

# Hopeful Horizons

Cross-Lines Community Outreach Monthly Update

June 2024

Hello Susila,

As we anticipate the arrival of summer's embrace, Cross-Lines stands at the intersection of hope and action. Amidst our continued dedication to serving our community, we want to remind you that we are serving more people than ever before, a testament to the rising need in our community and the resilience and strength of our collective efforts.

With summer approaching, we invite you to join us in making a difference by getting involved in our upcoming events, where your support will fuel our mission of empowerment and renewal.

Additionally, as we recommit to our values, we extend an invitation to all to renew their commitment to volunteering, ensuring that together, we can create a brighter future for all!

**Together, we're creating a world filled with kindness, compassion, and endless possibilities.**

Kindly,  
Kelly and the Cross-Lines Team

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

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# April Service Numbers



Youth Guidance in the Market



**Market Visits: 1,570**  
**Households served: 1,440**



**Meals served: 4,539**



**Bills Paid: \$21,382**  
**Outreach Contacts: 76**  
**People Housed: 6**



**Volunteer Hours: 1,469 (!)**

(!) Our highest number of volunteer hours so far this year!?

# June Volunteer Spotlight

**Oralia  
Hernandez  
Mendez**



Hello, Oralia!

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

**A. Since August of last year**

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

**A. I love to help. When I'm here, I love to organize the shelves. Helping in the Kitchen is always**

a great time. I love meeting and working with the staff. Getting to know them has been wonderful!

**Q. Where can we usually find you volunteering?**

A. I previously volunteered with the Sisters Poor of Jesus Christ. For five years, I helped them serve meals to people experiencing homelessness. Now I volunteer with Cross-Lines, in the Community Kitchen and Market.

**Q What is your favorite thing to bake/cook?**

A. I love cooking tamales, menudo, and posole. I also love making mosaic gelatin cakes and baking cheesecake.

**Thank you, Oralia! We appreciate YOU!**

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



## Cross-Lines Selected as Impact 100 Partner by United Way of Greater Kansas City

Great news! We are so thrilled to be named a United Way of Greater Kansas City Impact 100 organization again this year!

Together, we're fighting to build a healthier community, enhance youth and educational opportunities and foster financial security for all.

This partnership provides unrestricted funding to support our mission to provide people in the Kansas City area affected by poverty with services and opportunities that encourage self-confidence, meet the needs of today, and provide tools for future self-sufficiency.

# Legacy Breakfast: A Shining Success!



# \$42,785

## BETTER TOGETHER!



***HUGE thanks to our incredible supporters and community partners!***

Because of your generosity, we raised over **\$42,000** at the Legacy Breakfast and accompanying matching campaign! These funds will go a long way in feeding and housing Kansas Citizens in need. Your support makes a real difference in our community.

We also honored some very special people and organizations at the Breakfast this year:

Don Bakely Humanitarian Award- **Homer and Laurene Ritter, Paul and Eliese Holt**

Kris Illum Emerging Leader Award- **Sheyvette Dinkens**

Helping Hands Appreciation Award- **Knox Church, Script Pro**

Community Star Award- **KCK Police Department; Community Policing, Wyandot Behavioral Health**

Together, we're making Kansas City a better place for everyone. ?



**See More Photos from the Breakfast  
Here**

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***Upcoming Events You Don't Want to Miss!***

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# Coffee

WITH CROSS-LINES

## *Join us for a coffee chat!*

This informal gathering offers a unique opportunity to connect with our community, delve into our mission, and engage in meaningful conversations about the issues that matter most to our neighbors, partners, and those we serve.

Let's gather together over a cup of coffee to discuss our work, share insights, and explore ways to create positive change.

Your input and perspectives are invaluable in shaping the future of our collective efforts.

**We look forward to seeing you there!**

Location	Save the Date	Details
Cross-Lines Community Market Volunteer Room	First Wednesdays: June 5th July 3rd Aug 7th 7:45-8:45am	Discussion topics will include: homelessness, CL's work, and future plans

**RSVP to our first Coffee with Cross-Lines!**

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**Crossing Paths: Understanding Housing and Hunger at  
Cross-Lines**

## CROSSING PATHS:

Understanding Hunger  
and Housing at Cross-Lines

*Evening includes dinner  
and immersive simulation*

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RSVP



**THURS, AUG 29TH**  
**5:30-7:30 PM**

Join us on Thursday, Aug  
29th to take a deeper  
dive into Cross-Lines'  
services and programs!

Attendees will enjoy a  
casual meal in the Cross-  
Lines Kitchen, take part in  
a service/program  
simulation throughout  
campus, and finish with  
treats and a Q&A session  
in the Market.

We hope to see you there!

Free to attend;  
Seats are limited!

**RSVP to Crossing Paths  
NOW**

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## Gala for Hope

Friday, September 27th

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, exciting raffles, live auction, 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](mailto:kelly@cross-lines.org) for more information!**

**GALA FOR HOPE**  
*Building a brighter future*

**SINGLE TICKETS WILL GO ON SALE IN JULY!**

**Learn more about Gala for  
Hope**

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# June Market Challenge

To support the Market, we are collecting boxes of cereal this month!

School is out and that means lots more families will be feeding children at home. If there's one thing we know, it's that most kids LOVE cereal. So much so, boxes fly right off the shelves!

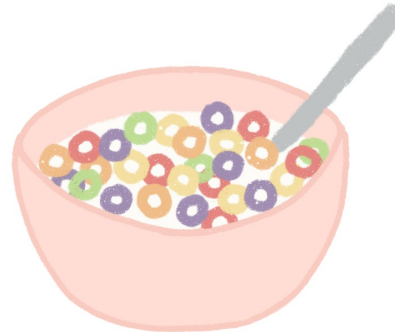
We invite you to bring in your donation of cereal to spread the love and compassion each and every person deserves!

Surprise: the person or group who brings in the MOST cereal in June will get a special surprise and a shout out in our next month's email!

Stop by The Market any time in June to drop off your contribution.

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

**CEREAL, PLEASE!**



**yum!**

<b>INCLUSION</b> 	<b>DIGNITY &amp; RESPECT</b>
<b>COLLABORATION</b> 	
 <b>EMPOWERMENT</b>	
<b>INTEGRITY &amp; TRUST</b>	

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## Cross-Lines Values and Guiding Principles

**Integrity to Build Trust:** We operate at the highest standards of integrity by being transparent, accountable, and ethical in all our actions to build and maintain the trust of our community.

[Learn more here: Cross-Lines Values and Principles](#)

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**Support Our Work**

**Volunteer**





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