

NEWSLINES ^{OF} Hope

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Spring 2019

Thank YOU For Caring!

THANK YOU to many of our readers who made a year-end donation! We appreciate your support so much because we depend on you to be able to provide quality services and assistance to the many struggling individuals and families in our community.

Like a lot of nonprofits, Cross-Lines is working hard to maintain our services amidst changes in the tax laws and volatility in the stock market. We are so grateful that

our donors continue to care so much about the people we serve, despite these economic challenges. We simply could not provide for basic needs, housing stabilization and hunger relief without YOU!

We are currently working on our 2018 Annual Report to let you know about all the people we were able to help because of you and the difference you made in your community. Stay tuned!

Mark Your Calendar for Gala for Hope

The 2019 Gala for Hope, Cross-Lines' biggest fund-raiser, Gala for Hope, will be even better this year and we hope to see you there!

Gala for Hope will be held on Saturday, Sept. 28, in the fabulous Gallery Event Space in the downtown Kansas City Power & Light District. The theme this year is "Under the Kansas City Sky."

The space has plenty of room for guests to move around and bid on all the great items featured in the silent auction. This year, the auction and the program will be in the same room, so guests can chat at their table while still keeping an eye on the auction.

Guests will also be able to easily grab a drink from one of the three open bars and enjoy the delightful city skyline from the private balcony, as seen in the photo above.

Following the program, the Gala



festivities will continue with music and dancing in the private Kill Devil Club immediately adjacent to the event space. With the new venue, guests will have the choice between staying at their table to visit with friends or meandering to the club to take things up a notch.

Complimentary parking is only a block away in the H&R Block building; simply bring in your parking ticket and we will validate it!

If you prefer, valet parking will be available for \$10 in front of the event venue, located at 61 E 14th St, Kansas City, MO.

Find out more information about the event and purchase your table or tickets today by calling 913-281-3388 or visiting the Cross-Lines website at www.cross-lines.org.

Sponsorships for this fantastic event are also available for businesses and organizations who want to support Cross-Lines' life-changing programs while enjoying a great evening,

A committee of dedicated volunteers and staff are currently hard at work to make this year's event a success. If you are interested in helping with the event, please email kelly@cross-lines.org.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Volunteers are needed in several different areas at Cross-Lines

PLANT SALE

Place your pre-order for this year's Spring Dig Plant Sale, May 1-4

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Meet Carolyn McGill, front desk volunteer at Cross-Lines

HONORARIUMS

Bethany Bakely
Gayle and Thomas Kerr

Jeanne Bakely
Gayle and Thomas Kerr

Jim and Nancy Dorsey
Tony and Sonya Disidore

Jim and Vicki Ensz
Clark and Cindy Irey

Fat & Dumb BBQ
Beau Langdon

Rev. Dr. Anne Gatobu
Scott and Nancy Pauls

Chris and Esther Grenz
Melissa and Rick Kuykendall

Paul and Elise Holt
Matt and Britta Bustamante

Jill Reynolds
Robert P. Ingram

MEMORIALS

Martha Chapman
Dorothy Potter
Nancy and Bernie Hyde
Margaret Ackley
Kathie Glenn

Lois Culver
Cathy and Terry Matlack
Claudia Bakely
Harold and Judy Cooper
Jane and Al Pope
Jeanne Bakely
Trish Moore

William and Betty Jane Diedrich
Paul Diedrich

Joan Hahn
Nancy O'Mara

Ruth Holland
Harold and Judy Cooper

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Basehor United Methodist Church
Howard and Jennifer Martin
Joseph and Lynda Berman

Bruce W Reach
Anita Reach

Carol Saunders
Wesley United Methodist
Church

Father Gerald Sheeds
Milton Arganbright

Marilyn Uppman
Arlyls Indergard
Barbara and Kenneth Wiezorek
Brian Youll
Carol McNary
Carolyn Steffen
Catherine Goodwin
Janet Wikle
John Meier
Marilyn Youll
Martha Grimm
Paul and Carolyn Spohn
Phillip and Carrilee Whitaker
Rebecca Lamberton
Susan Greenbaum
Tom Nolte and the Saxes
W. Coleman
Walter and Barbara Vernon
Nancy and Richard Wilson

Christmas Store Update



Thanks to dedicated supporters like YOU, the 2018 Christmas Store was a great success!

