

# Bishop Sullivan Center

## NEWS & REFLECTIONS

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### CENTER'S NUMEROUS VOLUNTEERS CUT COSTS *MORE OF DONORS' CONTRIBUTIONS GOES DIRECTLY TO THOSE IN NEED*

**W**e are blessed to have a small army of volunteers. They sack groceries. Pick up food. Give out clothes. Answer the phones. Put out mailings. Serve hot meals. Deliver groceries to the elderly. Assist job-seekers. Clean up. Make repairs.

We recently came up with a conservative estimate of the value of all these volunteers' tasks. If we had to hire people to carry out all the tasks that our volunteers do, it would cost about \$400,000. Again, this is a very conservative estimate.

Because of all these volunteers, more of your contribution is able to go directly to those in need. It's a wonderful partnership of those who are able to donate money and those who can donate time.



Norbert Duello, seen here, putting food in sacks that will be given to a family out of our pantry. Norbert and his wife Shirley, who helps answer the phones, have been volunteering here every Tuesday for as long as anyone can remember. Our many volunteers significantly reduce our overhead costs.

### CENTER ESTABLISHES UNIQUE FUND TO ASSIST LOW-INCOME PARENTS OF SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN *HELP WITH EVERYTHING FROM A CUSTOMIZED STROLLER TO A NEW BATHROOM*



Brian Petrie passed away last May. Many low-income families with special needs children are being helped in his name.

This past May, Brian Petrie, who had muscular dystrophy, passed away at the age of 28. Friends of the Petrie family sent in contributions in memory of Brian. Bishop Sullivan Center used those contributions to establish the Brian Petrie Fund to be used for any low-income family with a special needs child that is in need of assistance.

Most referrals to this fund come from Children's Mercy Hospital. This fund has helped a mother with two children who have severe mental and physical disabilities with a special pair of pajamas for one of them. He is on kidney dialyses and needed special pajamas because of his permanent catheter.

We helped a mother with a child who suffers from sickle cell anemia. Her daughters medication needed to be refrigerated. She did not have a refrigerator and kept the medicine cool in a Styrofoam ice chest. We got her a refrigerator.

Another mother had a 5-month-old child that was on oxygen and needed a customized stroller to accommodate the oxygen tank.

A grandmother taking care of her 15-year-old paraplegic grandson needed her whole bathroom redone to make it easier to get him in and out of the shower.

# STATE OF MISSOURI GIVES TAX CREDITS FOR DONATIONS TO FOOD PANTRIES

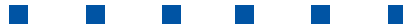
## CREDITS UP TO 50% OF YOUR DONATION

As an incentive to encourage people to make donations to food pantries, the State of Missouri passed a bill three years ago that will give a tax credit – not just a deduction – for contributions to a food pantry, such as Bishop Sullivan Center’s.

Any taxpayer (individual, corporation or trust) that makes a donation of cash or food supplies to a food pantry may receive a credit of up to \$2,500 per taxpayer per year. The taxpayer may take a credit of 50% of their donations. The total amount available for the Food Pantry Tax Credit is \$2,000,000 in any one fiscal year.

All claims will be held until after April 15th to determine if the total claimed exceeds \$2,000,000. If claims exceed \$2,000,000, the department will apportion credits in an equal ratio among all valid returns filed.

For more information on this, go to <http://dor.mo.gov/tax/taxcredit/fpt.htm>. There is a link to this information on our website, [www.bishopsullivan.org](http://www.bishopsullivan.org).



# THE ELDERS

To Benefit **Bishop Sullivan Center**  
**Saturday, November 13**

Rockhurst High School Rose Theater • 9301 State Line Road

HAPPY HOUR AT 6:30 P.M.

*Meet & greet the members of The Elders*

*Hors d'oeuvres, cash bar available*

**CONCERT BEGINS AT 7:30 P.M.**

## TICKET PRICES:

\$40.00 Premium Ticket ..... *reserved seating & a drink ticket to Happy Hour*

\$25.00 General Admission.....*includes Happy Hour*

\$15.00 Student Ticket .....*admission to the concert only at 7:30 p.m.*

**Tickets may be purchased on our website at**  
**[www.bishopsullivan.org](http://www.bishopsullivan.org) or call 816-231-0984**