

# Bishop Sullivan Center

## NEWS & REFLECTIONS

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### PEOPLE NEED A HAND TO FIND WORK

*SINCE JANUARY WE HAVE HELPED 195 PEOPLE GAIN EMPLOYMENT*



**T**his picture symbolizes our Employment Services program. If you need help finding a job and are having a hard time overcoming some obstacle to landing a job, we will give you a hand.

Every week we offer sessions on how to find a job, how to prepare for an interview, and how to hold down a job.

We provide various resources to job-seekers: a computer room for on-line job-hunting and resume writing, bus passes for those who have no car (which is many), work clothes, proper interview clothes, and encouragement.

If you are serious about finding work, we are serious about helping you. In the past six months, our program has helped 195 people find some kind of employment.

### CENTER'S NO INTEREST CAR LOANS KEEPS PEOPLE WORKING

*LACK OF TRANSPORTATION IS #1 OBSTACLE TO FIND AND KEEP EMPLOYMENT*

One question on an information sheet in our Employment Services program is, "What is preventing you from finding a job?" The number one answer is, "Lack of transportation."

Many of those who come to our program do not own a car and are, therefore, limited to the bus lines and bus times. If you are offered a second or third shift on a job that requires you getting there or going home in the middle of the night, good luck finding a bus.

Our Center's "Drive KC to Work" program provides no-interest loans up to \$4,000 to help low-income people get a used car. One study said that when people who previously did not have a car and then obtained one that their income increases on average by 41 per cent!



Stephanie's hand over her mouth expresses her disbelief at getting a loan for such a nice car. The car was donated by UMB Bank. Stephanie works and takes care of her disabled husband.



# CENTER AND CHRISTMAS-IN-OCTOBER JOIN TO HELP ELDERLY WOMAN *90 YEAR OLD GETS NEW ROOF FOR HER HOME*



Georgia has lived in the same house for over 60 years. She lives alone. Her health is good. Like most of us, no one likes to give up their home. Georgia is no exception. Unfortunately, for so many elderly who receive the social security minimum they do not have enough money for household repairs, especially when those repairs are costly.

Georgia's home owners insurance company refused to cover her home unless she had a new roof put on her house. We contacted Christmas-in-October. They offered to donate the materials if we would pay for the labor. Georgia's home now has a new roof and is insured. At least for now, she does not have to worry about moving out.



## STATE OF MISSOURI FOOD PANTRY TAX CREDIT TO END ON AUGUST 28, 2011 *DONATIONS TO PANTRIES MADE AFTER THIS DATE WILL NOT QUALIFY*

For the past four years the state of Missouri has offered a tax credit of up to 50% for any donation made to a food pantry in Missouri. The tax credit is good for any donation up to \$5,000. For example, if you made a donation to Bishop Sullivan Center for \$1,000, next year when you file your taxes, you are eligible for this tax credit, which will give you up to \$500 back.

Many have benefitted from this credit the past four years. In the past you may have waited until the end of the year to make your donation, however, because this credit is scheduled to "sunset" on August 28, contributions made after this date will not qualify. A word to the wise.

For more information, go to our website, [www.bishopsullivan.org](http://www.bishopsullivan.org) and click on "Missouri Tax Credit."



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