

Hopeful Horizons

Cross-Lines Community Outreach Monthly Update

March 2024

Hello Susila,

Welcome to the March **Hopeful Horizons** monthly email update! I hope you are enjoying the warmer weather and gearing up for Spring

To allow us a little more time to analyze our service numbers, we're skipping reporting service data this month, but don't worry! Next month we will bring you our fully verified February service numbers!

Beyond the numbers, there's still lots happening at Cross-Lines. Be sure to check out our updates below.

As always, thank you for your support.
Kindly,
Kelly and the Cross-Lines Team

*Do you have suggestions for what you'd like to see in this monthly email? Share your ideas!
Contact Kelly Gough Moran: kelly@cross-lines.org.
I'd love to hear from you!*

Heart Smarts in the Community Market



The Community Market is piloting a weekly nutrition education class called **Heart Smarts**.

The Food Trust's Heart Smarts program, launched in 2010, is an innovative model that combines food access with nutrition education as well as health and social services for all customers, free of charge.

Heart Smarts empowers individuals to improve their health and reduce their risk of diet-related disease through nutrition education in a supportive store environment, where shoppers are encouraged to obtain healthy, affordable food.

February Volunteer Spotlight

Will Robinson Synchrony Financial Shawnee, KS



Q. How long have you been volunteering at Cross-Lines?

A. Over six years!

Q. What do you love most about volunteering at Cross-Lines?

A. The connection to the community

Q. Where can we usually find you volunteering?

A. In the Kitchen, Market, and during the cold months the KCK Cold Weather Shelter

It's Black History Month!

Q. Do you have a black history role model or figure that inspires or motivates you? Why?

A. MLK. He was always wanting to help others and was willing to sacrifice personal needs to help others.

Q. What's your favorite Black-owned restaurant in KC?

A. Deez Nachos

Q. What is your favorite dish to bake or cook?

A. I love cooking Louisiana cuisine, including red beans with rice, etouffee, jambalaya, biscuits and beignets.

Thank you, Will! We appreciate YOU!

If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to Manager of Community Engagement, Kitana Lemus (Kitana@cross-lines.org) or visit <https://www.cross-lines.org/how-to-help/volunteer.html>

The Soup-er Bowl Results Are In!

We'd like to officially congratulate **Metro**



Lutheran Ministry on winning!!

Cross-Lines collected 3,796 canned items throughout February, while MLM collected an astonishing 6,298!

Remember, we are ALL winners when we work together to fight food insecurity. **THANK YOU** for your help and support!

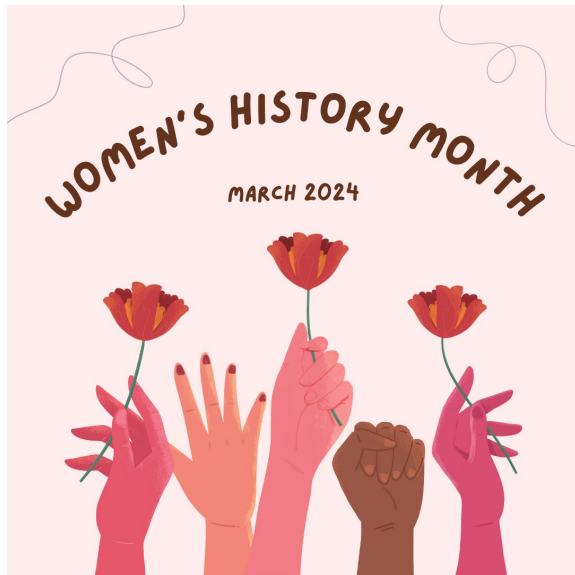
March Market Support

To support the Market, we are collecting pasta and pasta sauces this month!

Spaghetti, linguine, elbows, rotini, bowties, MAC N CHEESE! The possibilities are endless for this shelf-stable staple item and our shoppers.

Stop by any time in March to drop off your contribution.

Want to collect a larger amount at work or school? Let us know, and we can supply a bin (while supplies last) for your group's efforts.



Celebrate Women's History Month with Cross-Lines Community Outreach!

Women's History Month is a crucial time to recognize and celebrate the invaluable contributions of women throughout history. This designated month serves as a platform to honor the achievements, resilience, and struggles of women from diverse backgrounds and cultures. It provides an opportunity to shed light on the often overlooked or marginalized roles that women have played in shaping societies, economies, politics, sciences, arts, and every aspect of human civilization.

As an organization majority led by women, Cross-Lines is committed to honoring the accomplishments of our forebears, working to achieve gender equality, and inspiring future generations!

2024 Events

Legacy Breakfast

Wednesday, May 22nd



We are excited to return to The Vox Theater for 2024's second annual Cross-Lines Legacy Breakfast! Mark your calendars for Wednesday, May 22nd, at 8am!

We will gather to share a delicious meal and celebrate the outstanding legacy of Cross-Lines, our supporters, volunteers, and community partners!

Sponsorships available NOW!
Tickets on sale soon!

**Learn More About The Legacy
Breakfast**

Gala for Hope 2024 *Friday, September 27th, 2024*

Clear your calendar for the last Friday in September because we will be seeing YOU at The View at Briarcliff once again this year for our annual Gala For Hope!

We can't wait to host an evening of fun, gratitude, and support! There will be an amazing catered dinner, open bar, silent and live auctions, and inspiring stories of Cross-Lines' impact on our community.

We hope to see you there for a beautiful evening of supporting Cross-Lines and making a BIG difference. Make sure you bring your dancing shoes!



Sponsorships available NOW! Contact kelly@cross-lines.org for more information!

**Learn more about Gala for
Hope**

Cross-Lines Values and Guiding Principles

Dignity and Respect: We treat every individual with dignity and respect, fostering an environment where self-worth is restored.

Learn more here: <https://www.cross-lines.org/who-we-are/our-values-and-principles.html>



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