

Volunteer Spotlight: Pastor Gary

Pastor Gary just completed his 22nd year volunteering at Cross-Lines. He is one of the very few volunteers that has been with Cross-Lines for over 20 years. We are blessed to have a person so passionate about our community. Pastor Gary has recently retired from his church which is just a few blocks away from Cross-Lines.

Pastor Gary is here Monday-Thursday every morning 5:30-9:00am to cook breakfast, serve, and to check in with our homeless individuals. He knows most of the individuals we serve, as he connects them with resources and services as well.

Pastor Gary also donates lots of food to our kitchen. He donates extra food like fresh chicken, cereal, and oatmeal. His commitment to Cross-Lines and our community is remarkable. Thank you for all your hard work, Pastor Gary. It makes all the difference!



Thank you for your immeasurably valuable work you do! We cannot do it without you, Pastor Gary!

Holiday Closures

October 24th- No afternoon volunteer opportunity

November 23rd- No afternoon volunteer opportunity

November 24th & 25th - Closed for Thanksgiving

December 2nd- No afternoon volunteer opportunity

December 6th-9th - Christmas store: No Market Volunteers

Dec 26th-31st - Office and Programs Closed

Christmas Store

The Cross-Lines Christmas Store will provide 350 Wyandotte County families with the opportunity to shop for Christmas gifts for their family. Each family receives toys, household items, groceries, and gift cards. We will no longer be providing clothing at the Christmas Store. Instead, each family will receive a gift card to Walmart to purchase the items they need for their family. Our hope is to provide families with joy, as well as the dignity and respect of choosing and gifting brand new presents to their families. Cross-

Lines also gives McDonalds gift cards to people experiencing homelessness.

Cross-Lines is collecting toys and gift cards to Walmart and McDonalds. Monetary donations are also gladly accepted. Donations should be delivered to Cross-Lines by November 25th, 2022. The Christmas Store will be held December 5-10. Please contact Susila Jones with questions, susila@cross-lines.org



We are also recruiting volunteers to assist with the store this year. If you're interested click the following link: <https://bit.ly/3g2qu13>
If you have questions, reach out to Roxanne, roxanne@cross-lines.org

Re-opening the Kitchen Dining Area

Since the pandemic hit Cross-Lines we closed our community kitchen and have been serving "to-go meals" out of a pick-up window. We have been missing the sense of community since we closed the dining area. We want to give our community a dignified way to eat as the cold weather approaches.

Cross-Lines plans on re-opening dining services in January, 2023. More details to come. We are open to hearing out any volunteer questions, comments, or concerns. Please shoot an email to roxanne@cross-lines.org

Farewell Carmelina

Carmelina Cabrera, our long-time Kitchen Manager, will be leaving the Cross-Lines team. She has decided to move on to a new opportunity.

She has given years of dedicated service to our guests, clients, and volunteers. The Kitchen has run seamlessly throughout her time at Cross-Lines, and she has been a very important part of our team. She will be greatly missed. We want to invite you and your group to attend our going away reception for Carmelina in the Community Kitchen on October 24th at 1:30pm. Hope to see you there!





Community Market Update

Grocery prices are skyrocketing. For the past months we have seen a dramatic increase in shoppers. With the pandemic and now inflation, many families and individuals are struggling to make ends meet. The more shoppers we have, the more volunteers we need to help make sure our shelves are always fully stocked. Here is some data we have from the last few months:

July- 874 families and 946 commodities totaling= 1,820 households

August- 1,023 families and 1,056 commodities totaling= 2,079 households

Sept- 1,274 families and 1,080 commodities totaling= 2,354 households

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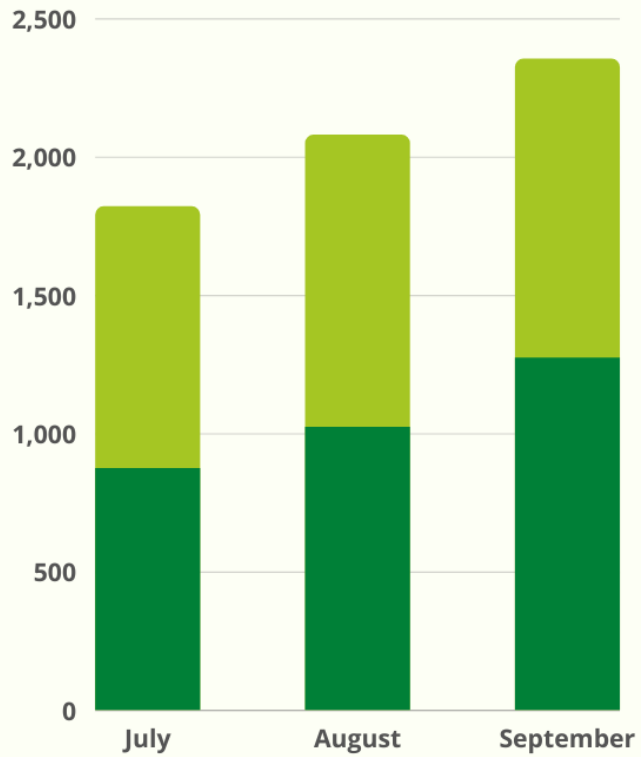
Households

The amount of households we have helped including our weekly individuals



Commodities

Adults ages 60+ enrolled to our commodities program and coming to shop on Mondays



If you are interested in getting started or bringing a group, you can call or email Roxanne Vega!
roxanne@cross-lines.org or (913) 281-3388 ext. 242
Current Opportunities:

If you happen to be a group leader please forward to your team

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