



Summer 2022

## We Love Our Volunteers!

The volunteers at SAM are the reason we accomplish so much. They keep us going with their spirit of giving, laughter, and enthusiasm. During the height of the pandemic, we operated with a small group of volunteers who dedicated themselves to serving our clients. They were, and continue to be, such an inspiration to all of us. With the easing of restrictions, we now have more volunteers here in the ministry and we couldn't be more grateful for each one. April 2022 marked National Volunteer Week and we celebrated at SAM with signs, treats and gifts for these amazing individuals.



*Mike, John, Bob, and Joe ready for food pantry clients*



*Holly Hines at the Intake Desk*



*Volunteers from DeSales High School clean up our outdoor space*

## Holiday Blessings

The holidays can be a tough and lonely time for the neediest in our community. When speaking with one woman who was getting assistance for her kids' Christmas, we asked her what she wanted for herself. She told us she really needed cleaning supplies for her house. Our friends at Michter's helped us get those needed items, as well as a jacket and scarf for her. We are so thankful for those in this area who are willing to step up and make Christmas shine brighter for others. They brought us special food items, toys, candy, hygiene products and more to give away.



*Susie LaFave, MOW Coordinator, organizes Christmas boxes for Meals on Wheels clients, provided by Chapel Hill United Church of Christ*



*Debbie Brawner and the Kosair Christmas Gifts for Families in Need*



*Angie Hare and Mary's Daughters volunteers sort candy, toys and hygiene products*



*IEC Donations*



*St. Lawrence Youth Group with Pantry Joe*

## Letter From the Director

Hello Friends,

One of our favorite events every spring has been our annual luncheon to recognize the contributions of our scores of volunteers. It was always a time of good food, and good conversation with good-hearted people. For the last several years we have celebrated our volunteers differently, but I still marvel at the event and the people it brings together.

At the luncheon our volunteers are all together in the same room. But, some come in on Tuesdays and do client intake, others box up food in the back on Wednesdays, some deliver Meals on Wheels on Thursdays, and others meet with clients with financial needs on Mondays. They are people the staff knows, loves, and appreciates. But most of the volunteers do not know each other, even though some work in the building on the same day (but at opposite ends of it). Or, they sit in the same chair, just one day apart. Having so many volunteers gathered in one place is an unmistakable reminder that they are essential to our service to our community. It overwhelms me how many people love SAM and what we do.

Our volunteers are a critical part to our success. They are dedicated, talented, and skilled. I like to brag about how many volunteers we have or how reliable they are or how much free labor we get. The real gift from our volunteers is not their time but their hearts. They come because Christ sent them to love their fellow man and they love with compassion. As our mission says, they respond with service in the spirit of Christ to persons in poverty and crisis.

In this newsletter we focus on our volunteers and celebrate all they do for us. We thank all our volunteers for the amazing role they play in making Shively Area Ministries a special place.

Peace and Grace,

**Gary Copeland** – Executive Director

## Cooking Matters is Back!

In partnership with Dare to Care and the amazing Chef Nancy Russman, we had our first Cooking Matters class of 2021 since before the pandemic. We had five clients participate and a host of wonderful volunteers from Briargate Presbyterian Church. It was a joy to finally be able to have the class again!

Participants learned about making healthier food choices and how to cook easy, economical, and healthy recipes thanks to the expertise and quick wit of Chef Nancy. The class also took a trip to the neighborhood Kroger store to learn how to make better choices when shopping. The clients had a wonderful time and were rewarded



at each class with kitchen tools and necessities to take home thanks to the generosity of our donors. We look forward to the next class for kids this summer!

*Cooking Matters class with Chef Nancy*

## New! Relatives Raising Kids

We have recently launched a new program, Relatives Raising Kids, to help those in this area who are taking care of children who are not their own. In some cases, this can be a temporary arrangement, and in some, it can be a permanent change. We have helped 174 children so far thanks to donors such as Kosair Charities, the Gheens Foundation and more. Recently, a single grandmother came to us who had 3 teenagers of her own and recently began caring for her 12-month-old grandson. She had no transportation and needed baby items and food. With the Relatives Raising Kids program, we were able to help not only with diapers, wipes, and food, but also with her rent and utility bills. She has taken budgeting and cooking classes with us and recently shared that she has started a new job that will help the family get back on their feet. Stories like this are not uncommon, and we are grateful to all our supporters that we can help a family like hers.

## Super “Souper” Bowl

Mill Creek and Gutermuth Elementary schools held a “Souper Bowl” challenge for their students to see which school could bring in the most items. Congratulations goes to Gutermuth for being this year’s winner!! Thank you to both schools for their participation and for all the wonderful soups and items donated!



