

Newslines of Hope

Cross-Lines Community Outreach, Inc.

Quarterly Newsletter

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February 2015

2014 Christmas Store

The 2014 Christmas Store was a great success! Cross-Lines first Executive Director, Don Bakely, started the program to help parents give their children a better Christmas holiday. Families can shop for gifts for their loved ones and receive a Christmas dinner they may not have had otherwise.

Our volunteers work tirelessly year-round collecting, purchasing and arranging treasures to help bring joy and Christmas spirit to our shoppers. This year they made it possible for Cross-Lines to help over 500 families!



We would like to thank all volunteers who took time to help so many others, as well as Heart to Heart International, for letting us use their building space. We look forward to next year and hope to make it bigger and better!

Spring Dig Plant Sale



FRIENDS of Cross-Lines will be celebrating the 20th year of our Spring Dig Plant Sale! Warmer weather is on the way, so it's time to start thinking about what kind of flowers you need. Do you need to add some color to your landscape or garden? Thinking of starting an herb garden or growing tomatoes? Whatever your desire, we have plants that will make your garden beautiful. The sale dates are **April 30-May 2**, so

look for your order form in the mail mid-March. Proceeds from the sale go to Cross-Lines to help our community, and your purchase is 50% tax deductible!

Sponsorships are still available for the Spring Dig! Your company name would be prominently displayed at the sale and recognized in our newsletter. **Please contact Susila Jones at 913-281-3388 or Kris Illum at 913-484-4955 if interested.**

Our Mission

Provide people affected by poverty with basic services and opportunities that encourage self-confidence and self-sufficiency.

Upcoming Events

20th Annual Spring Dig Plant Sale

April 30-May 2, 2015

Black Out Lights On 5k

July 7, 2015

Gala for Hope

October 4, 2015

Wish List

Personal Hygiene Items

Socks
Deodorant
Shampoo
Baby wipes
Toothpaste

General Needs

3 New Upright Vacuums

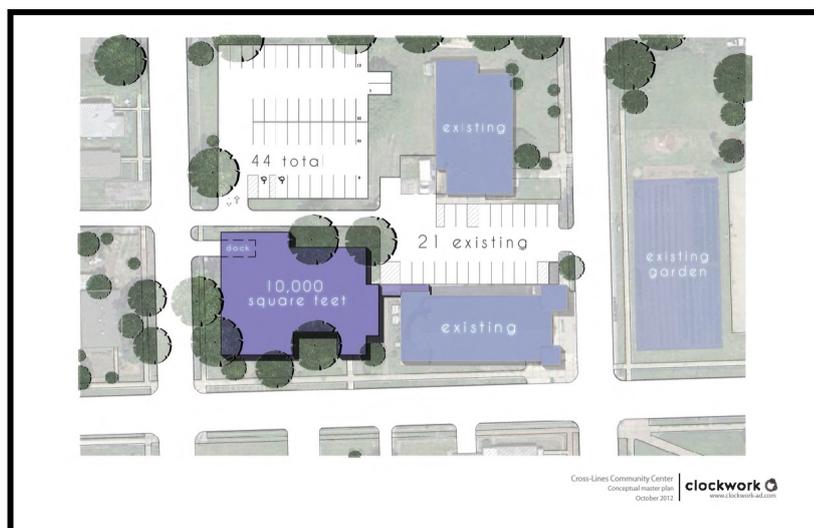
Food Kitchen

Dish Soap
Ground Coffee
Sugar Packets
Laundry Soap

Capital Campaign Update

We would like to say **THANK YOU** to those who have supported our *Hope For A Better Tomorrow Capital Campaign* so far, and share some exciting news. Our campaign goal is \$2,300,000, and we are happy to say that we have raised over \$1,800,000 to date!

While we have made great strides towards our goal, we still have a long way to go. Cross-Lines has received two challenge grants from the Mabee Foundation for \$250,000 and from the Hall Family Foundation for \$250,000. In order for Cross-Lines to receive these grants totaling \$500,000, **we must raise an additional \$445,000 by June 30, 2015.**



In an effort to continue to provide quality services to our clients and increase our accessibility to the community and to our volunteers, Cross-Lines identified the need for a new building to house our Commodities program for seniors, an expanded Food Pantry, and our community Thrift Store. We need your help to meet our goal for this important expansion. Please contact Susila Jones at (913) 281-3388 for more information. We hope you will help us meet the Mabee Foundation and Hall Family Foundation challenge.

