

# Hopeful Horizons

Cross-Lines Community Outreach Monthly Update

February 2025

Hello Susila,

As we kick off February, excitement is in the air—the Chiefs are headed back to the Super Bowl!

**While we cheer on our hometown team, we're also launching our own championship challenge: the return of our SOUP-ER BOWL food drive!**

All month long, we're rallying our community to collect 5,000 cans of soup and canned goods to help fight hunger in Wyandotte County. Just like the Chiefs, we know that teamwork makes all the difference—every donation, big or small, helps provide warmth and nourishment to our neighbors in need.

**More important updates below! Be sure to check out the links to Coffee with Cross-Lines AND our new feedback survey.**

Let's come together to celebrate a winning season for both Kansas City and our community! ♥☐

With gratitude,  
*Kelly and the Cross-Lines Team*

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*\*\*P.S. Want to learn more about Cross-Lines? Our Directors would love to connect with your workplace, school, church, or neighborhood group!*

*We're eager to share the impact of our work and how we can make a difference together. To schedule a visit, please contact Kelly Gough Moran, our Director of Development, at [Kelly@cross-lines.org](mailto:Kelly@cross-lines.org). Let's start the conversation!\*\**

Questions? Reply to this email or reach out to [kelly@cross-lines.org](mailto:kelly@cross-lines.org)

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## December Service Numbers



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**Market Visits: 853**  
**Households served: 816**



**Meals served: 4,230**



**Bills Paid: \$15,833**  
**Outreach Contacts: 49**  
**People Housed: 2**



**Volunteer Hours: 879**  
**Labor Value: \$29,007**

## February Volunteer Spotlight

**Kurt Schrepfer**  
*Kitchen*



We are very pleased to introduce Kurt Schrepfer! Kurt has been a wonderful help in the Kitchen for Breakfast almost daily over the past few months. He was even kind enough to purchase a new large capacity coffee pot for our guests and volunteers and arrives bright and early each morning he volunteers. Kurt knows his way around a kitchen and we love having him with us!

**Tell us more, Kurt!**

How long have you been volunteering at Cross-Lines?  
**I started volunteering regularly in December, 2024.**

What do you love most about volunteering at Cross-Lines?  
**I've been looking for ways to volunteer and I'm very familiar with the Armourdale area. It's close to me and I enjoy being able to give back. Volunteering is something I've been wanting to do since I retired. I'm looking forward to involving myself with other Community Kitchens in the area.**

Where can we usually find you volunteering?  
**In the Community Kitchen, only at Cross-Lines, for now!**

Best KC BBQ? **Slaps and Bates City**

**Thank you for all you do, Kurt!**

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## Cold Weather Shelters in the News



Recently, Cross-Lines' Director of Programs, Rob Santel, visited with Steve Kraske and Halle Jackson to discuss current shelter conditions on KCUR's Up to Date. Read here: [Johnson and Wyandotte county homeless shelters filled over capacity during extreme cold](#)

Photo: Laura Ziegler/KCUR

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**📅 A Winning Start to February! 📅**



**We're fired up for the Chiefs heading to the Big Game, so we're kicking off a challenge of our own!**

This February, help us collect 5,000 cans of soup and canned goods to celebrate another historic **The Kansas City Chiefs** Super Bowl run!

Drop off your donations all month long, and we'll tally up the grand total at the end of February!

Want to make an even bigger impact? Host a drive at your work, church, or neighborhood! We've got bins available—just reach out to Kelly Gough Moran at [kelly@cross-lines.org](mailto:kelly@cross-lines.org) to get started.

**No donation is too small, and every can makes a difference!  
Let's show up for our neighbors AND our team!**



**Coffee**  
WITH CROSS-LINES

**Join us on Tuesday, February 4th, at 7:45 AM in the Market Volunteer Room for our first Coffee with Cross-Lines event of the year!**

Our topic will be Community Collaboration, where we'll dive into how Cross-Lines partners with other organizations to create lasting impact and explore ways to expand our network in 2025.

Enjoy a warm cup of coffee, meaningful conversation, and the chance to connect with others who are passionate about making a difference in our community.

We hope to see you there!

**RSVP HERE**

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**We want to hear from YOU! ☐☐**

What makes Cross-Lines special to you? Do you have a favorite memory or a moment that touched your heart?

Your stories and feedback help us celebrate the impact of our community and shape the future of our work. Click the link below to share your thoughts—we'd love to hear from you!

**Share Your Thoughts**

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**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.

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