

NEWSLINES *of Hope*

Cross-Lines Community Outreach Newsletter

A Safe Place to Land



When Marcus* first came to Cross-Lines, he wasn't looking for much. Just a place to sit down for a moment.

After months of sleeping outside and moving from place to place, exhaustion had become part of daily life. Like many neighbors experiencing homelessness, Marcus carried everything he owned with him and had grown used to feeling invisible.

But when he walked through the doors at Cross-Lines, something different happened.

Someone greeted him with kindness.

He found a hot meal in the kitchen and a place to rest. Volunteers offered food and conversation. Staff took time to listen and ask what he needed, not just for that day, but for the future. Those small moments of care began to add up.

With the help of Cross-Lines staff and community partners, Marcus was connected to housing resources, documentation support, and services that helped him begin rebuilding stability. Today, Marcus has a place of his own.

A door he can close at night. A bed where he can finally sleep in peace. A kitchen where he can cook his own meals.

Stories like Marcus's begin with something simple: a community that chooses to care. When you support Cross-Lines, you make these moments possible. Your generosity provides hot meals, outreach, and housing support for neighbors who are searching for a path forward.

Marcus's story is just one of many and with your help, there will be many more.

*Name changed to protect client privacy

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Cheers to Volunteers returned this year at Boulevard Brewing Company, where we gathered to celebrate the incredible people who give their time and hearts to Cross-Lines. The evening was filled with gratitude, laughter, and connection as volunteers from across our programs came together for a well-deserved night of appreciation. Guests enjoyed a delicious dinner from Jack Stack Barbecue and the chance to relax and catch up with fellow volunteers and staff. **A special thank you to United Healthcare for sponsoring our dinner!**

The highlight of the evening was a series of lively bingo rounds that had the whole room cheering and celebrating together. It was a simple but joyful way to bring everyone together and recognize the spirit of community our volunteers create every day. **We are deeply grateful for each person who chooses to give their time to Cross-Lines. Your compassion and dedication make our work possible, and this evening was just a small way to say thank you.**

COMING SOON: Legacy Breakfast, May 13th



The Legacy Breakfast on May 13th is a special opportunity to gather as a community and celebrate the people who lift up **Cross-Lines every day**. From dedicated volunteers and generous donors to committed partners and advocates, this event honors those whose compassion and support make our work possible. Their belief in the mission of Cross-Lines helps ensure that neighbors facing hardship can find food, resources, and a welcoming place to turn.

We invite you to join us at The Vox for this meaningful morning as we celebrate the impact of our community and look toward the future together. The Legacy Breakfast is a time to reflect on what we can accomplish when people come together to care for one another. **Tickets and sponsorship opportunities are available now, and we would love to have you be part of this inspiring event.**

Sponsorships & Tickets



Jan-March 2026 Program Outcomes

MARKET

Shopper visits:
4,110
Impact:
38,562 meals

KITCHEN

**Meals
provided:**
13,861

HOUSING

**People
Housed: 15**
Assistance:
\$17,783

SERVICE

**Volunteer
Hours: 3,357**
Value:
\$113,175

A Fresh Start: Welcome Home Baskets

Housewares provide dignity to the recently housed



When someone moves from homelessness into housing, it's a moment worth celebrating. After months or sometimes years of uncertainty, they finally have a door to close, a bed to sleep in, and a place to call their own. But for many, the apartment they move into is completely empty.

That's where Cross-Lines' Welcome Home baskets make all the difference. Each basket is filled with everyday essentials; things many of us take for granted.

Towels, cleaning supplies, kitchen basics, toiletries, and other household necessities help transform an empty space into a home. These simple items provide comfort, but they also offer something deeper: dignity.

Starting over can be overwhelming. The Welcome Home baskets help ease that transition, giving newly housed neighbors the tools they need to settle in and begin building stability right away. Instead of worrying about how to wash dishes or clean their new space, they can focus on the next steps—finding employment, connecting with community, and rebuilding their lives.

These baskets are made possible by the generosity of volunteers and donors who believe that everyone deserves a fresh start. Every item packed is a reminder that our community is standing alongside someone as they turn the page to a new chapter.

Housing is a milestone. Feeling at home is the beginning of everything that comes next.

The Power of a Monthly Gift

Some of the most meaningful support at Cross-Lines doesn't happen all at once, it happens month after month.

Monthly donors are a steady force behind the work we do. Their ongoing support ensures that families can access fresh food in the Community Market, neighbors can gather for a hot meal in the Kitchen, and individuals experiencing homelessness can connect with the resources they need to move toward stability.

What makes monthly giving so powerful is its consistency. It allows Cross-Lines to plan ahead, respond quickly to needs in our community, and sustain programs that thousands of neighbors rely on each year.

For donors, it's also a simple way to make a lasting difference. A manageable gift each month adds up to real impact over time helping provide groceries, meals, and support services that create pathways to greater stability.

Monthly donors are partners in this work. By choosing to show up again and again, they help ensure that when someone in our community needs support, Cross-Lines is ready to be there.

What can my monthly donation do?

\$25

Ten hot meals in the Community Kitchen

\$50

Three IDs or documents for under-resourced neighbors

\$100

Two week's worth of groceries for a family from the Market

To become a monthly donor, make a gift online and then click:

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