louisville Metro when temperatures drop into the single digits or remain in the teens for several days. This is where you, our volunteers and supporters, come in...

For Exodus to offer a warm place to stay (including overnight hours), proper clothing, warming supplies, and hot meals, we will need more resources and volunteers than we currently have. **Will you help us?**

To view the list of needed supplies, click [here](#). To become a volunteer, click [here](#). The shelter will operate out of 2020 Garrs Lane in Shively.



Hand-Up Holiday Dinner and Auction Gratitudes

Thank you to all the sponsors, auction donors, attendees, and volunteers who contributed to help us make the **Fourth Annual Hand-Up Holiday Dinner and Auction** on November 20 a success!

We had nearly 250 people join us to raise just shy of \$100,000 for Exodus' programs and services. Please help us recognize the following organizations that generously made this possible.

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We especially appreciate **Cornerstone Community Church** for allowing us to hold the event in their sanctuary, [Joel Jackson](#) for sharing his musical talents with us, [Just Piggin' Out with Alpha Ministries](#) for catering the event, the incredible **Dawne Gee** for serving as our emcee, **Sandy Pettus** for overseeing the decorations, **Kim Kays Crain** for arranging our dessert buffet with support from [Thrivent](#), and our speakers during the evening: **Austin Sexton**, **Lonnie Harris**, **Dustin Manecke**, **Councilwoman Tammy Hawkins**, **Lisa Ammon**

(representing Councilman Dan Seum), James Hudson, Joey Herm, Dayrl and Maureen Koppel, Lisa Moore, and Joey Hamilton, who was our auctioneer.

Exodus will be closed for the Holidays

The Exodus offices will be closed from December 20 - December 28 to move our Resource Center to 2020 Garrs Lane and to spend time with our families during the holidays.

Welcome New Board Members



Tammy Baker

Tammy brings extensive experience as an employment specialist to the board. She works at Options Unlimited, an organization that helps individuals with disabilities find and retain employment. She saw how Exodus truly cares about our clients and is excited to get involved in whatever ways God sees fit.



Noemi Robinson Santiago

Noemi has been volunteering with Exodus for several months. She retired from Humana and runs a nonprofit helping those impacted by addiction. She loves how the staff and volunteers of Exodus put God first and let that love guide them as they serve others. Noemi helps us translate for our Spanish-speaking clients at the food pantry and clothes closet.

Say Hello to our New Case Manager



Katie Button, MSSW, CSW

We are thrilled to announce that Katie Button, MSSW, CSW has joined the Exodus Resource Center as our case manager. Katie will provide in-depth assistance to clients who are ready to take the needed steps to secure housing. A 2011 graduate of the UofL Kent School of Social Work, Katie has spent her career providing case management services to older adults. She and her husband have a heart for the unhoused, though, and she is eager to walk alongside individuals as they work toward self-sufficiency. She feels blessed to join our ministry and to help our clients see that where they are now does not define them. God has big plans for them!

Katie will also be instrumental in helping Exodus develop the programs we'll offer in our new learning center. If you are interested in teaching a class such as financial literacy, resume writing, interviewing skills, personal hygiene, household cleaning/repair tips, credit repair, or other life-skills courses, please contact Katie at 502.614.8544 x105 to discuss ideas.

PROGRAM UPDATES

Food Pantry

Reminder: The Food Pantry (6501 Bethany Lane) is open on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month from 4-6 pm.

Our pantry can always use: **canned fruits, vegetables, soups, and meats (like chicken or tuna)**. Cans with pop-tops are especially appreciated! We also welcome peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, and other non-perishable items.

We also **need extra volunteers** delivering food boxes throughout Southwest Louisville on a regular basis or assisting with our special Holiday Meal Box giveaway (supported by **Thrivent**) on [December 19](#) from 3pm-6:30pm). If your family, work, or church group wants to participate, please call 502.614.8544 x104. Spanish speaking volunteers are especially needed.

Another great way for your business, school, church, or athletic team to get involved is to hold a food drive for us.

Clothes Closet

The Clothes Closet operates inside 2020 Garrs Lane on the second and fourth Fridays from 4-6pm.

We are accepting **WINTER items only at this time**. We especially need new socks and packs of underwear for both men and women. Hats, gloves, coats, and snow boots are also appreciated.

