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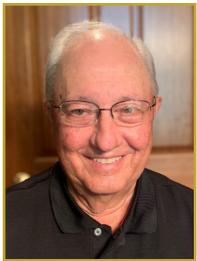


Meet Rasheed: A Father of Two Receives Assistance

Rasheed's life was going well. He had a job he liked and was living with his partner, Julie, and her three-year-old son. Soon after they had another son, life began to explode. The baby was diagnosed as autistic and the pressure of caring for him altered their lives. Julie became depressed and moved in with her sister, leaving Rasheed with the two little boys. How was he going to care for his sons and work to provide for his family? He soon found a neighbor who needed more income and was willing to care for the children during the day. But how was he going to pay for it? Julie was working and able to help with some daycare expenses. Then COVID-19 hit Rasheed's workplace. He had to quarantine for two weeks and then tested positive for the virus, forcing him to stay home for another two weeks. The company closed for three weeks to upgrade equipment and hoped to break the virus spread. Rasheed came to Shepherd's Crossing for help. He was two months behind in paying rent, utilities and the water bill. The counselor determined that Kansas Emergency Rental Assistance was necessary. She assisted with that application, paid the water and Evergy bills, suggested Catholic Charities for diapers and encouraged seeking assistance from the Department of Children and Families. Later, Rasheed and his sons came to Shepherd's Crossing to personally thank the staff and volunteers for their caring assistance.

Warren Holmes, Director of Client Services

News and Updates from Shepherd's Crossing



Doug Hofbauer

From the President

Even with the challenges of COVID, this past year was extremely busy for our staff, volunteers and board members. Thanks to each and every one for their time, their heart for service and their commitment to the mission of Shepherd's Crossing. We've served more clients with more needs than any other year in Shepherd's Crossing history. We also held a community 20th Anniversary celebration event, another successful C. Clyde Run and, very importantly, a strategic planning session in October that helped set our vision for the future. We are currently in the process

of assigning board committees to work directly with staff to carry out these initiatives. We're all volunteers! Thanks to Vice President Jeff Morris for capturing these ideas and putting them into words:

"Shepherd's Crossing is prepared to build on twenty years of extending a hand up to those in need within our community through four main pillars of support:

1. *Compassionate care for our clients and their families.*
2. *Continued community outreach to build engagement and protect our reputation.*
3. *Modernized operations to allow for increased efficiency and effectiveness.*
4. *Fostering a culture of dedicated volunteers who serve at the heart of our ministry."*

We think this framework will help focus our efforts to grow Shepherd's Crossing. We sincerely thank all of you for the generous support you've given us this past year. The needs in our community continue to grow and we are committed to helping to meet them. We are making certain to be good stewards of your trust and your financial support.

Are you interested in volunteering? Your time and your heart to serve this ministry can help make a difference in someone's life today and tomorrow. We look forward to hearing from you!

—Doug Hofbauer

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Twentieth Year Celebration

Last September we celebrated our 20th Anniversary. Thanks to Ann Knackendoffel and her committee for planning an outstanding event! We met at the Sunset Zoo's event room and enjoyed dinner prepared by Wade Grief. Jim Reed and C. Clyde Jones gave brief talks about the history of Shepherd's Crossing.



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

WE ARE OPEN: By appointment only

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Beth Klug

From the Executive Director

2022...a new year! Who would have thought that nearly two years ago, when the pandemic began, we would still be navigating through uncharted waters? Yet here we are! While we look back, it is more important that we look forward. Shepherd's Crossing is looking forward with a new vision through strategic planning, implementing new technology and continuing to find new ways to meet the needs of our clients. In 2021, we continued to see many new clients. In fact, approximately 50% of our clients were new.

The need for financial assistance continues to grow. Our volunteers continue to offer compassion and kindness to each individual. In addition to providing financial assistance for rent, utilities and prescriptions, we help with clothing vouchers, Fairy Godmother, Guardian and Lions Club grant applications and birth certificates and official IDs. We guide clients to employment opportunities and childcare assistance and collaborate with a wide range of agencies throughout the community. As we begin 2022, we are thankful for all who support us on our journey. We know we could not do what we do without you! Thank you!

—Beth Klug



Mark Your Calendar!

The 11th Annual C. Clyde Run and Midge's Mile is scheduled for September 17th, which is a home football day. If the game starts at 11 a.m., we'll start the run at 8 a.m. instead of 9 a.m. It will be held in Memorial Stadium with the run route on Dennison Avenue. There is plenty of parking west of the stadium. We're planning some surprises to make the event even more fun!



C. CLYDE'S 100th BIRTHDAY

Another date to put on your calendar is June 17th! The College of Business Administration is hosting C. Clyde Jones's 100th birthday party in the Atrium of the College's beautiful building. We are choosing June instead of December to avoid the chance of bad weather.

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