

# Bishop Sullivan Center

## NEWS & REFLECTIONS

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### INDEPENDENT CHARITY EVALUATOR AWARDS FOUR STARS TO CENTER FOR SOUND FISCAL MANAGEMENT

*“BISHOP SULLIVAN CENTER OUTPERFORMS MOST CHARITIES” IN FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY*



For the second year in a row, Charity Navigator, an independent charity evaluator, has awarded Bishop Sullivan Center its highest rating, four stars, for sound fiscal management.

The award letter states, “Only 19% of the charities we rate have received at least 2 consecutive 4-star evaluations, indicating that Bishop Sullivan Center consistently executes its mission in a fiscally responsible way, and outperforms most other charities in America.”

They added, “This “exceptional” designation from Charity Navigator differentiates Bishop Sullivan Center from its peers and demonstrates to the public it is worthy of their trust.

Charity Navigator is located in Mahwah, New Jersey and evaluates over 5,000 non-profits throughout the United States.

### “BILLY’S DOUBLE CLUB FOR KIDS”

*BILLY BUTLER’S HIT IT A TON PROGRAM EXPANDS TO KIDS*

Billy Butler hopes his home runs and doubles will produce not just wins for the Royals, but more food for our pantries and soup kitchen. For every home run that Billy hits this year he will donate a ton of food (\$250) and for every double he’ll donate a half a ton of food (\$125). Last year he hit 15 home runs and 45 doubles.

In addition to the Hit It A Ton Program where a donation gets you autographed memorabilia and tickets to a game, this year we are launching “Billy’s Double Club for Kids.” For a \$50 donation a kid will get a “Doubles Club” t-shirt, an invitation to a club brunch with Billy (August 20), tickets to a game (August 3) and a DVD where Billy and his wife Katie talk about the importance of helping the less fortunate.

For more information about these programs go to [www.hit-it-a-ton.org](http://www.hit-it-a-ton.org).



Billy Butler signs an autograph for a young fan at last year’s Hit It A Ton picnic. All donors to Hit It a Ton and “Doubles Club for Kids” will be invited to a special brunch with Billy this year.



# **“CAN I GET AN AIR-CONDITIONER?”**

## **LOW-INCOME SENIORS THROUGHOUT THE CITY CALL FOR HELP FROM PROJECT ELDERCOOL**



Hilda, 73 years old and on oxygen had a problem. Her ancient air-conditioner finally gave up the ghost. It's hard enough for Hilda to breathe on a mild day, let alone on a hot and humid one. She was one of the first recipients of an air-conditioner this summer from Project ElderCool. She said, "The people who donate to this program have no idea how much this helps."

This is the 12th year that Bishop Sullivan Center has offered window air-conditioners to low-income elderly. It's truly a life-saver. Again this summer, as in the past, AB May has generously offered to match any donations made on our website ([www.bishopsullivan.org](http://www.bishopsullivan.org)) to Project ElderCool, up to \$10,000.

We usually install between 300 and 400 air-conditioners during the summer. In addition to the air-conditioner, we also put \$50 into the elderly person's electric account so they do not incur an extra expense for running it.



## **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."



To donate make check payable to Bishop Sullivan Center and mail to the address below or you can donate online.

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