

Coming Soon!

# Christmas at the Crossroads

Christmas at the Crossroads is only weeks away, and we hope you can join us!

During this annual Christmas celebration, volunteers from across the area assemble at Shelter KC to provide our homeless guests with delicious holiday meals, including coffee and desserts. Event volunteers at the Truman Center also treat our guests to clean clothing, care packages, grooming services, photography services, games and Christmas crafts.

We would love to have your help with this very special event! **For more information, please visit ShelterKC.org!**

## Christmas at the Crossroads Care Packages

- Chapstick
- Body wash
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Hats
- Gloves
- Razors
- Shaving cream
- Christmas cards filled out with an encouraging message

For a full list of needs, visit ShelterKC.org.



## Volunteers needed for Operation Family Feast!

Operation Family Feast is almost here! This annual Thanksgiving Day outreach event provides needy families in Kansas City with food boxes, each one containing enough food for a family to prepare their own Thanksgiving feast at home with plenty of leftovers!

To make this event a success, we need volunteers to help pack and deliver 50 food boxes. **Sign up today by going to ShelterKC.org/volunteer!**

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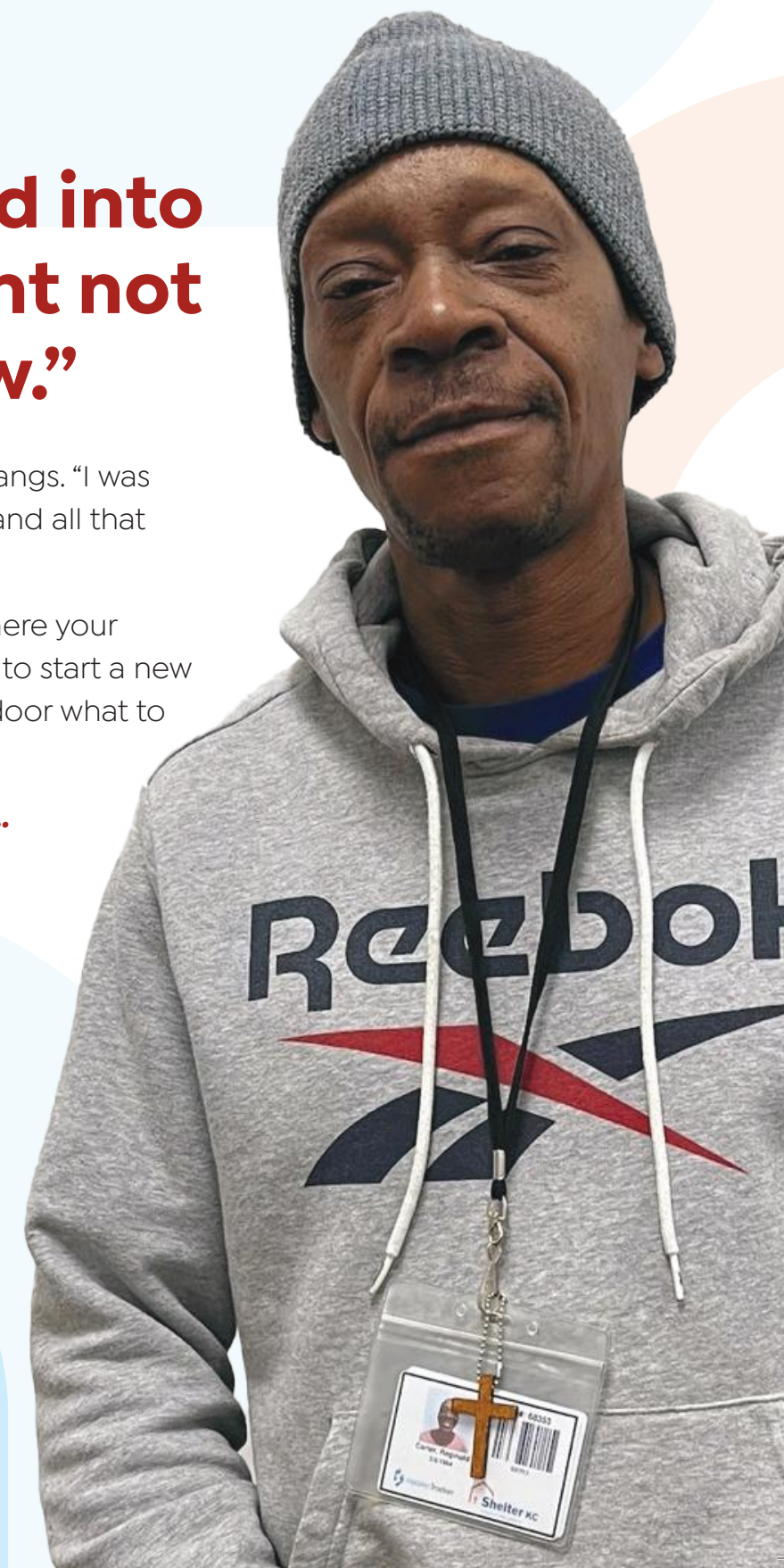


## “If I hadn’t walked into Shelter KC, I might not be alive right now.”

Reggie spent 15 years growing up around gangs. “I was raised up in gangs,” he remembers. “Drugs and all that stuff. All kinds of trouble. That’s all I knew.”