Please deposit clean clothing in the dropbox on the side of the food pantry (6501 Bethany Lane) or at 2020 Garrs Lane in the back under the awning.

If your school, club, church, or business wants to conduct a drive for gloves, hats, scarves, hand warmers, thermal underwear, etc., please reach out to Jackie Parks at 502.614.8544 x104.

Faith Services

Jesus is the reason for the season, so come spend the holidays with our church partner, **Fellowship of the Way** (2020 Garrs Lane) to learn more about His birth.

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

We appreciate everyone who helped serve at our **nursing home Christmas parties!** Exodus provided residents with handmade toboggans, scarves, and small blankets!



Resource Center



Thank you to **Fellowship of the Way** for hosting our Thanksgiving dinner for the unhoused and **Southeast Christian Church - Southwest campus** (pictured above) for hosting the Christmas meal. When clients know people care about them, it helps them see that a better life is possible and encourages them to seek help.

Thank you to [Malone's](#) for providing 350 hot meals for volunteers to deliver on Thanksgiving morning to people living on the streets or struggling with food insecurities. A special shout out to **God's Gang, Breakin' tha Chainz Ministry, and Fellowship of the Way** for helping us distribute the food.

As noted above, Exodus will operate an **Emergency Winter Weather Shelter** when temperatures dip into the teens or single digits. This service helps save lives! Please consider volunteering, as the center will be open around the clock - often for several days in a row. We'll need a lot of support cooking, cleaning, entertaining, picking up clients, doing laundry, etc.

Resource Center donation needs: pop-top canned foods, hearty snack items like granola bars, beef jerky, peanut butter crackers, etc. These items are great to include in snack packs that we distribute to our unsheltered neighbors. If you have any items to share, please reach out to the Resource Center at 502.614.8544 x105, or drop them by the food pantry at 6501 Bethany Lane. We are also collecting hoodies, blankets, sleeping bags, backpacks, tents, sternos, batteries, hats, gloves, and socks.

[Check Out Our Amazon Wish List](#)

If Your New Year's Resolution is to Get More Involved... Check out Exodus

If you would like to give back to the community, consider volunteering with Exodus. Extra hands are always needed in all our program areas! We are also looking for people to write thank-you notes to donors and cards of encouragement to clients.

Whether you feel called to:

- Assist at events
- Sort and display donated items
- Offer mentorship and encouragement
- Or just lend a helping hand where it's needed most

...there's a place for you here at Exodus.

Call 502.614.8544 x104 or attend our next [Open House](#) on **Tuesday, January 13, 2026 from 9-10am at 2020 Garrs Lane**—we'd love to get you plugged in!

Our next [Volunteer Orientation](#) will be on **Thursday, January 15, 2026 from 4-5:30pm at 2020 Garrs Lane.**

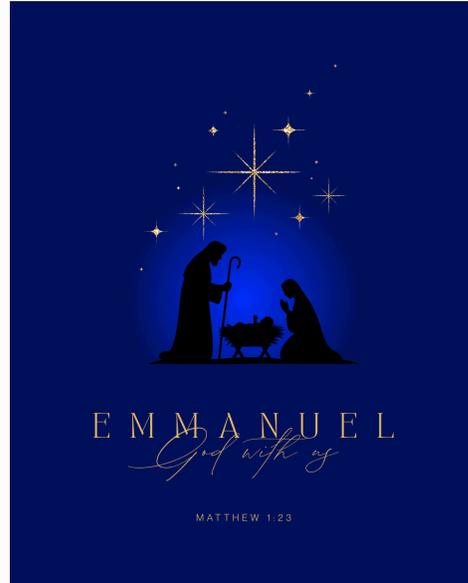
To view all upcoming volunteer opportunities, click [here](#).

Merry Christmas!

Exodus appreciates all the support and donations of items, as well as funds throughout 2025!

Because of you, we've been able to bring hope and dignity through food, clothing, and other support to nearly 10,000 people this year! (That's almost a 40% increase over 2024!)

We wish you a blessed Christmas and a happy New Year filled with compassion, community, and God's abundant grace.



[Make your end-of-the-year donation here](#)

We're Moving our Newsletter to a New Platform

Starting in January, we will be moving our newsletter to a new platform. To ensure the every-other-month newsletter makes it to your inbox, please [click here to register for our new list](#).



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