



Spring 2018

Assumption Students visiting SAM

Celebrating 30 years of God's Blessings

Need has no season, no calendar year. Thirty years ago, the Shively area had a pressing need for service and support – as it still does, today. At that time, area church leadership pooled resources and looked to improve the lives of neighbors. Soon, that dedicated group became a small organization. That small organization has thrived and survived for 30 years and has grown to touch the lives of nearly 25,000 people in 2017 alone.

That organization is Shively Area Ministries.

As we look back on 30 years, we pause to reflect on the number of lives SAM has touched – the number of people who were able to keep their utilities on, pay their rent, eat a balanced diet, or take their medication; the number of people who learned to budget, to cook, or how to live with diabetes; and the sheer number of people whose lives SAM has made better over the last 30 years.

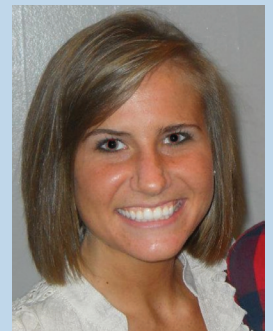
Mostly, we pause to celebrate 30 years of God's blessings to Shively Area Ministries. SAM is fortunate to have many people of love, dedication, and skill working for us these past three decades. SAM is blessed to have generous partners whose donations allow us to help others, and our countless, dedicated and reliable volunteers are irreplaceable.

We are truly the instruments of God's gifts. We will continue to do God's work and we thank you – as always – for your continued support.

Blessings,
Gary Copeland
Executive Director

SAM's Warm the Heart Fund

"Kind, loving, gentle, generous, compassionate, kind-hearted... these are words my wife and I use to describe our daughter, Ryann Marie, whose life was tragically cut short in June 2014. Ryann's ever-present smile, inclusive nature and kind words and deeds spread smiles and warmed the hearts of so many. It is in Ryann's honor that we are proud to initiate the *Warm the Heart* fund at Shively Area Ministries. This fund provides utility assistance to "warm the hearts" of those in need within the Shively area. We felt this initiative was very fitting and a meaningful way of honoring Ryann and we hope the good people of Shively and all supporters of SAM consider joining in "warming hearts." – Charlie and Melinda Tewell



Ryann Marie Tewell

We are grateful to Charlie and Melinda Tewell for this generous gift. Please honor Ryann by designating your gift to SAM in memory of Ryann Tewell for utilities assistance.

As we celebrate our 30th anniversary of providing help and hope, our goal is to raise \$300,000 to strengthen the food pantry, financial assistance for utilities and rent, medication, meals on wheels, and education and empowerment.

You can help us reach this goal. Donate now at <http://shivelyareaministries.com/donate-1>

SAM Timeline: 30 years of service

1988

February 16, 1988 – Shively Area Ministries is born

In 1988, a small number of foresighted ministers in the Shively area thought we could do better for our neighbors in need. Brother Larry Higginbotham, who is about to start a new term as Chair of the SAM Board, was one of those clergy. He offered space in his church, Dixie Valley Church of God, as a place to provide services.



1993

1993 – SAM on the move

SAM moves into the Old Shively Fire Station on Rockford Lane. The annual budget was about \$36,000 and SAM initiated a flu shot program.



1995

1995 – SAM moves again

SAM moves into a house on Farnsley Lane next to St. Stephen United Church of Christ, thanks to their generosity.



1990s

Late 1990s – Building a dedicated staff

In 1996, SAM made a series of hires that set its course for the ensuing decades. Roxanna Trivitt was hired as Executive Director, and guided SAM through a period of growth through her retirement in 2016. In 1998, Susie LaFave was hired to coordinate the Meals on Wheels program, which she continues today. Angie Hare and Sr. Jean Anne Zappa joined the staff in 1998. Sister Jean Anne still serves as Development Director and Angie is the Operations Director. Pat Turner became a volunteer, before being hired as SAM's Intake Coordinator in 2005.



2008

2008 – Finding another new home

SAM moves to its current location, ideally located where Dixie Highway crosses the Watterson expressway. The late Sr. Darlene Denton was a force behind the move and new location, which allows SAM to interview clients privately while maintaining their dignity. The building was renovated and dedicated on August 20, 2008.