Some friends referred him to Shelter KC, where your support provided him with the opportunity to start a new life. “I had no idea when I knocked on that door what to expect, but it saved my life.”

*Read Reggie’s story of redemption inside...*






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**DONATE. VOLUNTEER. CONNECT.** ShelterKC.org   

### Use my gift to provide meals and care this holiday 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

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## DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Eric Burger,  
Executive Director



## Love doesn't quit!

The Apostle Paul concludes I Corinthians 13 by saying, "And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."

Thanks to your care and support, these gifts are offered to each man and woman who walks through our door, because love doesn't quit when neighbors come to us for help after they've lost everything.

Love provides meals to feed those who are hungry.

Love provides beds and safe shelter, as well as recovery programs for men and women who are trying to get back on their feet.

Love perseveres and helps rebuild lives one person at a time!

As the holidays approach, the prayerful support from friends like you helps rebuild broken lives on the solid foundation of Jesus Christ.

It may start with a meal. A kind word. Or a night of safe shelter. But most of all **it starts with you.**

Thank you so much for showing love for neighbors in need by supporting this vital work with your prayers and gifts. God bless you!



## "You saved my life!"

Having grown up amongst gangs and drugs in Southern California, Reggie's parents sent him to Kansas City to live with relatives who were in ministry. He found temporary stability here but returned to old ways after going through a divorce.

"I started going into the streets again," he remembers. "I was running amok. I'd always been reluctant to ask anybody for help. I always thought I could get myself out of this, but it wasn't working out. It looked like instead of digging myself out of it, I was digging myself deeper in the hole."

When Reggie got back into drugs, it led him to jail. To help straighten out the mess he was in, friends he'd known for a long time recommended Shelter KC. Reggie was hesitant to go, but the death of a close friend provided a needed wake-up call.

"One of my closest friends and I were together one day getting high, and the next day she was on the bus, and she passed away. She rode around on the bus all day, and they didn't know she was dead. Not until the bus driver drove back to the stall. I thought, 'If I don't stop, that could be me.' It really shook me."

### "My life has been restored!"

Soon after arriving here and enrolling in C-COR, Reggie received confirmation that he was where he needed to be.



"I was sitting there one night taking inventory of myself. The subject of discernment had been preached in chapel, and I heard a voice saying, 'Why are you looking at everyone else instead of your own recovery?' The Holy Spirit told me I was at the right place. I just grabbed hold of it."

"Shelter KC is a place where my life has been restored," he says. "I've gotten back into the Word of God because of these wonderful classes. They really go deep into the Bible. I have learned so much about family. I've learned more about temptation and how to avoid it. This has really helped me get stronger in my sobriety."

Reggie has experienced healing in other areas of his life as well.

"My family had given up on me – now they are being restored. My daughter and I are tighter than two peas. I've got more support now than I ever had. I thought I could do this alone. Now I know that I need other people. This place is a blessing. I had no idea until some friends walked me up that ramp."

And to friends like you who support Shelter KC, Reggie says: **"Thank you very much. I was on a fast downward spiral. If I hadn't walked into Shelter KC, I might not be alive right now. So, thank you for saving my life."**

## Complete Holiday Dinner – Just \$2.07!

The holiday season is quickly approaching, and we're gearing up to provide hundreds of meals to hungry guests every day – not to mention the special dinners we'll serve at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Each meal you help provide at Shelter KC equals a life that is touched through your generosity. A meal provides warmth and nourishment, while also helping introduce guests to other life-changing services.

And given that you can feed a hungry neighbor for just \$2.07, your gift of any size makes an immediate and lasting – and sometimes eternal – difference in people's lives.



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



## Pray, Give Thanks and Rejoice!

Please join us as we:

**Pray** for the men and women who will come to Shelter KC for food, shelter, and other services this holiday season and beyond.

**Pray** for the men and women in our recovery programs who are receiving the tools and support they need to overcome addictions and get back on their feet.

**Give** thanks for the grace of God and the support of our donors, volunteers and staff who make it possible for Shelter KC to minister to those in need in our community during the holiday season.

**Rejoice** in the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior.

**Your prayers and thanks: Please include your prayer request or thanks on the back of your gift slip and return it to Shelter KC.**

