

# Thank you for being a part of our Annual Banquet and Silent Auction



Thanks to our generous sponsors, attendees and volunteers, the 2023 Rescuing Lives, Restoring the City banquet and silent auction was a huge success, raising nearly \$500,000 to expand our services and begin construction on our new Community Center.

Thanks especially to The Tempur Sealy Foundation for providing a \$100,000 matching gift, and an anonymous donor for providing a \$50,000 matching gift: we are so grateful to God for blessing us with such generous partners!

Those who made the matching gifts didn't want to be confused with being a sponsor, so could we have the blurb above all in the same font and then add a line under it to break up the matching gifts and the sponsors?

We have three sponsorship levels that get recognized in the newsletter: Presenting, Champion, and Benefactor. I've listed the organizations below according to their sponsorship level.

We are so grateful to our generous sponsors!

### PRESENTING



### CHAMPION



### BENEFACTOR



### Thank You to Our Table Sponsors!

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## Pray, Give Thanks and Rejoice!

Please join us as we:

**Pray** for the Rescuing Lives, Restoring the City Campaign, which will have a tremendous impact on neighbors in need and on our community.

**Pray** for the men, women and children who will be coming to us for food, housing and other services this holiday season.

**Pray** for continued strength and guidance for the men and women at The Potter's House, House of Hope and Grace Place who are receiving the tools and care they need to get back on their feet.

**Give thanks** for the many wonderful volunteers and supporters who make this ministry possible.

**Rejoice** in the coming celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior.

**Your prayers and thanks:** Please include your prayer request or thanks on the back of your gift slip and return it to the Mission.



Reaching Hearts... Changing Lives

# Rescue ALERT

A newsletter of Lexington Rescue Mission Vol. 22 Issue 4

## Neighbors helping neighbors!

Kathy is a 62-year-old grandmother who lives in our neighborhood. Thanks to your support, she is able to drop by on a regular basis to share a cup of coffee or a meal and to spend time with our other guests. And when she wanted a part-time job, you also made it possible for our staff to be there to help her.

*Read the story of how your partnership helps many kinds of people ...*

**DONATE. VOLUNTEER. CONNECT.** [LexingtonRescue.org](http://LexingtonRescue.org)

### YES, I want to help feed more hungry individuals and families in Lexington!

- \$25.92 for **12 meals and care**
- \$51.84 for **24 meals and care**
- \$75.60 for **35 meals and care**
- \$\_\_\_\_\_ to help fund the new Community Center
- \$\_\_\_\_\_ I want to make a pledge toward the campaign

Bill my credit card

Make this a monthly gift

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Easily give your gift online:  
**LexingtonRescue.org.**

Donations to Lexington Rescue Mission are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.



### Lexington Rescue Mission

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## What you'll find inside

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# Rescuing Lives, Restoring the City

Thank you so much for all that you do to help men, women and children at Lexington Rescue Mission! Your support helps heal and transform the lives of so many people in our community, and we are ever so grateful.

It's because of your generous partnership that I am pleased to announce that **something very exciting is happening at the Mission, and I'd love for you to be a part of it.**

To meet the growing demand for our services, we've purchased a 52,806-square-foot facility in the heart of downtown Lexington.

This new Community Center will increase efficiency in daily operations and provide much-needed additional space for a wide variety of services. This includes a new, larger kitchen that will help us feed more hungry individuals and families.

**I pray you'll be a part of this exciting project by making a gift or pledge toward the facility's new kitchen or one of the facility's other features.**

Your support will make a lasting difference by blessing neighbors in need in Lexington for years to come.

Thanks in advance! God bless you!

*Laura Carr*



## A New Community Center for Lexington

Lexington Rescue Mission's new Community Center will serve as a safe and welcoming place for neighbors in need. Besides a new, larger kitchen that will help us feed more hungry people, the new facility will also feature:

- A dining room that will seat up to 120 people
- A café for staff to build relationships with guests
- Computer lab for clients to create resumes and apply for jobs
- A chapel with adjoining rooms for Bible study and pastoral counseling
- Life Skills classroom to teach employment skills, relapse prevention, and money management
- Private meeting rooms for professional trauma-informed counselors
- Space for community partners to provide a wide variety of other services to help guests rebuild their lives



### Want to learn more? Join us for a tour!

You are cordially invited to join us for one of our weekly Discovery Tours! They're a perfect way to learn more about this exciting new project.

Tours are held every Friday from Noon to 1 p.m. at 535 W. Second Street. Lunch is included.

**For more information or to make your reservation, please contact Erin Dailey at (859) 381-9600, ext. 242, or at [Erin@LexingtonRescue.org](mailto:Erin@LexingtonRescue.org).**

## "I like the Mission. They're good people!"

At 62, Kathy has raised four children and now has nine grandchildren.

A neighbor to the Mission, she began dropping by for a cup of coffee, a meal, and some fellowship. "I wasn't working," she says. "So, I decided to go in there and see if they needed any help."

She began volunteering by helping to serve lunch and joined our discipleship group, Steady Hands. "I go and listen to the Word and give my input. I like doing stuff like that."

Eventually, Kathy enlisted the Mission's help in finding a part-time job.

"I couldn't just sit at home watching TV every day," she says. "I like doing stuff. So, the best thing for me to do is work. I'm one of those people, I don't like just sitting around twiddling my

thumbs, like 'What am I going to do now?'"

Thanks to your support, Mark Gamble, our Direct Placement Job Coordinator, was able to help Kathy get a job. Mark helped Kathy submit her online application, went with her to her interview, and drove her to her job on the first day.



### "I love my little job."

Kathy wishes more people would take advantage of the services offered by the Mission. With her strong faith and kind, sweet disposition, she is a blessing to our guests as well as our staff.

"I praise God no matter where I'm at or what I'm doing. I might take off from over there where I work, say a little prayer, and then get back to work. I always put Him first."

**Thank you for helping Kathy and others like her through your prayers and generosity!**



## Calling all Volunteers

Many more individuals and families will be coming to Lexington Rescue Mission for help this season, and we would love to have your help! Individuals, groups or families are all welcome!

For more information, please contact Zea Shipman at (859) 381-9600 or at [Zea@LexingtonRescue.org](mailto:Zea@LexingtonRescue.org). Or go to [LexingtonRescue.org](http://LexingtonRescue.org) and click on "Volunteer" and fill out an online volunteer application.



Walk to move families OUT of homelessness

10 a.m. Saturday, February 17th

**REGISTER TODAY: [WalkForWarmth.org](http://WalkForWarmth.org).**

Compete with other walkers and teams to raise money for the Mission's Homeless Intervention Program – and win prizes! T-shirt, breakfast and lunch included with registration.

Event proceeds will help provide homeless individuals and families with a pathway into permanent housing. We hope you can join us!

