

Thank you for making a difference during the holiday season!



We want to thank all the wonderful individuals, churches, companies and volunteers who made this past holiday season special for people in need here in Kansas City. Among the many things we're thankful for:

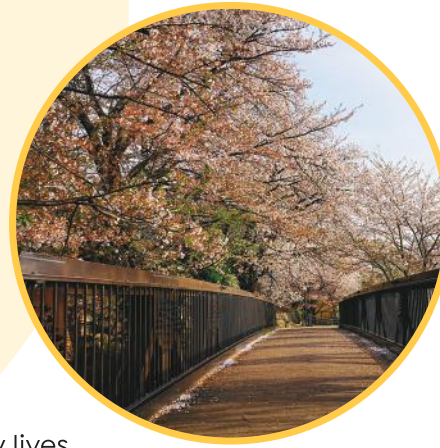
- Hundreds of Thanksgiving baskets provided to needy families during Operation Family Feast
- Special dinners served to the men and women in our recovery programs
- The donation of coats, hats and other winter supplies to keep our guests safe and warm

We also want to give a big shout-out to everyone who helped make **Christmas at the Crossroads** a success! Our volunteers helped us feed, minister to, and care for hundreds of homeless guests that day, and it was a wonderful, festive time of celebration.



God bless you!

Leaving a Legacy

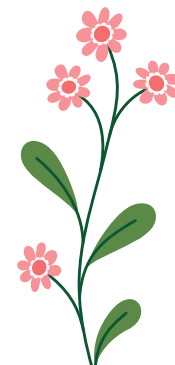


For 75 years, generous friends like you have touched so many lives through your support for Shelter KC.

If you'd like to extend your compassion well into the future – and enjoy certain tax savings at the same time – then please consider giving to Shelter KC through your will or other estate plans. Doing so is a flexible and 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 we can properly acknowledge your generosity.

Thank you!



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“God has never left my side!”

Nichole had her first encounter with God when she was very young.

It took years of being in a bad relationship, an addiction to drugs, homelessness, incarceration and finally finding a new life here at Shelter KC before Nichole realized that God had been with her the whole time. “He had never left my side.”

Read more of Nichole's struggle and triumph inside...



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Here's my Easter gift to fill plates with food and hearts with joy!

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What you'll find inside:

- Share our glorious Easter celebration!
- “I had given up on myself.”
- I had no idea!



DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Eric Burger
Executive Director



Share our glorious Easter celebration!

I can never thank you enough for supporting our work here at Shelter KC, especially at Easter.

During this critical season, your partnership makes it possible for us to provide nourishing food, safe shelter and compassionate care to neighbors in need every day.

The season culminates in our annual Easter celebration, where we worship the risen Savior with our guests and serve them a delicious traditional dinner.

We enjoy fellowship, festive decorations and Easter bags.

But best of all, men and women encounter the love of Christ in a real and personal way – maybe for the first time in their lives – and hearts are touched through the redemptive message of Jesus' death and resurrection.

Moreover, men and women are introduced to programs and other services that allow them to start brand-new lives.

I'm so thankful for the staff and volunteers who help make all this happen.

But most of all, I give thanks for partners like you who make it all possible through your prayers and generous support. God bless you for all you do to help us celebrate Easter!

Rejoice! Hallelujah! He is risen!



“I had given up on myself.”

“My parents divorced when I was three,” Nichole remembers. “So, my sister and younger brother and I grew up with a single dad, which was uncommon then. We didn't go to church, but a neighbor did a little Bible study for kids in the neighborhood. I asked God into my heart when I was a kid.”



Nichole graduated from high school, worked at several jobs, and then met the man who eventually introduced her to drugs.

“I struggled with a meth addiction for five years,” she says. “I became homeless, and I kind of gave up on myself.” In her desperation, she committed a felony and was jailed for six months.

“I had a spiritual experience when I was in jail. I was in solitary confinement, and I had a lot of time to reflect on my life and what I wanted moving forward. It was mostly affirmation from God after I had felt so low. I talked with him every day, and I really feel like my time in jail was his way of protecting me.”

Nichole learned about Shelter KC and our Women's Center through a case manager. Thanks to your support, she found hope and healing here, along with the chance to start over.

“It's given me hope.”

“The staff really encourages us,” Nichole says. “I didn't have much contact with my kids when I was incarcerated, but I've been able to rebuild those relationships. It's huge for me that they've given me a second chance in their lives. Just seeing other women who have shared experiences about the loss of their families has encouraged me to have more hope.”

“I definitely want to say, ‘Thank you’ to the people who make Shelter KC possible. I get to experience fun without being addicted to drugs. I've gotten to experience sisterhood.”

“Without the help here, I don't know where I would have gone.”

Thank you for making a difference in Nichole's life through your prayers and support!

Lives you touched last year:

- 40,868** bed-nights provided (averaging 112 guests per night)
- Over 88,900** meals served
- 7,100** articles of clothing distributed
- 1,828** people received services

Thank you for your prayers and support!



I had no idea!

When partners like you take a tour of Shelter KC, they often say, “I had no idea what all happens here!”

That's because it's hard to fully appreciate everything your support accomplishes without witnessing it first-hand!

If you're ready to see for yourself how your gifts make a difference during the Easter season and throughout the year, please contact Kara Feitz at (816) 421-7643 or at KFeitz@ShelterKC.org. We hope to see you soon!

Join us this Easter

Volunteer

Please contact us at (816) 421-7643 or visit ShelterKC.org.



Donate food

- Dinner rolls
- Salad
- Homemade desserts – pies, cakes, cookies
- Potatoes
- Hams
- Canned green beans
- Easter candy
- Fruit



Please drop off donations by Friday, April 18 at 1520 Cherry St. in Kansas City.

No time to shop?

Make a gift at ShelterKC.org.



Give Easter Meals and HOPE.

\$8.28 feeds four hungry guests.

\$28 provides a night of warm shelter.

Mail your gift today or donate online at **ShelterKC.org.**

THANK YOU!

