

Hopeful Horizons

Cross-Lines Community Outreach Monthly Update

September 2024

Hello Susila,

As we move into September, we're excited to share some important updates from Cross-Lines.

First, we're eagerly preparing for our upcoming **Gala for Hope on September 27th**. This special evening is an opportunity to come together and celebrate the incredible work being done in our community while raising critical funds to continue our mission. We hope to see you there! [Purchase Tickets HERE.](#)

It's also important to share that the need for our services remains incredible high. The need in our community is great, and we're committed to meeting it with compassion and dedication. *Your support is more crucial than ever as we continue to serve those in need.*

We appreciate your ongoing commitment to making a difference!

Kindly,
Kelly and the Cross-Lines Team

P.S. Our Directors are looking for opportunities to speak to the community! We'd love to come out and tell your workplace, school, church, or neighborhood group more about Cross-Lines! If you'd like a member of our team to set up a time to visit, please reach out to Director of Development, Kelly Gough Moran: Kelly@cross-lines.org

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

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July Service Numbers



McPherson College



Market Visits: 1,201
Households served: 1,907



Meals served: 4,752



Bills Paid: \$17,056
Outreach Contacts: 58
People Housed: 8



Volunteer Hours: 1,147

September Volunteer Spotlight

Geoffrey and Jane Ackley



Hello, Geoffrey and Jane!

Geoffrey and Jane Ackley have been involved with Cross-Lines for many years and we have long-time volunteer, Margaret Ackley to thank. Geoff's mother, Margaret, regularly volunteered for Cross-Lines, formerly in the Thrift Store and later at the front desk. Margaret passed away in 2022, but her memory lives on through Geoffrey and Jane's commitment to supporting our community!

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

We have been donating for over 15 years and volunteering for over 6 years.

Q. Tell us more about your volunteer role at Cross-Lines:

We assist with the preparation for the fundraising portion of the annual Gala.

(Editor's note- Mr. and Mrs. Ackley are integral members of the Gala Committee and contribute heavily to the event's success year after year! We deeply appreciate their time and dedication to our annual event.)

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

We love honoring Margaret's legacy of kindness, compassion, and service of others.

Q. Quick-Fire!

What else do you like to do in your spare time? Quilting, Traveling, and Staying Fit through Walking.

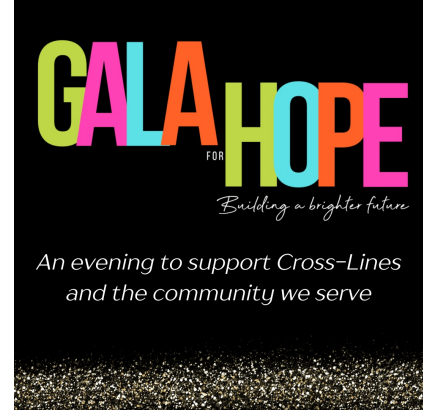
What's your favorite Kansas City BBQ? Q39 and Arthur Bryant's

Favorite thing to bake/cook? Boursin Cheese Lasagna

If you could have a superpower, what would it be? Granting Wishes

Thank you, Geoffrey and Jane!

If you are interested in volunteering, please visit <https://www.cross-lines.org/how-to-help/volunteer.html>



Fighting Food Insecurity



For several years, the Community Market has been a beacon of hope for individuals and families in Wyandotte County struggling with poverty and food insecurity. Every day, we provide nutritious food to those who might otherwise go hungry. For many, the Community Market is more than just a place to receive food—it's a lifeline that ensures they can put meals on their tables.

However, we are now facing an unprecedented challenge. The expiration of funding from the American Rescue Plan *has left us with a significant budget shortfall.* This crucial funding has been instrumental in sustaining our hunger relief programs and keeping our shelves stocked with essential food items. Without it, our ability to fully serve our community is at risk.

We believe that no one should have to worry about where their next meal will come from. That's why we are turning to you, our dedicated supporters and compassionate neighbors. We need your help to continue providing this vital service to those in need.

Your donation can make an immediate and tangible difference:

- **\$50 provides a week's worth of groceries for a family of four.**
- **\$100 can help us purchase fresh produce to ensure our clients have access to healthy options.**
- **\$250 can support our efforts to expand our reach and serve even more families in crisis.**

Every contribution, no matter the size, brings us one step closer to ensuring that no one in Wyandotte County goes to bed hungry. Your generosity will directly impact the lives of our neighbors and help us bridge the funding gap left by the end of the American Rescue Plan. Please consider making a donation today.

Together, we can continue to fight hunger and bring hope to our community. Thank you for your unwavering support and kindness.

**Support the Market
Today**

It's Gala Month!

Gala for Hope

Friday, September 27th

NOW is the time to purchase your tickets! This year's gala promises to be an unforgettable evening filled with elegance, inspiration, and impactful moments that showcase the heart of our mission.

By attending the Gala for Hope, you are not just purchasing a ticket to an event; you are making a profound difference in the lives of those we serve.

Your presence helps us continue our vital work, providing resources and support to individuals and families in need. Together, we can create a brighter future for all.

The evening will feature a sumptuous dinner, live entertainment, and exciting raffles and LIVE auction. It's an opportunity to connect with fellow supporters, hear inspiring stories, and celebrate the collective impact of our community.

Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased through our website. Don't miss out on this opportunity to be part of something truly special. Secure your spot today and join us in making a lasting difference! We look forward to seeing you there and sharing this incredible evening with you!

*Please join us for the annual
Cross-Lines Community Outreach*

GALA FOR HOPE

Building a brighter future

Friday, September 27th, 2024

— 6:00 pm —

THE VIEW AT BRIARCLIFF

4000 N Mulberry St., Kansas City, MO 64116
(Inside the Marriot Hotel)

[Purchase Tickets to the Gala](#)



Cross-Lines Values and Guiding Principles

Adaptation/Responsiveness: We are committed to adaptability and responsiveness, continually evolving our programs and services to meet the changing needs of our community, ensuring that we remain agile and effective in our mission.

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