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Rev. Maurice Culver
Lois Culver

Raymond & Mary Alyce Fisher
Stephen Fisher

Lynn Sample
Paul and Nancy Gatewood

Harrison & Marjorie Herrin
Mark Herrin

Glenna Johnson
Robert Johnson

Bill Sanks
Elaine Minden

John Riedy
Anne Riedy

Buddy Maughn
Mary Ruf

Jay Clark
Wayne and Susan Strittmatter

"My Loving Husband"
Flora Whisler

Gertie Hartman
Jean Cramer
Antoni Diehl
Susan Fischer
Jean Kimmel
Shirley Lytle
Rosemary Schrepfer

Ray Truitt
Victoria Truitt

Honorariums

Robert & Virginia Walmer
David Walmer

Dr. & Mrs. John McCalla
John and Marlene Toms

L.D. & Barbara Schnake
50th Anniversary
John & Dawn Schnake

Asbury UMC - Libby & Terri Schoeni
Richard Starks

Theresa Swartwood
Cornie and Connie Neufeld

Bob, Rebecca, Laura & James Johnson
Jack & Jonna Manes

Dennis Tull
Thomas & Denise Holcom

Mrs. DeMar Regier
Anne Regier

Dr. Robert Meneilly
Thomas & Denise Johnson

Carol and Wendell Rawlins
Bonnie Johnson

Lucille Larson
Samuel and Jeannene Hayes

Jim & Nancy Dorsey
Anthony and Sonya Disidore

Char and Rich Charette
Carol Ellis

Margaret Ackley
Greg & Pat Ackley

Board of Directors

Board Chair: Bruce Parker **Vice Chair:** Brad Culver
Secretary: Derek White **Treasurer:** Roger Herting

Members: Anissa Brown, Ron Hercules, Rachel Hostetler, Jeff McCullough, Steve Minshull, Nancy Moylan, Margaret Steele, Sandy Whitaker, Derek White, Lisa Wiens

Volunteer News & Opportunities

Are you looking for a way to make a difference in the lives of others and our community? Cross-Lines has many types of opportunities to give back!

Our community has many needs for immediate services and opportunities to help to maintain self-sufficiency. This is why we offer ongoing programs including; free meals in our kitchen, food from our food pantry, emergency services, computer training lab, Christmas Store, community thrift store and educational opportunities. These services take many hands to make them successful. We realize your time is just as valuable as donation dollars, so we offer a variety of opportunities and times for volunteering with these meaningful programs.

We welcome all ages, groups, individuals, and love working with those seeking volunteer hours for work or education. Please review our upcoming volunteer opportunities and contact our friendly Volunteer Coordinator, Matt O'Malley for more information!

Current Volunteer Opportunities

Front Desk Volunteers — Thursdays noon-4pm

Kitchen Preparation and Food Service — Groups & individuals needed to serve lunch. Monday-Friday monthly or bi-monthly

Commodities Food Program — Groups of 8-10 needed to help prepare bags and distribute groceries to seniors. Once monthly.

Community Garden & Campus Upkeep — Individuals and groups needed. May-October

Thrift Store — Individuals needed, Monday-Saturday from 9am-4pm

Collection Volunteers — Coordinate food drives, collect hygiene products, toiletries, school supplies year-round

Computer Lab Monitors — Assist clients with on-line job applications and general computer navigation. Only basic to moderate computer understanding needed.

Looking for a volunteer opportunity?

We would love your help!

**Contact Matt O'Malley at
matto@cross-lines.org or 913-281-3388**

We would like to say a special thank you to our Christmas Store Committee and to all volunteers, churches and community groups that were a part of the Christmas Store!

Tidings of Joy

Cross-Lines would like to thank **The Village Church** for bringing music and meaning

to the holiday season, with the Tidings of Joy event on December 21st. They generously donated event proceeds totaling \$8,336.63 to Cross-Lines to help further our mission to help our community. It was a beautiful musical experience and we were honored to be a part of it!



Executive Director's Corner

We all know the saying "nothing remains constant in life except change itself." 2014 was a year of changes for Cross-Lines. We experienced a significant change in staff and leadership last year, we embarked on a 2.3 million dollar capital campaign, and we saw more individuals and families experiencing homelessness needing our services. Although change is not always easy, the team of Cross-Lines staff, volunteers, and supporters came together to ensure the services to our clients remained our focal point.

I am excited to be a part of Cross-Lines right now. 2014 may have been a year of change, but 2015 will be a year of growth and opportunity. This year, we have already installed a new computer lab for our clients, we will expand our services to better help families and individuals on the path to self-sufficiency, and we will start building a new facility to bring all of our services to one campus. *We could not do this without a great staff, board and the dedicated support from our new and long-time supporters.* I want to thank each of you for supporting Cross-Lines and our efforts to improve the lives of those in our community.

Susila Jones, Executive Director



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