

Bishop Sullivan Center

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DUE TO YOUR DONATIONS TO PROJECT ELDERCOOL OVER 350 SENIORS RECEIVED AIR-CONDITIONERS THIS SUMMER



One recipient could not wait to feel cool air on her face.

“It’s been a miserable summer. I can’t thank you enough for the air-conditioner.”

“I really needed it on those days when it was more than 90 degrees. It has made a difference.”

“Thank you for your sense of urgency in helping me get an air-conditioner.”

“This thank you is from my heart. I didn’t know what I was going to do when my old air-conditioners went out. It is nice to have organizations like yours to help the elderly.”

“My husband has to use oxygen and I have heart problems and am blind. Thank you all for the air-conditioner.”

“Thank you for the air-conditioner. It literally saved my life.”

“It’s wonderful to be cool.”

“I was literally sick from the heat, vomiting, unable to eat or cook. Thanks to you I am 100% better.”

“I am feeling so much better and I can eat cause when it’s too hot you can’t eat because it makes you sick. Thank you.”

Kansas City Meteorologist, Gary Lezak said that Tuesday, August 2nd, was the hottest day in Kansas City in 27 years. I saw one bank clock that read 111 degrees that day. Due to the excessive heat this summer we have installed over 350 air-conditioners for seniors, 100 more than at this time last year. Here are some passages from thank you notes we received:

“My air-conditioner broke 3 years ago. It was purchased in 1958. I still have the receipt. To get central air back in my home I would have to buy a new one and I cannot afford it. All this time I have been suffering in the heat. Now at 69 years old it is affecting my breathing. Thank you so much for the air-conditioner.”

“It’s wonderful to be cool.”

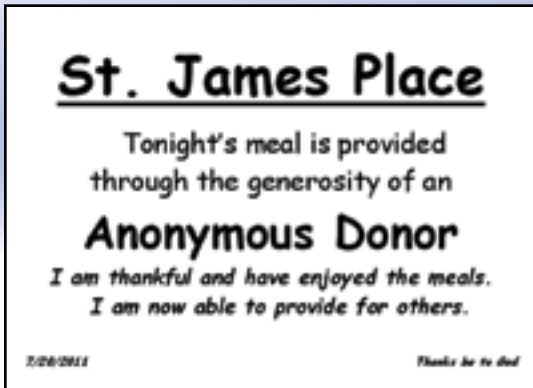
“The blessing of this air-conditioner goes far beyond me. My daughter and grandchildren cried (actually cried) for you cause mama/grandma is not suffering this heat any longer. We appreciate it.”



Jack Fitzpatrick, the “Air Conditioning Guy,” is a seminarian for the Kansas City-St. Joseph Diocese. He helped us install air-conditioners this summer.

SOUP KITCHEN RECIPIENT SPONSORS A MEAL

"YOU HELPED ME...NOW IT'S MY TURN TO HELP YOU"



This is the sign that was posted in the dining room at the soup kitchen the night a former recipient sponsored the meal. (You, too, can sponsor a meal at the soup kitchen by going to our website.)

We serve a hot meal five nights a week to people in need. This summer we have seen a dramatic increase in the number of people coming for that meal. On average about 275 a night. We see more children than previously.

Donors can sponsor the meal each night for \$150 that covers most of the cost of that meal. We recently received an anonymous donation to sponsor a meal one night. There was a note inside that said that he had come there once for a meal as he was broke. Now that he is back on his feet he wanted to return the favor and pay for a night to feed the others.

If you would like to sponsor a meal in your own name or in honor or memory of someone you can easily do so on our website, www.bishopsullivan.org. If you like, we will post your name or the name of person you want to recognize in the dining room that evening.



"IS BISHOP SULLIVAN CENTER A UNITED WAY AGENCY?"

YES AND NO

I am frequently asked by donors, "Is Bishop Sullivan Center a United Way Agency?" The answer I give is, "Yes and No." We are not formerly a United Way agency, that is, we do not receive money directly from the United Way. However ... anyone who gives through United Way can designate Bishop Sullivan Center to be the recipient of your generosity.

If you do give through United Way and do decide to designate us as your charity you have to fill out one additional form, which has been enclosed in this mailing, or can be found on our website, www.bishopsullivan.org;

click on "Give Through United Way" on our home page.

When you do give to us through United Way we receive 87% of what you donate, the remainder is kept by United Way for administrative purposes.



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CALENDAR!**



FOOD AND LIVE SHOW

Benefit for Bishop Sullivan Center

Tim Whitmer & The All-Star Revue (Jazz Band and Soloists)

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TO COME!**

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