

# Bishop Sullivan Center

## NEWS & REFLECTIONS

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### “HIT IT A TON” PROGRAM PROVIDES MUCH NEEDED FOOD

*ROYALS BILLY BUTLER AND WIFE KATIE TO HOST PICNIC FOR DONORS*

Here's your chance to hit a home run, a four-bagger. If you make a donation that allows us to purchase a ton of food (\$250) or a half of ton of food (\$125) then four things happen:

- (1) you fed a lot of families who are in need of food,
- (2) you get to pick and have an autographed item out of “Billy’s Locker” on our website, [www.bishopsullivan.org](http://www.bishopsullivan.org),
- (3) you get free ticket(s) to the Royals game on August 18th, and
- (4) you get free pass(es) to a picnic that Billy and his wife Katie will host on Saturday morning, August 14th, at the O’Hara High School soccer field. Billy says he will bring other Royals players with him. There will be food and games. It’s a great chance for your kids or grandkids to meet Billy and other players.

Go to our website and mouse over items in Billy’s Locker to see what autographed items you can have for your donation.



### DONATED CAR OPENS SEVERAL DOORS FOR YOUNG COUPLE



said in a lower voice, “There’s not a hidden television camera somewhere? You’re not ‘punking’ us are you?”

She quickly learned she was not being punked. She and Terreil have a 3 year old son. Terreil just landed a job

Terreil and Tina were shocked when they were told that the car they were standing in front of was a free gift. Tina yelled, “Are you serious? Are you serious?” Then she

through our Employment Services program selling items off a kiosk at Independence Shopping Center for \$8.00 an hour. Terreil said the bus ride from his home in the urban core to the shopping center is an hour and 49 minutes each way.

Now with a car, they plan to move to a safer neighborhood, explore better paying jobs, and spend more time with their son, instead of on the bus. Terreil said, “[Getting this car] it’s like a dream. Now everything is coming together. My pastor said, ‘Sometimes God’s blessings comes in bunches.’ I guess this is what he means.”

The donors of the car also donated six months worth of car insurance.

# LOW-INCOME ELDERLY CAN'T CUT IT

## *CENTER MOWS LAWNS FOR OVER 70 SENIORS*

Your body and heart lack the strength to cut grass. You have no family or they live out of town. Your sole income is the social security minimum. You still live in your home and a guy wants to charge you \$25 to cut your grass every week. That eats up a big part of your income.

For the past few years Bishop Sullivan Center has offered to cut grass for elderly who fit the above description. We now cut grass for over 70 seniors around the metro.

Christian Morales (see photo), a graduating senior from Cristo Rey High School, is our primary mower. Christian enlists the help of other teenagers from the neighborhood to help. They are paid for this hard work. The elderly get their grass cut and some neighborhood teens are earning money.



Dorothy, recently widowed, is grateful for the free mowing.



# MAN WOULD RATHER FISH THAN GET FREE FISH

## *FROM SOUP KITCHEN LINE TO EMPLOYMENT*



Marcus, while eating in our soup kitchen, saw the names of people on the wall who we helped find a job. He wants to see his name on that wall too.

Marcus came to our Community Kitchen a few weeks ago for the first time. He has been out of work for a long time and needed a good meal. Someone on the street told him to “go to St. James Place for the best meal in town”.

When he sat down with his tray he noticed all the signs on the wall in the dining room and asked one of the volunteers what that was about. He was told that the names on the wall were of people that we helped find employment. We put these signs up to show people who come for a meal that there’s a way out of the soup kitchen.

To make a long story short – Marcus is now enrolled in our Employment Program and has been working hard to get re-employed. He said that has made a job out of finding a job and has already been on a couple of interviews. He took our beginning computer class and comes to the jobs resource room often.

Marcus said, “The help I get at St. James is really great, but I know that I have to put in the work to be successful. Nobody is going to do it for me.”

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

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