

Leaving a Legacy of Care



Since 1950, caring partners like you have been helping transform lives here in Kansas City through your generous support.

If you'd like to continue extending your compassion well into the future – and take advantage of certain tax benefits – then consider making a bequest to Shelter KC through your will or other estate plans. Doing so is a relatively easy but effective way to leave a legacy of care.

For more information, please contact Kara Feitz at (816) 421-7643 or at KFeitz@ShelterKC.org. And if you've already included Shelter KC in your estate plans, please let us know so that we can properly acknowledge your generosity.

Thank you!



Thank you for helping men and women Beat the Heat!

We are so grateful for all of you who supported **Project Beat the Heat** this summer! When the temperatures were soaring and making life dangerous for people on the street, your kindness and generosity made a huge difference.

Through your support, Shelter KC was able to distribute hundreds of heat survival kits to our homeless neighbors to help them survive the hot weather. Each survival kit included items like bottled water, sunscreen, deodorant, granola bars, and New Testaments, and each one was a tremendous blessing to someone in need.



Thank you again for making a difference this summer!

CONNECT



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“I was like one of the lost sheep.”

In Luke 15, Jesus tells his disciples the parable of the lost sheep and ends by saying, “Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.” I tell you that in the same way, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.”

Ramon sincerely believes that he was one of the lost sheep until he found the Lord at Shelter KC.

Read more of his amazing journey inside...



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YES, I'll bless people in need with food, shelter and care this Thanksgiving season.

- \$26.91 for **13 meals and care**
- \$51.75 for **25 meals and care**
- \$76.59 for **37 meals and care**
- \$_____ to help as many people as possible

Bill my credit card    

Make this a monthly gift

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It's easy to give your gift online: ShelterKC.org.

Point your smartphone camera here to give now



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What you'll find inside:



- Sometimes, it's the little things...
- “Jesus carried me. That's how I got here.”
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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Eric Burger,
Executive Director

Sometimes, it's the little things...

Looking around Shelter KC, I see daily examples of the positive impact you help us make in the community: Neighbors in need accessing 24/7 care. Improving their health. Getting off the streets. Overcoming addictions. Securing employment.

These are big steps that take men and women from being homeless to being a part of our community.

But sometimes, it's the little things.

A hot meal. A kind word. A prayer.

In fact, those little things can end up becoming big things in people's lives.

As we enter our busiest season of the year, I hope you'll help provide more of the little things homeless individuals need to make big changes in their lives.

Your generosity changes lives by providing help and hope for those in our community who need it most.

Thank you so much for all you do! God bless you!

“Jesus carried me. That’s how I got here.”

Ramon started drinking in middle school. An introduction to drugs when he was 40 took his life down an even darker path.

Born and raised in Oklahoma, he came to Kansas City to try and get away from his addiction. Instead, he brought it with him and quickly ended up on the streets.

“I was blacking out from my addiction. I’d wake up with no socks on, and it would be snowing outside. Next thing I knew, I couldn’t walk. I was pretty broken. That’s how I knew something had to change. I was one of those lost sheep. The Lord brought me here.”

“This program really opens your heart.”

Some paramedics pointed Ramon to Shelter KC, where your support provided him the opportunity to enroll in our C-COR program. Since then, his life has been transformed.

“I knew I was born for something. I just didn’t know what. It took me a long time to surrender and pray...to take up

my cross because it’s a heavy thing to carry if you’re not prepared.”

“I saw these guys who were all happy. They believed in the Lord, and I wanted that. So, I picked it up, and the Lord has helped me a lot. I read the Bible, and it just made sense. I pray to him. I surrender every day. I ask him for help. And I’m happy.”



After graduating from the program, Ramon became part of our Discipleship Through Service (DTS) program, working with others who are facing the problems he has now overcome.

“I got to show them how the Lord is working here and tell them to hang in there because I was lost when I first came in here. But it was my one shot to live right.”

“This place can help you if you want to live better. It really opens your heart and your mind, and it really gives you a chance to think about what you’re doing and where you want to go with your life.”

Thank you for helping Ramon find a new life through your prayers and support!



Pray and Give Thanks!

Pray for those in Kansas City who are struggling with hunger, homelessness, unemployment and other challenges.

Pray for the men and women in our programs who are taking steps each day to rebuild their lives and grow in their faith in Christ.

Pray for our staff as we make preparations for a busy Thanksgiving season.

Pray for God’s blessing on our wonderful volunteers who come to Shelter KC to help during the holidays and throughout the year.



Complete Thanksgiving Dinner – Just \$2.07!

Even when it seems like the cost of nearly everything has gone up, you can still feed a hungry man or woman at Shelter KC for \$2.07!

That’s because donations of food and other supplies keep our food costs stable and help make your financial gifts go further to feed and care for people in need.

As we get ready to serve thousands of meals to hungry guests this Thanksgiving season, just imagine how many dinners you can provide and how many lives you can touch with your gift!

Please mail your donation today or give online at ShelterKC.org.

Lend a helping hand this season!

There’s more than one way to help neighbors in need this Thanksgiving season. One way is to volunteer your time! We have many opportunities for individuals, groups and families to get involved.

For more information about volunteering, call Chloe Hart at (816) 421-7643, ext. 116, or go to ShelterKC.org and click on “Volunteer.”

