

Hopeful Horizons

Cross-Lines Community Outreach Monthly Update

January 2025

Hello Susila,

Happy New Year! As we look to the year ahead, we are reminded that the path forward is both *challenging and full of promise*. Tackling poverty and homelessness is no small task, but with the support of this incredible community, we know we can accomplish so much more.

We are deeply grateful for your continued generosity, dedication, and passion, which have driven our mission forward. Together, we've changed lives, and together, we will keep building a future where everyone has the stability and dignity they deserve.

Here's to a year of hard work, hope, and even greater impact! Let's make 2025 a year to remember.

Kelly and the Cross-Lines Team

***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. Let's start the conversation!***

Questions? Reply to this email or reach out to kelly@cross-lines.org

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November Service Numbers



Christ Church
Anglican Youth



Market Visits: 1,191
Households served: 1,090



Meals served: 4,343

Bills Paid: \$18,665



Outreach Contacts: 43

People Housed: 3



Volunteer Hours: 1,250
Labor Value: \$39,728

KCK Cold Weather Shelter Update



Opening

The Shelter is currently operating whenever temperatures drop below 25°F.

Location

The shelter is hosted at the Willa Gill Center, located at 645 Nebraska Ave., Kansas City, KS 66101. Each night, the shelter will be set up and torn down to ensure the Willa Gill Center's

daily services and programming are not disrupted.

Details

The shelter is open on nights when the forecast predicts temperatures of 25°F or below. A decision will be made by 8:00 AM each day about whether the shelter will operate that evening. Guests may begin lining up at 5:30 PM, and doors will open at 6:30 PM.

The shelter accommodates up to 40 adults (no children allowed) and cannot accept overflow guests. Visitors will receive a warm meal, a sleeping mat, a blanket, and a tent for the night. In the morning, guests will be provided a grab-and-go breakfast before leaving at 7:00 AM.

New Hotline

Call 913-725-0079 for daily updates. The hotline will be updated by 8:00 AM each morning to indicate whether the shelter will be open that night.

Contact

For questions, email us at coldweatherkck@gmail.com.

While Cross-Lines is the lead agency for this initiative, it is truly a community-driven effort. Thank you to everyone who helps make this critical service possible!

Cross-Lines Christmas Store: A Shining Success



This holiday season, the Cross-Lines Christmas Store brought cheer and relief to more than

400 families in Wyandotte County. Families were able to pick out toys, household items, and groceries, ensuring that their homes were filled with warmth and joy during the holidays. Each family also received Walmart gift cards, providing them with additional support to meet their unique needs.

We are deeply grateful to the many church groups, businesses, and community members who made this cherished tradition possible. Your generosity and hard work remind us of the power of community and the spirit of giving. Together, we are making a difference, one family at a time.

Thank you for helping us continue this wonderful tradition of love and kindness. We can't wait to do it again next year!



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!

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Cross-Lines Values and Guiding Principles

Inclusion: Cross-Lines Community Outreach values and promotes an inclusive community where everyone feels welcomed and respected.

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