

# Bishop Sullivan Center

## NEWS & REFLECTIONS

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### ROYALS' BILLY BUTLER WILL GO TO BAT FOR BISHOP SULLIVAN CENTER

Last summer, Royals' Billy Butler's wife, Katie, volunteered at our food pantry. She introduced Billy to the work that we do. He wanted to help.

Billy is an up-and-coming player and has the potential to be a big hitter. We asked Straub Construction if they would be willing to donate a ton of food every time Billy hit a home run this season. They said they would.

We buy our food from Harvesters at 16 cents a pound, so a ton of food costs \$320. When Billy heard that Straub was willing to do this, he said, "Count me in. I'll match them."

Billy said, "I want to be hands-on with your food pantry. I want to come out some afternoons and help sack the groceries and carry them out to people's cars."

Thanks to Billy and his wife Katie, we are having a "Hit It A Ton" campaign. You can join us.

- If you donate just one ton of food (not for every home run), that is, \$320, you will receive a bat autographed by Billy.
- If you donate half a ton, \$160, you will receive an autographed ball.
- If you donate a tenth of a ton, \$32, you will receive an autographed picture of Billy.

Everyone who donates at least \$32 to this campaign will also receive a free ticket to a Royals' game later this



Straub Construction and Billy will each donate a ton of food for every home run he hits this season.

summer, where you will be treated to a bar-b-que meal in the parking lot, tailgate style, before the game.

Billy and his wife will join us for the bar-b-que and then we'll all sit together for the game. The pressure will be on Billy that night to hit one out.

Between our two pantries we give away about a ton of food a day. Let's see how many tons we can raise.



Everyone who donates one ton of food will receive a bat like this autographed by Butler.



# FOOD FROM OUR PANTRY HELPS STRUGGLING SINGLE MOM AFTER RECEIVING HELP, SHE RETURNED TO VOLUNTEER

Julie came to the food pantry for the first time on Thursday, February 28th. She needed food for her family of three to last until her new job started on March 10th. After receiving the food she offered to volunteer in any way possible in order to “return the help” (her words).

We called her the following Friday night to help in the soup kitchen when some volunteers couldn’t come. She came in and worked hard. She also showed up the following Tuesday morning to work in the pantry.

Julie is a single mom. She has one son living at home and another who is in the military. She is also taking full time care of a 5-year-old grandchild.

She had just moved into a house in the neighborhood but could not get her gas turned on due to an old

unpaid bill. It was a bill she did not even realize she had as it was in her ex-husband’s name. She had spent all her money moving in and had none left. We helped her with the unpaid gas bill so her house would be warm.

Hopefully, her new job will work out for her and she will not have to come back to us again, but if something goes awry, we’ll be here for her.



A hearty meal is provided to those who come to our St. James Kitchen.



Mary Horning and her grandson Michael Jeffries volunteer in our food pantry.



## BISHOP SULLIVAN CENTER AND FOOD

Average number of families served each month from our Truman Road Pantry. . . . .	716
Average number of families served each month from our St. James Pantry . . . . .	605
Average number of meals served at our St. James Kitchen . . . . .	195
Average number of pounds purchased from Harvesters each month . . . . .	35,625
Average food bill each month from Harvesters . . . . .	\$5,700.00
Average amount of food given to each family in pounds . . . . .	26
Length of time it takes us to dispense one ton of food . . . . .	1 day



For those who donate to United Way, please consider designating Bishop Sullivan Center as the recipient.

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