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Helping Over 625 Families

You have received this newsletter because you have previously supported Shepherd's Crossing or have been identified as someone who might find our cause to be worthwhile. This year, through July, your gifts have enabled us to assist 629 families. We've distributed \$64,200 to pay past due rents, \$68,800 to pay utility bills and \$4,000 to buy medicines. Our clients would like to reach out to each of you and thank you personally, but we maintain privacy for both our clients and our donors. Here is someone you might have helped with your gift.

Meet One of our Clients

Mark and Nancy recently had their second child. Because of some health issues with the baby, Nancy could not return to work. Their meager savings account lasted just a few weeks while Nancy cared for the new baby. The couple felt guilty asking Shepherd's Crossing for help—they had never before needed such assistance. While an unoccupied volunteer took care of the older child, a caring counselor called the company holding their mortgage and managed to get payments waived for two months. The counselor also arranged to help with one of the couple's utility bills. Later, Nancy sent a note of deep appreciation to the office to say that she returned to work the following month. Her note asked that we thank that nice man who helped us through such a dark time.

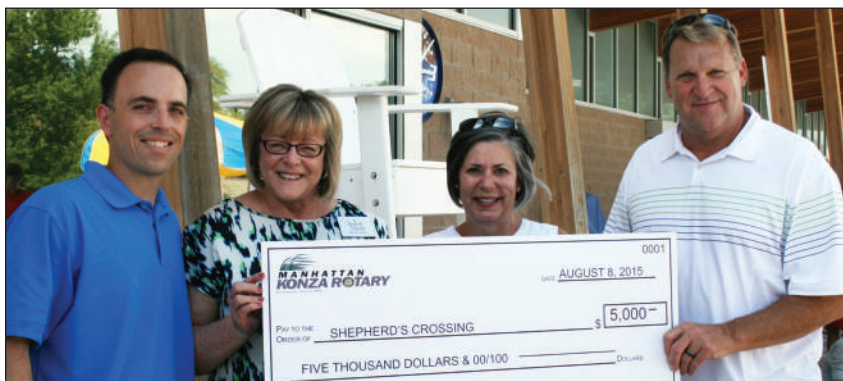
4th Annual C. Clyde Fun/Run/Walk



It's time to register for this October 3 event. Go to cba.k-state.edu/about/cclyderun.html for online registration through the Manhattan Running Company. You may

also download a sponsorship form from that website. The College of Business Administration and its student ambassadors organize and conduct the run on the K-State campus. It started in 2012 on the 50th Anniversary of the College and was named in honor of its first dean, C. Clyde Jones. In 2014, sixty-four donated \$20,525 plus in-kind contributions of more than \$4,000 from GTM (shirts), Manhattan Broadcasting Company (radio spots) and Pepsi-Cola (soft drinks and water).

This year's run/walk features teams from churches and other organizations with awards for teams and individuals. The church with the most participants will receive a traveling trophy, currently held by First United Methodist. Does your church have a poster and enrollment brochures? If not, call Beverly at 785.776.1470. Our goal is to have 20 or more churches represented at the event.



On August 8 at Manhattan City Pool, the Konza Rotary Club handed Beverly Olson a \$5,000 check from **Water Matters Day**. Last year, we helped 35 households with their water bills. We will use these funds to help many more financially-strained families with water and other utility bills this coming year. "Thank you, Manhattan Konza Rotary Club." (Pictured L to R: Trent Armbrust, Beverly Olson, Jana Schwandt and Gary Schwandt.)

Outreach Effort

The Board of Directors created a new outreach committee to design an approach to keep our churches better informed about our activities. Under the leadership of Dave Lewis, the committee has developed a plan to make presentations at churches.

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

OPEN: Tuesday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. & Thursday 2-5:30 p.m.

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Another Sunset on the Flint Hills Success Story



On July 16, Rita and Pat Keating hosted an evening for members of St. Isidore's Catholic Church. More than 70 people relaxed and enjoyed food and fellowship and heard a short presentation about Shepherd's Crossing by Beverly Olson, Terry Arthur and C. Clyde Jones. At sunset, guests heard the distant sound of bagpipe music approaching from

the west. The hugely talented bagpiper played several tunes, followed by a request for Danny Boy! During the evening, Rita challenged the St. Isidore parishioners to take the C. Clyde Run traveling trophy away from the Methodists.

New Church Donor: Manhattan Reformed Presbyterian Church

In June, we received a check for \$1,000 from Joel Wallace, treasurer, with this covering letter message:

"Allow me to begin by saying what a blessing you are to our community! The services you provide to those in need of love, care, support and the Gospel are certainly showing mercy. I'm writing this letter on behalf of our Church; we have set aside a portion of our budget to support you financially in ministry. As a small congregation, we appreciate that there are others who are skilled and able to help in mercy ministry."

Joel gave us permission to quote from his letter. What a boost to our morale to have a church representative offer such a testimonial.

Donate Now

Our new online donation service through Network for Good recently sent a check for \$1,085 for our first month's donations. If you haven't checked it out, please go to www.shepherds Crossing.info for a trial run. Let us know what you think. And, if you decide to try it out, some deserving family will join us in thanking you for your donation.

Grants

The City of Manhattan received a recommendation from the Social Services Advisory Board in June to renew our \$44,000 grant for rent and utility assistance. The Board also sent forward a request for \$3,850 for office equipment. The City Commission will adopt its annual budget in August. Many thanks to SSAB for their years of support.



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