



Wishing you a blessed Christmas!



Shively Area Ministries

Where our neighbors in crisis find help and hope.

Pantry Wishlist

Canned Soups, Crackers, Canned Fruit, Cereal
Questions? Call Joe Nevitt at 502-447-4330, x27



Pantry showing off the over 1,900 lbs. of food brought to us through Scouting for Food this November! Thank you Troops #207, #209 and #148!



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Dance the night away
at our annual event and
concert by The Monarchs!

2023 Event Details Coming
Soon! Watch our website and
socials for updates.



IRA Gifts

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



Grateful for the little and (not-so-little) things:



Nice to meet you!

It seems a little strange to write this short note to so many wonderful people I have not had the opportunity to meet yet. Although I have not met many of you, in this past month of being “on the job” as Executive Director, I have gained a glimpse of the impact you are making in the lives of so many people. It is encouraging to see donors, volunteers, staff, and this community come together to help when people are in need.

As the Christmas season approaches, I mainly think of the word Immanuel. It is a name given to Jesus which means “God with us.” God chose to help us with our need by being directly involved through His son, Jesus. Jesus offers more than a transaction. His help is through relationship. I believe the same is true for the help we provide to people in this community. In fact, I would say that strong relationships are the reason Shively Area Ministries has been in existence for over thirty years.

Browse through this newsletter. Look at the pictures, read the stories, see the impact, and think about relationships. You are building relationships with those in need, with this community, with volunteers and staff. As you give your support, know that you are making a difference in the lives of people.

I look forward to being a part of this great ministry and building a relationship with you. Seriously, I want to meet you. Please give me a call to schedule a time to sit down over coffee, lunch, golf, or any other excuse we can think of. I can’t wait to have the opportunity to say to you face- to-face, “Nice to meet you.” Until then, may God bless you richly as you experience the joy of being in relationship with Him.

Serving you,

Donny Kauffman
Executive Director

This Christmas season, please consider donating what you can to help our neighbors all year. Call Leah Fulner at 502-447-4330 x23, or donate online at www.shivelyareaministries.com

The past few years, we have been fortunate to benefit from Owen Funeral Home’s Stepping Stones concert. Attendees were asked to “Shower Your Neighbors with Love” and donate personal hygiene items to SAM and other ministries. The turnout this year was such a blessing to our pantry.

We had a client who came to us for assistance with her electricity bill. She had two kids at home and was worried about a shut-off. She asked if we had any soap or shampoo on hand. She did not have money in the budget for those items. We are so grateful to the generous donors from the Stepping Stones event. Little things like basic hygiene products that we might take for granted can mean so much to others.

Many clients are aware that we have both a food pantry and financial assistance for housing and utilities. We also offer other services, such as vouchers for eye exams and/or glasses. A gentleman called us because he needed help with his water bill. He also mentioned that he needed new glasses, as he was having a hard time reading medical bills and other financial documents. He had resorted to asking friends and neighbors to read things for him. Because his vision requires a special prescription, he had been doing without for quite some time. Thanks to our partnership with Korrekt Optical, new glasses have been ordered and are on the way to him.



Lassiter Middle School students collected canned goods for our food pantry this Thanksgiving

We see clients with very high utility bills. Often, they need to pay the balance in full to have services restored and/or move into new housing. Recently, a single father called us for assistance with a bill that was over \$2,000, and he had been cut off. One of his children has special needs and he was worried that the generator wouldn’t be enough to stay warm this winter and also power the machine his daughter needs. By coordinating with LG&E and other resources, we were able to restore electricity to his home.



Our friends at the Shively Fire Department stopped by with food and treats for our pantry

MEALS ON WHEELS UPDATES

We have openings for VOLUNTEERS AND PARTICIPANTS in our Meals on Wheels Program*.



To learn more about volunteering or to see if you qualify for this FREE program, please contact Susie LaFave at 502-447-4330 x29 or via email at susie.lafave@shivelyareaministries.com

*Participants must live in 40216 zip code