

The Shepherd's Center of Raytown is a private, non-profit, interfaith, non-discriminatory organization whose purpose is to utilize the gifts of individuals in our community to promote continued personal and spiritual growth, and help maintain the dignity and independence of all persons, focusing on adults 55 and older.

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A New Year, A New Hope

As 2020 comes to an end I am pleased to say the Shepherd's Center of Raytown was able to continue serving the senior residents of our community despite the pandemic. While many people were visiting their physicians virtually we did provide rides to many that needed to be seen physically by their physician. Additionally, our Meals on Wheels program never missed a beat and continued to deliver nutritious meals daily to the residents of the community. We provided 100 emergency food bags to residents of our community - proceeds provided by grants from the Independence Young Matrons Society and the COVID-19 Response Fund. Our office staff continued to answer calls and provide resources to those in need. We distributed face masks and hand-sanitizer when resources allowed. And we made wellness calls just to make sure those in our community were safe and sound.

All of this was done in safe manner by our many volunteers and we are so grateful that they made this possible.

Some programs like Adventures in Learning, exercise class and book club had to be stopped but we are hopeful these will resume sometime in 2021. Watch for updates in future newsletters.

So what is new on our horizon? With monies received through grants we are going to launch an affordable grocery shopping program in January of 2021. This program will allow those who don't have computers to place orders with their local vendors such as HyVee or Walmart and have them delivered. No need to worry about the virus, the weather and computer issues. We are also starting a friendly caller program - a means by which our most vulnerable can be called as needed to ensure they are safe and to provide for some much socialization.

Watch for upcoming information regarding these programs and much more in the coming months. If you have questions give us a call at 816-356-9000.

This Happened in 2020

Kansas City's own KC Wolf helps deliver Meals on Wheels!



Guest Speaker Gene Turner talks about senior fraud and theft while stealing the show at at Adventures in Learning.



Aaron Smith teaches Adventures in Learning Class about senior Health and Fitness and then they feel the burn !!



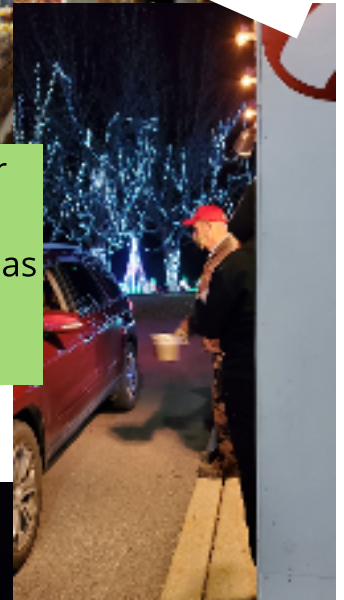
Sandy and John prepare emergency bags for distribution.



Volunteer Brenda helps to deliver Emergency Food Bags!



Volunteers make SCR a success. Whether they are putting together emergency food bags or helping to raise money at Christmas in the Park - we couldn't do it with out them!!



Board Member, Jerome Barnes, chats with KC Wolf about our organization!



KC Wolf and Volunteer MOW Driver, Darlene, deliver a healthy meal along with some fun!





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As the season moves from Fall into Winter and the year 2020 comes to an end, it is also the time when we reflect with thanks on the blessings we have received in the past year. At Shepherd's Center of Raytown, we are thankful for family and friends, the gifts of time provided by more than 50 dedicated volunteers, and the generosity of our community of support.

In some ways, this year has been very different because of anxiety and uncertainty caused by the far-reaching impact of the Coronavirus pandemic. Most of us have been touched, both directly and indirectly, in a variety of ways. We know people who have become ill or who have died. Individuals and families have had a loss of income and financial support. Normal activities that we had previously taken for granted have been curtailed. Eating out, going to the movies or a concert, attending church or other large in-person gatherings has been severely limited to protect our vulnerable family, friends, and neighbors.

In other ways, however, we have done what families and communities have always done during difficult times—we have regrouped, put our heads together, and kept things going. When some of our older volunteer drivers needed to stay home and take care of themselves, others stepped up to take their place and make sure that Meals on Wheels clients received their lunches every single day. Volunteers continued to provide rides to medically necessary appointments in a safe and timely manner. Thanks to individual, organizational charitable donations and Covid-relief funding opportunities, we have been able to pay our amazing staff and provide meals and telephone support. We have also been able to provide hand sanitizer and masks to those who needed them, and an extra bag of nonperishable groceries to approximately 100 households.

If you are able, we hope you would find it in your heart to consider making a 2021 financial contribution to Shepherd's Center of Raytown. We also continue to need volunteers to drive and answer the phone. If you would like to get involved, or know someone who would benefit from our services, please call the office at 356-9000.

On behalf of our board, staff, volunteers, clients, and participants, thank you for your ongoing support. Take care, be safe and healthy!

Sincerely,

Joyce Anderson Downing

President, Board of Trustees

A United Way Agency



As older adults add more days to their lives...Shepherd's Center adds more life to their days.

Volunteers Are The Backbone of SCR

SCR relies on the time and generosity of our volunteers to make our programs work. Everyday these volunteers give tirelessly of themselves. Some volunteers are here for the long haul and work with various parts of our program weekly, some volunteers are here for moments, helping with special projects, special needs. We get to know these volunteers - every one of the them and they make difference, no matter the time or activity. This month we have a special thanks going out to to Todd LaSage and Boy Scout Troop 285. These young men helped deliver 100 emergency food bags to seniors in our community. These food bags are prepared to help seniors in the event they are unable to get to the store for extended periods of time during inclement weather. Without there help this would not have been possible. Thank you for your time, effort and compassion. You made a difference!

