



Shepherd's Crossing

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Meet Karen: A Client Who Needed Recent Help

Karen, a 70-year-old grandmother has two grandchildren who have been living with her for two years, as well as a son living with her part time. She owns and they all live in a mobile home that was built in the early 1970s. She was disabled by a back injury in 2006. Recently she was diagnosed with COPD that keeps her from working and even non-physical activities. Her grandchildren, ages 12 and 10, came from a very disrupted home life and bring with them many emotional and social issues.

With the high temperatures, her Westar bill has more than doubled recently. Suddenly, her brakes on her vehicle began to screech! Not having the needed funds for either, she thought “Fairy Godmothers,” but she had had their assistance within the last year. Karen then came to Shepherd's Crossing to see if they could assist or direct her to other assistance. Yes, SC would be able to assist with part of the Westar bill as would Catholic Charities and Salvation Army. But a complete brake job was costly. Estimates were secured, but no funds were available. One of the Shepherd's Crossing volunteers was sharing Karen's situation with a group of people who support Shepherd's Crossing. Within a few minutes enough money was pledged to pay for Karen's vehicle repair. Karen said, “The Shepherd” was crossing her life.

Warren Holmes, Director of Client Services



Updates and News from Shepherd's Crossing

From the Executive Director



Beth Klug

On Saturday May 25, 2019, the Bill Snyder Highway Half Marathon and 5K took place. They not only wanted to throw a great event, but also wanted to raise money for great causes. This year, Coach Snyder selected four charities: K-State's Johnson Cancer Research Center, Shepherd's Crossing, Snyder Leadership Fellows, and Matt Snyder Foundation for Troubled Youth.

Some of the more than 1,300 runners were shuttled from Bill Snyder Family Stadium to the Half starting line near I-70 on Highway 177. That course went down Poyntz Ave., around City Park, through Aggieville, through the K-State campus and finished at the Bill Snyder Family Stadium. The 5K Race started and finished at Bill Snyder Family Stadium.

The Shepherd's Crossing volunteers joined over 300 other volunteers helping with the event. A special thank you goes to Crestview Christian Church for supporting Shepherd's Crossing with volunteers. We directed traffic so the runners had a clear path, and cheered and encouraged the runners. What fun! We received \$3,000 from the proceeds! Because of the event and donation, we are thrilled to be able to help many more families with their rent or utility bills. —Beth Klug



Coach Snyder with Grant Recipients. From left to right: Annelise Nguyen, Sherry Fleming, Marcia Locke, Clyde Jones, Beth Klug, Coach Snyder, Sean Snyder, Tamara Bauers, Mike Finnegan, Ben Sigle.

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.

Do You Know?

Shepherd's Crossing assists with providing short-term relief with utility bills, rent, and prescription drugs. But did you also know that our volunteer counselors sit down with each client to prepare a budget and discuss ways they might cut back on some of their recurring expenses? Did you know that some clients that have come for repeated help are directed to more intensive training with financial planning professionals? Did you know that our volunteer counselors also take great efforts in learning about other services in the community to suggest to our clients who may need help that we do not provide?

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Save the Date—September 28th 8th Annual C. Clyde Run and Midge's Mile

Mark your calendars for the 8th Annual C. Clyde Run on September 28. It will start at Bosco Plaza at the K-State Union at 9 a.m. rain or shine. The date was moved up a month, hoping for warmer weather. The run, which benefits Shepherd's Crossing, has produced \$140,000 in cash since its start in 2012. Letters have gone out to last year's sponsors as well as to a more general mailing to Manhattan businesses. In order to be listed in our published materials sponsors must sign up no later than September 12. There will be a competition among churches and Greek organizations for traveling trophies. First United Methodist holds the church trophy and Kappa Kappa Gamma and Alpha Tau Omega possess the Greek trophies. A new feature this year is an offer to service clubs and other non-profit organizations of a \$5.00 donation to the entity for each of their members registered for the run by August 18. We will also offer several prizes in a random drawing for all those registered by September 8. You may register online at the College of Business Administration webpage, <https://cba.k-state.edu/about/cclyderun/index.html>.



Savannah Sherwood

We had the pleasure of chatting about the C. Clyde Run with Savannah Sherwood, owner of Savannah Lauren Photography and the Human Tapestry Project! Here's what she says, "The heartbeat behind the run is what has me coming back year after year. Every dollar raised from this 5K has such an amazing impact on the people living in the Manhattan community. What better way to spend a Saturday morning than to run for a great cause and support the amazing philanthropic efforts of Manhattan's dearest friend and icon, C. Clyde Jones."

From the President



Dave Rogers

If among you, one of your brothers should become poor, in any of your towns within your land that the Lord your God is giving you, you shall not harden your heart or shut your hand against your poor brother, but you shall open your hand to him and lend him sufficient

for his need, whatever it may be . . . For the poor you will always have with you in the land. Therefore I command you, 'You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.' (Deuteronomy 15:7-11)

This is our mission, but how best to execute this mission is the question that we struggle with every day. Our volunteers' hearts are big and they want to give, give, and give. However, sometimes giving is not the same as helping. Discerning how best to help is not easy but we will continue our best to execute this mission in a way that does truly help. Thank you to everyone that supports Shepherd's Crossing with your time, gifts, and prayers. Your support is appreciated by our staff, volunteers, and clients.

—Dave Rogers

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