*Remona Sands FRYSC (Gutermuth Elementary)*



*Amber Ladd, FRYSC, (Mill Creek Elementary) and Gary Copeland*

## Notes From Programs and Services

As noted in our latest annual report, SAM has more than doubled our spending on our financial assistance programs. This is the new normal for us in 2022. People in this area are continuing to struggle with economic hardships stemming from the pandemic and other life circumstances.

We have hired a new Intake Coordinator to answer the phone and set appointments. Shawn Robison is an Indiana native and has an extensive background in customer service. He is enthusiastic about giving back to his community and is a huge baseball (Reds!) fan. We are excited to have Shawn on the team at SAM.



*Debbie Brawner, Financial Assistant Coordinator and Shawn Robison, Intake Coordinator*

## 13th Annual SAM Banquet and Concert Featuring the Monarchs!

This year, our keynote speaker will be Scott Davenport, head coach of Bellarmine men's basketball! As a native Louisvillian, Bellarmine's winningest coach of all time, and someone who just started his own charitable foundation, Scott is truly an inspiration. Between hearing him speak and the concert from The Monarchs, this is a night you don't want to miss! We will also have several silent auction items up for bid.

Join us on Thursday, September 22, 2022 at the Crowne Plaza. Tickets and sponsorships are on sale now. **Online payments are available via our website or by cash/check.**

## The 10th Anniversary of the Honey and Pop Food Pantry

We recently celebrated our large, expanded pantry made possible by countless generous donors and led by the Daunhauer family in March 2012, in honor of their parents – Honey and Pop. The legacy of giving back to the community continues through multiple generations. The family surprised SAM with an incredible multi-year donation from Byerly and we remain grateful for their continued support.

In the last 10 years, the Honey and Pop pantry has served approximately 63,500 households and given away just under 5.5 million lbs. of food!



*The Daunhauer Family and Gary Copeland, Executive Director*

### Pantry Wishlist: Soup, Saltines, Hygiene Products

To deliver donations, call Joe at (502) 447-4330 x27  
or drop by  
Mon-Thurs 9:00am - 12:30pm  
and Tues 1:30pm - 4:00pm  
Closed first Monday of each month and every Friday

Shively Area Ministries  
Where our neighbors in crisis find help and hope.

Presents Our:  
*13th Annual Banquet and Concert  
with The Monarchs!*

**2022 Keynote Speaker**  
**Scott Davenport**  
Bellarmine University Men's Basketball Head Coach

**Thursday, September 22, 2022 at the Crowne Plaza**  
830 Phillips Lane, Lou KY 40209

Doors Open 6pm, Dinner 6:30pm - Cash Bar 5:15pm-6:15pm

**Individual Tickets \$60, Group of 10 \$525**  
**Corporate Sponsorships Available!**

*Be sure to get your tickets today to join the fun!*

For tickets and sponsorship info, please visit our website,  
[www.shivelyareaministries.com](http://www.shivelyareaministries.com)  
Or contact Leah Fulner @ 502-447-4330, x23  
[leah.fulner@shivelyareaministries.com](mailto:leah.fulner@shivelyareaministries.com)

## Shively Area Ministries Donation Form

- Please contact me about volunteering for SAM
- Please use my gift to improve lives.

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- Check enclosed. (Made payable to Shively Area Ministries)  
in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- Please send me information about becoming a faithful donor  
through the **Good SAMaritan Society**.

Please fill out this form and mail to:

**Shively Area Ministries, 4415 Dixie Hwy. Shively, KY 40216**  
Thank you! Questions? Please call Angie at (502) 447-4330 x25.



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## Meals on Wheels Volunteers Needed!

In partnership with UofL Health – Mary and Elizabeth Hospital, we provide hot meals to qualified seniors each week. The deliveries also serve as a wellness check for our clients. Our drivers are often their primary source of human contact.

Currently, meals for the week are being delivered late afternoon twice a week to our clients. As we

come further out of the pandemic, that number will increase. Shively Area Ministries delivers a total of 35 meals each evening.

As we look to grow our MOW program, we are in need of drivers to help deliver meals. If you are interested in volunteering for this program, please contact **Susie LaFave** at 502-447-4330, x29, or [susie.lafave@shivelyareaministries.com](mailto:susie.lafave@shivelyareaministries.com).



*Susie LaFave delivering a meal*

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# Shively Area Ministries

**Vision** | To offer immediate care and reassurance to those in crisis and to offer hope through empowerment while striving for financial stability for clients and for the organization.

### To volunteer or make a donation:

please contact Leah Fulner (502) 447-4330 x23

### If you are in need of our services:

please contact Shawn Robison (502) 447-4330 x24

[www.shivelyareaministries.com](http://www.shivelyareaministries.com)

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