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Fall 2018



Gala for Hope

A crowd of 260 people gathered at the 15th Annual Gala for Hope benefiting Cross-Lines Community Outreach on Saturday, September 29, 2018 at the Sheraton Overland Park.

Ron and Kellee Hercules, pictured on page 2, served as Honorary Chairs of the event. The Don Bakely Humanitarian Award was given to longtime Cross-Lines Volunteer, Kris Illium, pictured above left with her daughter, Brooke.

Guests at the event enjoyed a fabulous dinner with live music by the Mullinix & Miquelone Trio, pictured above right.

The program featured a video about several Cross-Lines clients who were helped over the past year, thanks to YOU! Soon you can see the moving video about these amazing individuals on our website at www.cross-lines.org.

Attendees enjoyed an exciting live and silent auction with lots of competitive bidding, all to raise crucial funding for Cross-Lines.

We are grateful for everyone who helped make the Gala a success. Thank you to our wonderful event sponsors, patrons and auction donors, who are listed on page 3-4.

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Gala FOR Hope

Photos—Top Row: 2018 Gala for Hope Honorary Chairs Ron and Kellee Hercules speak during the program.

Second Row from left to right: Cross-Lines Executive Director Susila Jones congratulates Cross-Lines Board member Chris Grenz and his wife, Esther, after they won the Barrel of Booze during the live auction. Board Chair Cindy Moore thanks the crowd of attendees at the end of the evening. Susila Jones thanks supporter Kevin Brown after he won the KU-K-State tickets during the live auction for the third year in a row.

Bottom Row from left to right: Cross-Lines support is a family affair for Lew and Susan Wiens, Brooke Monnolly & Kyle Johnson and Cross-Lines Board Member Lisa Wiens and her husband Brad Wiens. Gala attendees enjoyed bidding on the items in the silent auction.





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Dennis Finds A Place to Call Home

If you've served in the Cross-Lines community kitchen over the past year, you probably had the pleasure of meeting Dennis, 63.

Dennis is a gentle spirit. He never hesitates to pitch in and help when Kitchen Manager Carmelina Cabrera needs a hand.

Dennis has worked in the kitchen part-time since October 2017 as part of the SER program. The SER program is funded by the U.S. Department of Labor and focuses on the training and employment needs of the mature worker. Participants in the SER SCSEP come from all walks of life, have diverse work experiences and possess various levels of education. SER partners with local non-profit organizations like Cross-Lines to provide participants with training opportunities to update their skills. The program pays participants minimum wage for up to 17 hours per week.

When Dennis began working in the kitchen, he was homeless, carless and living in a shelter on the Missouri side of the state line. For four months, Dennis would rise at 4 a.m. and ride four different buses to get to Cross-Lines by 6 a.m. When



Dennis shared his situation with Gloria Cantu, Manager of Client Services, she worked with Dennis to find a place he could afford through Cross-Lines Housing Stabilization program.

"The Lord has blessed me coming to Cross-Lines and I've got a place," Dennis said. "I can turn my lights on. I can lock my door. I can open my refrigerator and there's food."

Dennis has a positive attitude despite the many challenges he has faced in life.

He is grateful not just for having a home, but for being a part of the Cross-Lines team where he can help others.

"We're human beings. We're all in this together," Dennis said. "A lot of times, people are like, 'I'm going to look out for myself, I'm going to worry about me,' but at Cross-Lines, it's about worrying about someone else, and that helps you. The people here at Cross-Lines are here to help you help yourself. I feel good. I was blessed, so let me go return that blessing."

Ho! Ho! Ho!

It's Beginning to Feel A lot Like Christmas...

The Fall chill is in the air, the leaves on the trees are changing color and there are hundreds of families in need coming to Cross-Lines to help them make Christmas happen.

Ready or not, it's Christmas Store time!

Registration for families for the Christmas Store will be October 23-26.

Please mark your calendars for December 3-8 for the Christmas Store shopping this year!

The location will be the same as last year, in the building that used to house



the old thrift store on the Cross-Lines campus at 628 S. Pyle Street.

We need all different kinds of help with the Christmas Store, from signing in clients, serving as a personal shopper,

working in a department, and helping get the building decorated and ready for the big event.

If you, your friends, family, business or church would like to help with Christmas Store, please contact Sarah Kelley as soon as possible at 913-281-3388 or sarah@cross-lines.org.

We are so incredibly grateful to the many churches, businesses, organizations and individual volunteers who make this annual tradition possible.

Last year, Cross-Lines Christmas Store provided a wonderful holiday for 500 families in need, **thanks to YOU!**

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Cross-Lines Close Up Open House

Thurs., Nov. 8, 2018

5-7 p.m.

Cross-Lines, 736 Shawnee Ave.

RSVP 913-281-3388

Cross-Lines Christmas Store

December 3-8, 2018

628 S. Pyle

(on Cross-Lines campus)

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6837 Nieman

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