

Bishop Sullivan Center

FOOD JOBS AID

SPRING 2023

"We've got your back."

Meeting the need for today, *and* tomorrow.

Sometimes, you just need someone who's on your team.

A 91-year-old gentleman living on fixed income recently reached out to our emergency assistance team in dire straits. His wife had passed away five months prior, and family members had taken advantage of him during his grief. He had no gas in the car, his electricity was being disconnected, and worst of all, **he hadn't eaten in two days.**

Our team quickly assisted him with food from the pantry and funds to keep the electricity up and running. Once those immediate problems were addressed, the team helped him complete and submit an

application for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), a federally-funded program that helps keep families safe and healthy through initiatives that assist with energy costs.

"Typically we're able to provide assistance to those experiencing hardship once a year through donations to our emergency assistance fund," said BSC Programs Manager Shilo Foster, **"but our case managers can also help with longer term solutions like signing up for LIHEAP and other existing assistance programs."**



We can all tackle more when we know there's someone who has our back.

Thank you for helping us stand behind our neighbors in need!

One Metro for One City Café

Lenexa, KS city employees raise funds to support BSC's Community Kitchen



Every year, City of Lenexa employees vote for an organization to support with their holiday auction and bake sale. Thanks to BSC volunteer and city employee Andrea Ocampo, One City Café was nominated - then selected!

"Thank you for doing the work you do to not only meet the physical needs of people but also the social and emotional needs too," said Communications Specialist Tasha Hammes. **"You give hope.** Thanks for loving those

who come in your doors and enjoy a meal at your tables."

Thank you, City of Lenexa, for making these meals possible!



Volunteer Spotlight

One City Café Volunteer puts his gratitude into action



You never know what an impact small choices and lucky breaks can have on your path in life. For John, reflecting on these moments has led to a deep sense of gratitude - and a strong urge to give back. When he retired, John felt the pull to get involved with an organization that served food to the poor, and a quick web search led him to BSC.

The four years he's spent serving at One City Café have filled him with some of the best memories, and he's been especially touched by the families he's met. Although seeing families have to rely on OCC for the majority of their children's meals breaks his heart, he is grateful to be able to serve them. **Thank you, John, for putting your gratitude in action at OCC!**



Join our mission! Scan the code to see the latest volunteer opportunities:

Partner Spotlight:

Children's Mercy and BSC work together to "reach beyond the hospital walls"

When a child is sick, having a community you can rely on can make all the difference. Through our partnership with Children's Mercy, Bishop Sullivan Center is working to provide just that for families in need.

In 2022, BSC provided \$7,600 in rent and utilities assistance to Children's Mercy patient families,

connected 18 families with the food pantry, and provided employment assistance to three others.

"We know that stress, housing issues, and lack of food can affect a family's overall health," said Nikita Sharma, MHA at Children's Mercy. **"Our partnership with BSC allows us to reach beyond the walls of**

the hospital to promote health in deeper ways than before."

"Healthcare professionals see families at their time of most need," said Tiffany Goodier-Davis, BSC Long Term Housing Case Manager. "We are happy to help in any way we can."



Celebrate with us in 2024!

We're reimagining our annual fundraiser. **We will not be hosting an auction or trivia night this fall, but stay tuned for details on a new way to celebrate coming next spring.** Thank you for your support!

Tell us what you'd like to see! **Share your thoughts and ideas by sending us an email at info@bishopsullivan.org.**

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