

Hopeful Horizons

Cross-Lines Community Outreach Monthly Update

September 2026

Greetings!

As we step into September, our hearts are full of gratitude. **Thank you** to everyone who gave to our Hope Through the Heat campaign. Because of your generosity, the campaign was incredibly successful, helping Cross-Lines respond to urgent summer needs with compassion, dignity, and care. **Your support helped provide food, meals, outreach, housing stabilization, and hope during one of the most difficult seasons of the year for our neighbors.**

At the same time, we are looking ahead to one of our favorite nights of the year: [Gala for Hope on Friday, September 25th!](#) This special evening brings our community together to celebrate the mission of Cross-Lines and raise critical funds for the work ahead. There is still time to get your tickets, and we would love to see you there.

Whether you gave to Hope Through the Heat, volunteered your time, shared our work with a friend, or plan to join us at Gala, thank you. You are part of a compassionate community that continues to show up for our neighbors in powerful ways.

With gratitude,
Kelly and the Cross-Lines Team

Updates

- July Service Numbers
- Hope Through the Heat Results
- KC Star Article, Aug 26th
- Market Needs
- Gala for Hope

July Service Numbers



Synchrony in the Kitchen



Market Visits: 1,942

Households served: 1,769



Meals served: 4,855



Outreach Contacts: 69

People Housed: 1



Volunteer Hours: 1,487

Time Value: \$47,294

Hope Through the Heat: A Community Who Cares

HOPE
through the heat

Your generosity was simply ASTOUNDING. Because of your support, we are feeding and helping more people. We are helping people stay in their homes, keep their families safe, and wake up each day with a little less worry.

**YOU HELPED
US RAISE:**

\$63,444

**TO ADDRESS
IMMEDIATE NEEDS**

KC Star: Kansas City seeing record levels of hunger amid SNAP cuts, high grocery prices



KC Star article and photo; Cuyler Dunn

A recent Kansas City Star article highlights what hunger relief organizations across the metro are seeing every day: more families are struggling to keep food on the table as grocery prices remain high and changes to SNAP benefits create additional barriers for many households.

The article features Cross-Lines Community Outreach and describes the growing number of neighbors turning to food pantries, including many who are seeking support for the first time. Kelly Gough Moran, Cross-Lines' Director of Development, is quoted in the article, sharing that Cross-Lines has seen many new faces in our food programs and heard from neighbors about how difficult it is to afford enough food right now.

At Cross-Lines, this growing need is visible in our Community Market, Community Kitchen, and outreach work. As more neighbors come to us for groceries, meals, and support, donor and volunteer support is more important than ever.

We are grateful to be part of a compassionate community that continues to show up for our neighbors during challenging times.

Read the full article here: [KC Star CL Article- Gift Link](#)

Market Volunteers Needed



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

OPEN POSITIONS: CHECK-OUT CART CONCIERGE

- ✓ Currently recruiting volunteers age 16+
- ✓ Shifts available Mon-Thurs between 9AM-12PM and 1-3PM



For more info, contact Volunteer Manager
Rachel at rachelm@cross-lines.org

Time to get your tickets to Gala for Hope!

GALA FOR HOPE

Building a brighter future

Friday, September 25th, 2026
The View at Briarcliff

Featuring:

LIVE Auction
Luxury Raffles and Games
Cocktail Hour
Delicious Plated Dinner
Open Bar
Engaging Program and
Client Stories
Music and Dancing



Gala for Hope Tickets Are On Sale Now!

Join us for an unforgettable evening of inspiration, community, and impact at the 2026 Gala for Hope! This signature event brings together friends, supporters, and community leaders who believe that everyone deserves access to food, housing support, and hope for a brighter future.

Enjoy an elegant evening featuring dinner, exciting auctions, raffles, and powerful stories that showcase the life-changing work happening every day at Cross-Lines. Every ticket purchased helps provide critical resources for individuals and families facing hardship in our community.

Tickets are ON SALE NOW. Reserve your seat today and be part of a night that changes lives. We can't wait to celebrate with you!

Sponsorships are still available. We would love to have your company or organization's support!

Sponsorships and Tickets



Cross-Lines Values and Guiding Principles

Choice: We uphold the principle of choice, recognizing that individuals and families should have the autonomy to make decisions about their lives, ensuring that our programs and services provide options and support informed decision-making.

[Learn more here: Cross-Lines Values and Principles](#)

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