Cross-Lines served more than 460 families who had a wonderful holiday complete with gifts, clothing and food—thanks to YOU!

While it's impossible to list everyone, we would like to send a heartfelt thank you to all of the dedicated volunteers, churches and businesses who helped provide presents.

We also want to thank all of the churches who helped make the Christmas Store possible including:

Knox Presbyterian, who provided toys; **Colonial UCC** and **Zion UCC**, who provided household goods; **Rainbow Mennonite**, who provided food; **Lake Quivira Ministries** and **Church of the Resurrection**, who provided coats and **Old Mission UMC**, **St. Paul's UMC**, **Aldersgate UMC** and **Indian Heights**, who helped provide clothing.

We also thank all the wonderful businesses, churches and organizations who provided volunteers and lunches for everyone who worked in the store!

Please mark your calendars for the 2019 Christmas Store, which will be December 9-14, 2019, in the old thrift store building on the Cross-Lines campus. We have areas that need help to provide gifts, including men's clothing.

For more information about the 2019 Christmas Store, please contact Christina Hofer at christina@cross-lines.org or call 913-281-3388, ext. 233.



MEET EILEEN & JOSHUA

Being a single mom supporting a family is hard. But you won't hear Eileen complain. She and her children are a happy fixture at the Cross-Lines Community Kitchen. Eileen says the meals are a blessing for her family, helping her stretch her tight budget and make ends meet. She appreciates the people at Cross-Lines, who have helped her get her life back on track.

"We come here for breakfast and

for lunch every day," Eileen said. "It's been amazing here. What I notice about this program here at Cross-Lines is that no matter where you're from, or what you've done, or what you're doing in life, they're here to help guide you in a better direction. They REALLY help."

THANKS TO YOU, Eileen and her children don't have to go hungry. Thousands of lives are changed at Cross-Lines every year, because of YOU!



2019 SPRING DIG PLANT SALE

It may still feel a lot like winter, but Spring is just around the corner! Now is the time to start planning your gardens and flower beds.

Enclosed with your newsletter is an order form to help you stock up for your garden at the Friends of Cross-Lines 24th Spring Dig Plant Sale. The sale will be held Wednesday, May 1 through Saturday, May 4 at Shawnee Presbyterian Church.

The hours for the Plant Sale are listed below. This will be the first year the sale includes Wednesday hours.

In order to ensure you get the plants you want, pre-order your plants by filling out the enclosed form and mailing it to the address listed with your payment. You can also come to the sale to shop. Pre-orders are due by April 15.

This year, we will have a wider selection of perennial varieties and sizes, many of which are newer hybrids.

If you order at least \$300 of plants by April 15, we will deliver free of charge. You may combine several pre-orders (gather your friends and neighbors) to reach \$300, as long as the delivery

point is one address. Orders less than \$300 will be available for pick-up beginning at 4 p.m. on May 1 at the Plant Sale. The plant sale raises approximately \$10,000 to support programs for those in need at Cross-Lines.

It's a win-win partnership—you receive beautiful flowers and your generosity enables us to provide services to people in need.

Friends of Cross-Lines would like to give a big THANK YOU to our corporate sponsor **Drexel Technologies** in Lenexa, KS, who donated all of the printing costs associated with the plant sale. The donation allows more of the profit from the sale of the plants to go to Cross-Lines programs.

Pre-Orders are due by April 15. The Plant Sale will be May 1st-4th at the Shawnee Presbyterian Church. Rain or shine!

SPRING DIG PLANT SALE HOURS:

Wednesday	May 1	4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Thursday	May 2	8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Friday	May 3	8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday	May 4	8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**LOCATION: Shawnee Presbyterian Church
6837 Nieman, Shawnee, KS**

Volunteer SPOTLIGHT



Meet Carolyn McGill

Most Kansas City residents would be quick to admit that they despise this cold, icy season, but Carolyn McGill, our featured volunteer, loves it.

