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Beyond The Call Of Duty

A young mother in crisis recently called Shepherd's Crossing seeking help. With two children of her own, she had just accepted responsibility for three more, including a newborn. They came with nothing more than the clothes on their backs. The young mom asked Shepherd's Crossing to provide clothing for the children. Unfortunately, the two "used clothing closets" with whom we cooperate were closed for several weeks during the summer. We don't normally help with clothing in any other way.

But Shepherd's Crossing's volunteers are a resourceful group and not easily discouraged. One of our volunteers, a member of the Konza Prairie Quilters' Guild, explained the plight of the young mother at a meeting and asked guild members to contribute money to provide clothing for the family. She passed a basket and collected sufficient money to purchase several outfits for each child. Some guild members provided clothing, toys, books, a stroller, table and chairs, diapers, and a brand-new high chair. The young mother was overwhelmed with the help she received.

What a delight for Shepherd's Crossing to be the connecting point between this family and the Quilters' Guild! Shepherd's Crossing extends a big "Thank You" to the Konza Prairie Quilters' Guild for everyone's generosity and quick response!

—Joyce Marr & Cindy Ross, Volunteers

Valuable Volunteering

Shepherd's Crossing recognizes Shirley Fleener as much more than a valued volunteer and employee. Shirley is also a trusted friend, compassionate counselor, and informed advocate.

Shirley and Paul began volunteering at Shepherd's Crossing when it first opened its doors in 2001. Shirley's interest stemmed from her appreciation of its ecumenical mission. She served as unpaid director for many years and was instrumental in setting up the procedures that Shepherd's Crossing continues to follow. No one knows more about the agencies with which Shepherd's Crossing collaborates, and Shirley provides guidance and suggestions to counselors when new issues arise.

After a short absence, Shirley returned to Shepherd's Crossing as Director of Client Services. Her part-time salary can never fully compensate her for the time and energy that she devotes to this ministry. Shirley continues to provide client counseling during busy periods and serves as director in Jan's absence. She is a woman of deep faith and an active member of Westview Community Church. Shepherd's Crossing could never replace her.



Shirley Fleener has served Shepherd's Crossing since its inception as both a volunteer and employee.

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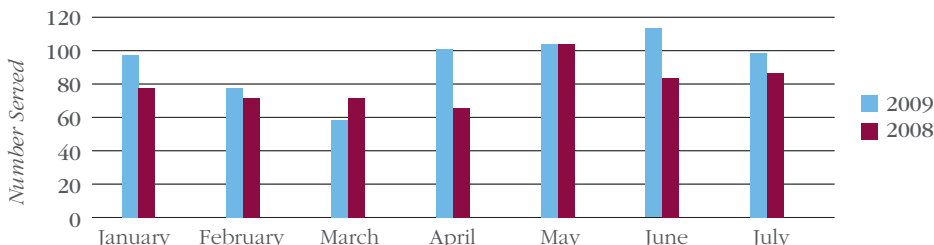
Matthew 25:31-46

Acts 20:35...We must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, "It is more blessed to give than receive."



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Recognition

In the May issue, we recognized **Pat and Bill McReynolds** and **Joe Carothers** as faithful donors. In this issue, we continue to acknowledge some of our donors who give on a regular basis.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bidwell have made a monthly donation without missing a single month since February 2007. Their substantial gifts have allowed Shepherd's Crossing to prevent shutoff of gas or electricity or to avoid eviction for as many as **thirty** families. Here is what Bruce had to say about his reason for donating to the Crossing: "Your Newsletter does an excellent job of relating the needs of the families coming to Shepherd's Crossing for help. It makes me realize how fortunate I am that I have more than adequate housing, food, health, and family. I believe that the Shepherd's Crossing volunteers are a caring group of people who will distribute my donations to those families that really need it." Thank you, Bruce, for your caring attitude!

Anonymous donor. The second recognition goes to a donor who wants to remain anonymous. This couple for the past two and a half years has donated \$500 or \$1,000 twice a year, providing critical assistance for as many as **fifty** families. Their statement: We have many opportunities to give to charities and do give to several. We want especially to help with local problems. We think we have an obligation to help people in need. Shepherd's Crossing is a good organization because we know that the money goes to help local people in need. This couple appreciates the fact that Shepherd's Crossing is a good steward in handling donated funds.

Hats off to Frank Connizzo! We have previously credited **Frank** with getting us connected to **Sirloin Stockade**. Little did we know when we first started the **Third Tuesday** event at the Manhattan location that it would generate so much enthusiasm and income for Shepherd's Crossing. For the April-June period, we have received more than \$1,400 from the parent company, located in Hutchinson. Many people now know about the Crossing because of this event. **Frank** has been our "go-to guy" in every respect. He stays in direct communication with the local management and is present at the cash register on the day of the events, encouraging customers to put their receipts in the Crossing basket! This is only one of the many great things which **Frank** does for our community. He was recognized in 2008 as **Volunteer of the Year** by the **Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce**. He is the marketing manager for **Danker Roofing** and is an active member of **St. Paul's Episcopal Church**.



Frank Connizzo

—C. Clyde Jones, Development Committee Chair

Shepherd's Crossing's mission is to provide compassionate and caring assistance to those in need of a listening ear and financial support.

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