2012 – A bigger and better food pantry

SAM completes the debt-free addition of Honey and Pop's Food Pantry. In its expanded and modernized form, and with the leadership of the Pantry's Joe Nevitt, SAM serves almost 25,000 people a year. Throughout this period SAM also developed its first strategic plan, put together Vision25, expanded the Annual Event to 620 attendees, and began a sustainability fund.



2016

2016 – New leadership

Roxanna Trivitt, who led SAM for 20 years, retires and Gary Copeland is named Executive Director. Roxanna's retirement celebration of her vast achievements for the Shively community was held where SAM got its start, at Dixie Valley Church of God.

Since 2016, SAM has enjoyed a valuable infusion of new members of the team. Aaron Martin serves as the Financial Assistance Coordinator and Sr. Carol Curtis is the Communications Assistant and Bookkeeper.

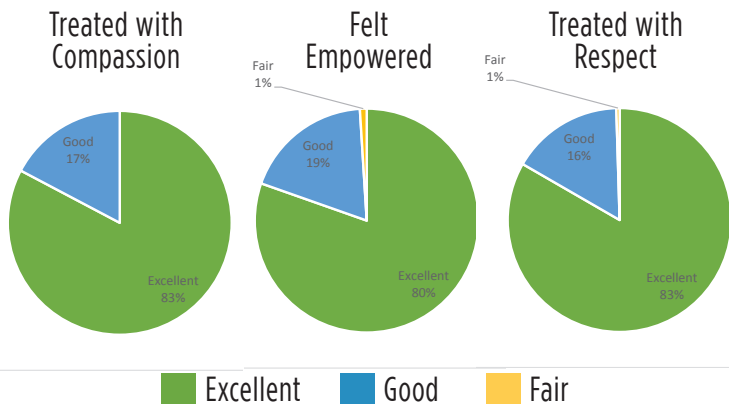
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2018 – 30 years later – SAM continues the vision and mission

SAM moves forward with the support of over 100 committed volunteers and board members, and many generous donors. With stability, love, and compassion, we will continue for another 30 years.



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



Transitions

SAM's bookkeeper, Pat Cooke, has retired. Pat was not only an excellent bookkeeper but also a breath of fresh air in the building. A talented artist, Pat left SAM the gift of her art, including watercolors of the Ministry, its staff, and volunteers. Sr. Carol Curtis now fills Pat's shoes. Sr. Carol first came to SAM as a volunteer, and later, served as Communications Assistant. We are blessed have her talents and heart on the SAM team.

Good Samaritan Society

Shively Area Ministries recently recognized several of our most loyal and generous donors as members of SAM's "Good Samaritan Society." We thank them all for their good hearts and generosity.

Honorees included:

St. Stephen UCC	Shirley and John Parker
Chapel Park UCC	Pat Turner
Shively Baptist Church	LGE/KU
Joseph Chambers	Louisville Water Company
Lift a Life Foundation	Kelley Construction
Metro Government	Monroe Shine & co.
Reva and Joe Nevitt	Tim Kelley Family

Being a member of the **Good SAMaritan Society** is another way to help Shively Area Ministries. For more information, or to establish a giving circle, please contact Sr. Jean Anne Zappa at (502) 447-4330, ext.23.

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.

Food pantry wish list:

cereal • canned fruits • canned soups • crackers

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)



UPS delivering canned goods

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.

SAVE THE DATE: Celebrate SAM's 30th anniversary!

Annual Banquet & Concert with Louisville's own Monarchs
Tues, Oct 2, 2018 Crowne Plaza 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Hosted by Emmy award-winning news anchor Jean West Losavio

Tickets: \$50 per person or \$425 for table of 10 (save \$75)

Call Sister Jean Anne at (502) 447-4330, ext. 23 for more information.



Staff

Gary Copeland – Executive Director

Angie Hare – Operations Manager

Sr. Jean Anne Zappa, OSU – Mission Advancement

Joe Nevitt – Food Pantry Supervisor

Susie LaFave – Meals On Wheels Coordinator

Pat Turner – Intake Coordinator

Aaron Martin – Financial Assistance Coordinator

Judy Vogt – Program Assistant

Sr. Carol Curtis, OSU – Communications Assistant/ Bookkeeper



To volunteer or make a donation,
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