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Face Time The Loss of Not Seeing Each Other

By Thomas Turner, Director

COVID has reduced how often we see family, friends and co-workers face-to-face. Talking on the phone or even meeting via Zoom is just not the same. Students and teachers quickly recognize that regardless how well an online class is, nothing beats face-to-face education.

One lesson taught by COVID is that seeing others face-to-face is like water to plant. Remove that kind of contact and we feel a little diminished.

I listened to a homeless man recently speak about the loneliness that comes with homelessness

and the depression that ensues. He said, “The ‘bottle’ became my only friend.” Admittedly, homeless people are not the only ones who experience loneliness, but they are much more susceptible to it.

Many homeless people come to Bishop Sullivan Center for lunch, dinner and help in finding work. As important as the food or employment assistance is, the face-to-face contact we give, albeit through a plastic sheet or Plexiglas shield is equally, as important.

Now, that we, too, have less face time with others, we can appreciate more its importance and

sympathize more with those who are desperate for it.

Your support to those who are homeless and lonely is greatly appreciated.



After receiving food from our community lunch, this man laid down by our parking lot to sleep. He was alone.

Give A Unique Gift

Sponsor a Lunch or Dinner in Our Community Kitchen



As people come for a meal at our community kitchen, the name of the person for whom the meal is in honor of or in memory of is posted on the door.

What do you give to a loved one for his or her birthday, anniversary or Christmas when he or she has everything?

You might consider sponsoring lunch or dinner at our community kitchen, One City Café, in their name.

Every weekday about 100 people come for a sandwich lunch and over 200 come for a hot dinner. We post the name of the person for whom the meal is in honor or memory of on the door for all to see.

If you would like to sponsor a meal, **go to our website** and pick a meal and date to sponsor: \$100 to sponsor a lunch, \$150 for dinner.

Your loved one will appreciate the unique gift and that you thought of them in a charitable fashion.

Tax Credits Available for Food Pantry Donations



For homebound seniors, we deliver groceries from our pantry.

Did you know? The State of Missouri offers a tax credit – better than a tax deduction – for donations to Missouri food pantries. Most donations to Bishop Sullivan Center qualify for this credit.

For a donation of up to \$5,000 per individual or corporation, you receive up to 50% back. You do not need to itemize deductions in order to receive this credit.

For those of you considering a year-end donation, this can be a tremendous benefit, both for our food pantry and you. The Missouri Department of Revenue offers information on their website, or consult your tax advisor.



“Cover the Bill” Fund to Help People Affected by COVID

Many people affected by Covid are applying to Bishop Sullivan Center for help with their utility bills or rent. Due to Covid, they either lost their jobs completely, or had their hours severely reduced. Until they find another job, they need help to “cover a bill” lest they be evicted or have a utility cut off.

Mike Garrett, former Chiefs player and Super Bowl Champ from 1970, is shown here “covering the bill” of his hat to symbolize his support to help those in need.

If you make a donation of \$100 or more to our “Cover the Bill” fund, we will send you a Chiefs cap. Then, we ask that you take a picture of yourself, like Mike in this picture, covering the bill of your cap, post it on your social media and challenge people you know to “Cover the Bill” as well.

You can go to our website, bishopsullivan.org and read stories about people helped with the Cover the Bill fund and make your donation there.



Mike Garrett, former Chiefs player, “I cover the bill, won’t you?”



Receive a Chiefs cap with a donation of \$100 to the “Cover the Bill” fund. See our website for details.

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