

# Bishop Sullivan Center

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## “A ROSE BY ANY OTHER NAME WOULD SMELL AS SWEET”

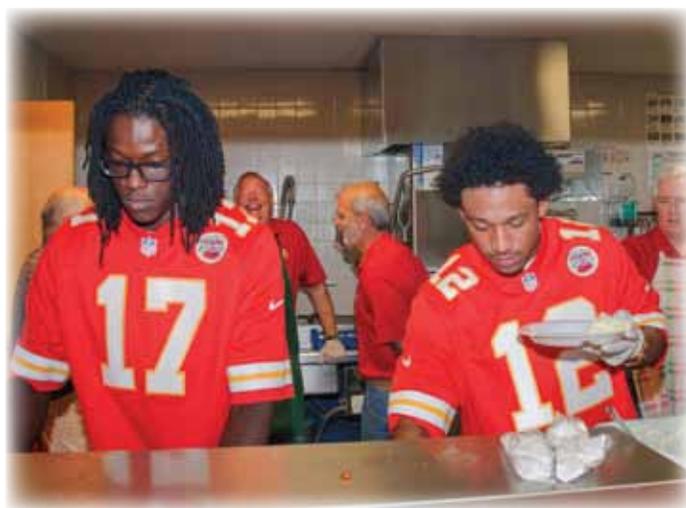
*By Tom Turner, Director*

For the past few years, we have held our annual Auction at the Sheraton Hotel by Crown Center. People sometimes ask me, “Just where is that?”

I respond, “It’s the old Hyatt Regency.” Due to the notoriety of the skywalk tragedy of 1981, no matter what that hotel is called, many will still refer to it as the “old Hyatt.”

In 2002, St. James parish in midtown asked Bishop Sullivan Center’s board if they would take over managing the community kitchen and pantry that their parish had begun many years ago. At that time, the parish could not afford to operate that ministry but did not want to see it dissolve. As their ministry fit our mission, our board agreed. We decided to name that operation at 39th and Troost, “St. James Place.”

Seven years later, the parish approached us again and asked if we could use the rest of the building to provide services to the neighborhood. The additional space allowed us to expand the pantry, make an extra dining room for the community kitchen, provide emergency financial services, and help people find work.



KC Chiefs players Chris Conley (L) and Albert Wilson (R) helped serve a meal at our community kitchen as part of their “Catch a Break” program.

For the past 15 years, we have been operating out of two locations, providing the same services at both. We had kept the name “St. James Place” at our Troost location from our modest beginnings there; now, we see that it is time for a change. We have come to realize that other organizations and churches with the name St. James exist, creating confusion when clients are trying to connect with help from our organization.

Therefore, St. James Place will now be called Bishop Sullivan Center.

With this change, we hope to better serve and connect with the midtown community. We will continue to provide the same services and seek to support and empower our community through food, jobs, and aid.

It’s a case of the Shakespearean rose that smells just as sweet, no matter its name. Like the Hyatt, we will always have memories attached to St. James Place, but we look forward to many years serving the midtown community as Bishop Sullivan Center.



Sporting KC’s Matt Besler helped serve a meal around the holidays. The community kitchen known as St. James Place will soon be called Bishop Sullivan Center.

# CHUTES AND LADDERS

## NAVIGATING THE GAME OF LIFE CAN BE DIFFICULT

You may have played the children's board game, "Chutes and Ladders." You flick a spinner that tells you how many squares to advance. If you land on a chute, you slide back down. If you land at the base of a ladder, you get to "climb" ahead.

The people that come to Bishop Sullivan Center typically have just landed on a "chute": an illness, job loss, car malfunction, a spouse who abandons the family, or some other negative situation.

We try to help them advance a square or two. A utility bill, some groceries, a hot meal, a car repair or help with rent can move them a square or two. For some, we can help them get a "ladder:" A new job, or good used car through our Drive KC to Work program.

We've all had times in our life when we have landed on a chute and can appreciate when someone has helped us advance or even given us a ladder. Your support helps others move ahead.



Beverly's hot water tank had been leaking for over a month. Every day she went downstairs every 30 minutes to mop it up. We helped her get a new one.



This young man purchased a car through our Drive KC to Work program. He has a steady job, but the long walks and long bus rides were tough. With a car, he is able to take late shifts when the buses don't run. This is a real "ladder" for him.



On a very cold night at our community kitchen, we distributed gloves, stocking caps, wool socks, and long underwear. Most of those who come for a hot meal have hit a "chute" in life.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR: March 4, 2017, at the Sheraton Kansas City Hotel at Crown Center**



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*Annual Auction and Trivia Night!*

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