Wishing you a blessed Christmas!



Where our neighbors in crisis find help and hope.

Pantry Wishlist
Soups, Crackers, Canned Fruit, Tuna, Cereal
Questions? Call Joe Nevitt, 502-447-4330x127

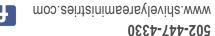


Michter's Distillery brought over donations to help us get ready for the holidays









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Dan-O's Seasoning stopped by with some healthy flavor for our clients

Mark Your Calendars! Our 15th Annual Banquet and Concert is happening on October 3, 2024!

Thank you so much to Dawne Gee, The Monarchs, all the attendees and supporters for a fantastic night this year. Watch our socials for more details and pictures!



IRA Contributions

Persons aged 70 and a half and older may direct the trustee of their IRA to make a contribution of up to \$100,000 annually directly to public charities. Transfers are tax-free and can satisfy minimum required distributions saving income tax, even though no charitable deduction is available. Please consult your tax advisor for more information.

Shively Area Ministries is an equal opportunity organization.

Dear Friends.

Poverty is never fair. This is especially true for the most vulnerable in our community, children, and the elderly. Many of our clients live their days in slow motion, in darkened homes without electricity, food, or hope. Some children come home from school knowing they will face another evening without dinner and lighting provided by candlelight. They hide this secret from their friends. A senior on a fixed income may have to choose between paying for rent, food or heat. These are situations most of us haven't faced or can't imagine.

This year, we have faced many challenges, but you helped us make great progress. Your love helped around 13,895 people remain in their homes, have food to eat, electricity to keep warm, and other services that maintained their health and dignity.

As we approach the end of another year, I wanted to take a moment to thank you for your continued support of Shively Area Ministries. Your generosity has made a real difference in the lives of the people we serve, and we are so grateful for your partnership. 85% of the funds Shively Area Ministries receives goes directly to fund our programs.

You are the real hero to those we serve because we would not be able to do so without your support.

As we look ahead to a new year, we are excited to continue our work and make an even greater impact on our community. We know there is still much work to be done, but we are confident that with your continued support, we can continue to make a difference in people's lives.

In this season of giving, we are asking you to consider donating to Shively Area Ministries. No matter how much you can donate, every gift makes a difference in our clients' lives.

Thank you for your generosity and for your continued support of Shively Area Ministries. May you and those you love have a healthy and safe holiday season and new year.

Sincerely.

Mark Shircliffe
Executive Director

This Christmas season, please consider donating what you can to help our neighbors all year. Call Leah Fulner at 502-447-4330 x123, or donate online at www.shivelyareaministries.com An elderly gentleman who had been taking care of himself and his home for decades fell ill and needed full-time assistance. His granddaughter moved into to take care of him, but for a while, they had very little income in the household. For the first time in his life, he was facing a disconnect of his electricity. Thanks to our donors, we were able to stop the disconnection and pay his balance. He was so grateful to not worry about that as winter approaches.



Keith Larson, Board of Directors Chair, assists in the pantry

Two grandparents recently took in their 5-year-old grandson after his mother could no longer provide for him on her own. The grandparents' only income was their Social Security, but those funds did not quite stretch far enough with the addition of the grandson to the household. They soon fell behind on their water bill. Facing a shut-off, they turned to us. We were able to help them pay what they owed and get them back on a path to stability.

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Jodie Goldberg brings a collection of children's books donated by the congregation of Second Presbyterian Church of Louisville

A grandmother who is part of our Relatives Raising Kids program came to pick up coats for her 2 grandsons and Program Assistant Sandy Schmitt showed her the coats to see how cute they were. One coat was Spider-Man themed. She said "Oh my, I know that he is never going to take it off! He is obsessed with Spider Man and sleeps in his Spider Man Pajamas every night. It's a struggle to get him out of those to change for school, but now he can put on his coat and still be Spider-Man." She commented on how much she appreciated what we and our donors do for this community, and how blessed she feels.



Debbie Brawner and Sandy Schmitt sort items ordered with funds from Kosair for Kids for our Relatives Raising Kids families

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