



## Stories of Our Lives

Clients come and go. We may see clients for food or other services on a monthly basis and then – sometimes – they are just gone. We often don't know what happened. Did they move? Did they become ill? Of course, our sincerest prayer is that their life has stabilized.

One cold Friday morning in February found Pantry Joe and super-volunteer John in Walmart, where they were making a regular pick-up of donated food. While walking through the store, a woman came up behind John and put her arms around his neck and squealed, "You're those guys! You are the guys that helped me when I needed it. You are the ones who saved me."

She shared that she had gone through a rough time in her life and had come for food every month for about a year. She told them they were always so nice, treated her with respect, and kept her fed. Her life has stabilized – she is teaching two classes at JCTC and does not need our services anymore – but our services got her through the bad times. We are always happy to be "those guys who helped me when I needed it."

We once helped a client on and off from 2000 – 2008. She needed various services, as her life was a bit rocky. We saw her last month at a local business meeting. She reminded us of those times and said she is doing very well now and has been working consistently. In fact, recently she was sought out by an employer who ended up hiring both her and her spouse. They are very excited and ready for this new work opportunity and expressed how thankful they were for the services we



Pantry Joe and Judy Sharing an Easter Basket

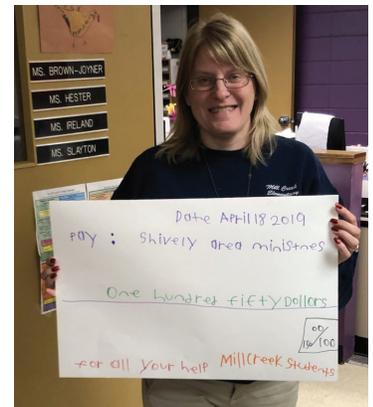
offered them during a rough season in their lives. They are also grateful that their four children are grown now and doing well.

And, the daughter of one of our friends recently did a service project for SAM. When they first came by, we took them on a tour of our facility. After some time, the mom said to the daughter, "You don't know how special this place is." She then shared how their circumstances had brought their family to use our services for a brief period. SAM kept their power on and helped feed them. The tables are turned now, and she is giving back and making sure her daughter understands who it is we help.

For all of us, no matter our story, it's important to understand that "they or them" could easily be "we or us" with just one heartbeat. That's why SAM is here to help when storm clouds gather.



Education and Empowerment Class



Mill Creek students make a donation

## 30th Anniversary Campaign Challenge



### Be a "Partner in Ministry"

We are completing year two of our three-year campaign to raise \$300,000 for SAM programs and to have 300 **Partners in Ministry**. We are ahead of schedule on our fund-raising target, but still need generous support to reach that goal. If you are interested in making that goal a success, please contact Sr. Jean Anne Zappa at (502) 447-4330 x23 for ways to help, or return the enclosed envelope.

Partners in Ministry make regular donations to SAM, usually monthly, but sometime less frequently. If desired, the donation can be drawn directly from your bank account. Those funds are our backbone – we know they are there and will support us. Please consider joining as a Partner in Ministry.

# Letter From the Director

Hello Friends,

Time is a funny thing. It can pass and nothing seems to change. Or, you wake up one morning and suddenly your whole world looks different. It has been both ways around Shively Area Ministries of late.

Angie Hare just celebrated her twentieth anniversary at SAM. She is our Operations Manager and oversees most of our financial programs serving clients. Her compassion, faith, and abilities are a big part of what makes SAM special. Angie's twenty years comes on the heels of last year celebrating twenty years of service by Susie LeFave. We are very fortunate that talented people of faith come to SAM, find a home here, and provide stability over time.

On the other hand, we do have people move on, like long-time Intake Coordinator Pat Turner, who recently retired. Adam Hall, who was our treasurer for many years, left SAM and Tyler Yeoman recently left the board of directors, and is moving out of state. Several of our churches have had leadership changes as well.

Through it all, our clients remain. Some we see every month when they stop for food. Some stop by occasionally. Some we see for years and years. Sometimes, people fade away and we're not sure what happened to them. But, as you'll read here, sometimes we run into those clients once more.

We are always happy to hear former clients talk about stability in their lives, but we know as one family becomes more stable another one experiences an accident, illness, layoff, domestic abuse, or some other difficulty. That is why SAM is here and that is why we appreciate the opportunity to use the gifts of so many generous people in helping others rebuild their lives.

Thank you for your support and for being part of the stories we share.

