

Wishing you a blessed Christmas!



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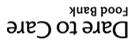
Where our neighbors in crisis find help and hope.

Urgent Food Pantry Wishlist!

Canned soups, crackers, personal hygiene items



Members of the Shively Fire Department came by to help out in the food pantry



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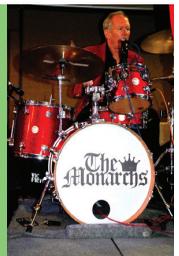


Chemours stopped by with some much needed personal care and other items for the food pantry

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

SAVE THE DATE – Be sure to mark your calendars for next year's event and concert!

September 22, 2022



IRA Gifts

Persons age 70 and a half and older may direct the trustee of their IRA to make a distribution 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.

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Seasons of Giving

Dear Friends,

Outside her office, our Operations Manager Angie has a picture that shows a little girl handing a small apple to a moose. It shares a quotation from Mother Teresa, "It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving." Christmas is the time to remember that the best gifts are those delivered with love.

We live that mission every day at Shively Area Ministries by doing everything with love in our hearts.

Christmas is a tough time for many of our clients – those alone feel very alone and those with family often feel the tug between sharing the love of the season through gifts and meeting basic needs. To help, we provide extra food in December, have a program that makes it possible for some parents to provide at least a small Christmas for their children, and our conference room overflows with loving expressions from our partners.

Methodist clergyman Roy L. Smith said, "He who has not Christmas in his heart will never find it under a tree." And, I might add, those who do have Christmas in their heart will find it everywhere, every day.

We at Shively Area Ministries are so grateful for the gifts we receive from our generous partners, donors, and friends. You make our work possible and no matter the gift, it does make a difference. We count on your love, support, and compassion, especially at this time of year.

As we approach Christmas, we are blessed in this great calling to help those in need, at the holidays, and all through the year. Need truly has no season.



Pantry Joe showing off bags of food generously donated by shoppers and Taylor Blvd. Save-A-Lot

Please join us in supporting our families who wish for a Merry Christmas.

All of us at Shively Area Ministries wish you a very Merry Christmas and send you best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year.

Blessings to All,

Gary Copeland,
Executive Director



Shively Mayor Beverly Chester-Burton, with Gary Copeland and host Lauren Adams at this year's banquet

One of the many lessons that Covid-19 has taught us that so many of us are only one accident or illness away from facing financial hardship. One of our many community contacts let us know that there was a local family who's main provider had been in the hospital for over 4 weeks. Besides the trying to get better, they were also extremely worried that their utilities were going to be shut off, and the impact that would have on their family. With our programs, we were able to catch them up and pay off their balance. This provided some much-needed relief to a family in an already stressful situation, and they were able to really focus on healing.

Some of the best news we can get at SAM is hearing about a client who is able to stabilize their life. We recently encountered a client who was experiencing homelessness. They had recently obtained a stable job, but needed some financial assistance with their utility bill. The client found an apartment, but was not able to move in due to a unpaid balance on an old G&E bill. Between all of our programs, we were able to pay off her entire bill. The client let us know that they were able to move into a brand new apartment because of our help.



Thank you to Walmart for supporting our food pantry!



Dropping off gifts for a Mill Creek elementary pizza party to board member Amber Ladd

Many of our clients are in transition periods in their lives when they come to see us. Our financial assistance coordinator received a call from a client who was currently living in a halfway house after being released from incarceration. They reached out to us because while they had steady employment and enough money for a deposit; they were not able to move in to an apartment due a large outstanding utility bill balance. Their time at the halfway house was coming to an end and they had no idea where to turn. They called us, and we reached out the Neighborhood Alliance. Together, we were able to work with LG&E and pay off his balance. The client could not have been more grateful and told us we saved them from being homeless.

Easy ways to help Shively Area Ministries all year long



Did you know that Kroger has a Community Rewards program? With no additional cost to you, they will donate a percentage of your annual spending to participating charities. Be sure to go online to link your Kroger card and select Shively Area Ministries

as your benefiting organization! Visit their website to learn more: <https://www.kroger.com/community/community-rewards>



Shopping online this holiday season? Use your existing Amazon account to support your favorite local charity! Be sure to add Shively Area Ministries as your Amazon Smile Charity List organization and shop every time on your Smile account. Visit <https://smile.amazon.com>

Don't shop at Kroger or Amazon? If you make monetary donations to Shively Area Ministries, be sure to ask your employer if they do Matching Gifts!

This Christmas, please contribute what you can to help our neighbors all year. Call 502-447-4330 x23 or donate online at www.shivelyareaministries.com or our Facebook page