“You see, I got my winter shoes on,” she said, proudly holding up her right foot.

In fact, when it snows, Carolyn can often be found outside, shoveling not only her sidewalk, but her neighbor’s sidewalks as well. Carolyn’s passion for serving her community extends from her apartment complex to her Friendship Christian Church community to the Cross-Lines Front Desk where she volunteers almost every Thursday.

Since first volunteering with Cross-Lines almost five years ago, Carolyn has helped in a variety of ways, from getting up bright and early for Christmas Store registration to assisting with the Senior Commodities program. Thanks to previous jobs with the Unified Government and other community aid organizations, she is on a first-name basis with most clients and always strives to make them feel valued the moment they walk through the door.

“I enjoy helping answer their questions and helping with their needs – and even referring them to someone or some organization that can help,” said Carolyn. “They might come in sad, but they leave with a smile. I try to lift their spirits up.”

In her free time, Carolyn loves to sew, knit, and crochet. She also has a gift for baking (cookies, pies, cakes, rolls – you name it!) and sometimes brings her creations to the Cross-Lines office for staff members to enjoy.

“It’s like a family,” said Carolyn. “As a minority, I feel really at home and everyone treats me with respect. I enjoy what I’m doing.”

Want to Make A Difference? We Need Volunteers!

There are many wonderful ways to get involved at Cross-Lines!

Get started by filling out a volunteer application available on our website at www.cross-lines.org. If you know someone who might be interested in volunteering, please pass on this article!

Here are some of the available opportunities to make a difference:

COMMUNITY KITCHEN (LUNCH)

Invite a group of friends to serve lunch for around 200 people in need, our most rewarding volunteer opportunity. Duties include preparing food and cleaning up post-meal.

Groups of 5-10 people preferred

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Once the growing season rolls around, Cross-Lines needs volunteers to help with planting, watering, harvesting, and weeding. Produce grown is given to low-income families in the Cross-Lines Food Pantry.

Groups and individuals welcome

COMMODITIES

A great team-building opportunity, volunteer groups work in an assembly line to fill grocery boxes for low-income senior citizens in Wyandotte,

Leavenworth, and Johnson Counties.

Groups of 6-15 preferred

FRONT DESK

Greet walk-in clients and offer helpful information to clients, donors, and volunteers. As the face of Cross-Lines, the front desk volunteer is in charge of answering phones and assisting with various administrative duties.

Consistent weekly/monthly volunteer preferred

THRIFT STORE

The Thrift Store offers a wide variety of volunteer tasks including: helping sort, price, and display donations, checking out customers at the cash register, and general store clean up.

Groups and individuals welcome

SACK LUNCH PROVIDER

If you'd like to volunteer from afar, Cross-Lines needs trusty volunteers to assemble sack lunches for clients to take to work. Through the efforts of many volunteers, we give out around 400 sack lunches each month.

Schedule based on volunteer preference

For more information about volunteering, please contact Christina Hofer, Volunteer and Special Events Coordinator, at 913-281-3388 or christina@cross-lines.org.

2019 EVENTS

For more information about our events, please follow us on Facebook, visit our website at cross-lines.org or contact Christina Hofer at christina@cross-lines.org or 913-281-3388

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS BOARD RECRUITMENT HAPPY HOUR

Thurs., April 25, 2019
5-7 p.m.

Location TBA-RSVP for details

SPRING DIG PLANT SALE

Wed., May 1- Sat. May 4, 2019
Shawnee Presbyterian Church
6837 Nieman Shawnee, KS

SMOKE OUT HUNGER BBQ BARN PARTY

Fri., June 7, 2019
6-9 p.m.

Wyandotte County Fairgrounds
13700 Polifer Road KCK

GALA FOR HOPE

Sat., Sept. 28, 2019
Gallery Event Space
61 E 14th St, Kansas City, MO

CROSS-LINES CHRISTMAS STORE

December 9-14, 2019
628 S. Pyle KCK
(on Cross-Lines campus)



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