Blessings,

**Gary Copeland** – Executive Director



Donation from Fifth Third Foundation, a Partner in Ministry.



## 2019 Bobby Ellis Award of Excellence from Dare to Care Food Bank



The Honey and Pop Food Pantry at Shively Area Ministries and Joe Nevitt were honored to receive a 2019 Bobby Ellis Award of Excellence from Dare to Care Food Bank. Our Pantry is, of course, wonderfully managed by Pantry Joe but its excellence is a result of all the SAM staff working together and a host of wonderful, dedicated volunteers. The whole team is efficient and compassionate. Shively Area Ministries provided food to over 8000 households last year but Dare to Care also recognized the creative way Joe's team addresses the needs of clients – such as providing pull carts to help clients carry their food or TARC tickets if the client needs help getting to us. We can what we do because our supporters give us the resources, time, and backing to do so.

Thanks to everyone who helps us help those in need and congratulations to Joe and the whole team! And, thank you Dare to Care for recognizing all we try to do!

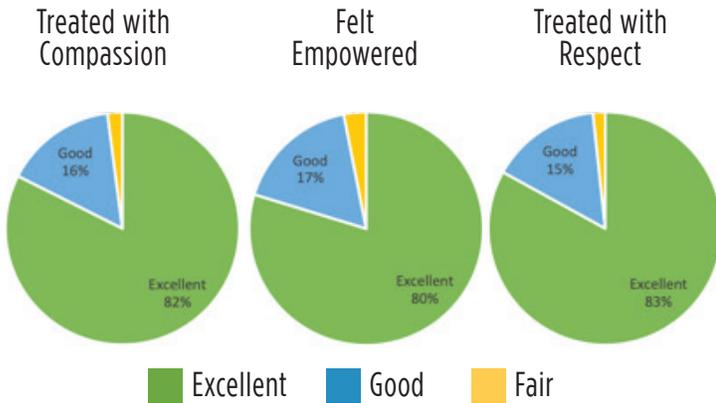
## Meals on Wheels and Other Volunteers Needed

Shively Area Ministries relies heavily on volunteers to help our neighbors in need. We need volunteers for all of the services we provide, but we have an especially strong need for Meals on Wheels drivers.

Our drivers generally deliver once a week and it takes about two hours (about 3:30-5:30 p.m.) Please contact Angie at (502) 447-4330, ext. 25. to sign up for volunteer services.



## An annual survey of our clients shows the impact of Shively Area Ministries



## 2019 Platinum Seal of Transparency



Shively Area Ministries has earned a 2019 Platinum Seal of Transparency, the highest level of recognition offered by GuideStar, the world's largest source of nonprofit information. By sharing metrics that highlight what we do and by reaching the highest level of transparency, SAM is ensuring that donors and others have basic information about our missions, programs, leadership; in-depth financial information; qualitative information about goals, strategies, and vision; and the progress we are making toward our mission.

SAM's report can be found at: <https://www.guidestar.org/Profile/7970162>

## The Gift of a Lifetime: Planned Giving

Planned giving uses tax, financial and estate planning techniques to enable a donor to make a gift that may have substantial benefits for both the donor and the receiving organization. Gifts can be cash, marketable securities, real estate, life insurance, or IRAs. Please contact Sister Jean Anne Zappa at (502) 447-4330, ext. 23.



Sacred Heart Academy students volunteering at the food pantry

## Food pantry wish list:

cereal • canned fruits • canned soups •  
crackers • tuna • coffee • toiletries

To deliver donations, call Joe at (502) 447-4330 x27  
Or drop by M-F, 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (closed first Monday each month)

## Shively Area Ministries Donation Form

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

- 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.



## Shively Area Ministries 10th Annual Banquet, Thurs. Sept 26, 2019!

Featuring the MONARCHS and Dawne Gee, WAVE 3 news anchor!

Crowne Plaza, 830 Phillips Lane, Louisville Ky | Doors open 6:00 p.m., Dinner 6:30 p.m.

\$50.00- single ticket Table of 10 \$450. Admission includes banquet and concert.

Advance tickets only, by September 19, call 502 447-4330, ext. 23

50/50 raffle- \$10 each (Lic.#EXE0001563) buy tickets in advance by calling 447-4330, ext. 23

This is our only special event of the year, so if you are unable to attend, please consider purchasing raffle tickets or making a donation to Shively Area Ministries.



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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  
Sr. Jean Anne Zappa (502) 447-4330 x23

If you are in need of our services, please contact Judy  
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