



SERVE CITY NEWS

Offering Help and Hope to Our Neighbors Since 2001

A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



It is such a privilege to partner with you through Serve City to bring help and hope to our neighbors. In the first quarter of 2022 Serve City has been able to make a significant difference in the lives of those we serve. Check out some of these statistics:

- In our Overnight Shelter: 190 individuals served for a total of 878 nights under Shelter.
- In our Residential Shelter: 225 individuals served for a total of 4143 nights under Shelter.
- In our Food Pantry: 3758 individuals served representing 1671 families.
- In our Transitional Living Apartments: housed and served 76 residents.
- Offered on-site case management, therapy and medical services to every resident in our shelters or apartments.
- Celebrated 25 residents moving from Serve City to positive permanent housing.

Every number has a name and every name has a story and every story matters. We could not do any of this without your support. If you are connected with a church, civic organization, community group, business or other group that might like to hear more about Serve City and get connected, I'd love to come and meet with you personally and share our story. Please reach out to me so we can schedule a time to connect. Davidh@serve-city.org or 513-737-8900 x101.

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WHO IS SERVE CITY?

FOOD PANTRY

Accessible to low-income Butler County residents, the Serve City Food Pantry provides nutritious food options to over 15,000 families per year to combat food insecurity and promote healthy living.

HOMELESS SHELTER

Combined, the Serve City Overnight & Residential Shelters offer a temporary, safe space for nearly 70 adults each night in addition to ensuring residents receive three meals a day and the help they need.

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

Serve City offers affordable group-living and independent-living apartment units with supportive services creating an opportunity for individuals to get back on their feet while striving toward housing stability.

PARTNER HIGHLIGHT - ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE CHURCH

St. Max Church in Liberty Township continues to set the standards high as a faithful supporter of Serve City. Their recent donation of new tables and chairs for our Residential Shelter's community space is just a small demonstration of the commitment they have made over the years to be good stewards towards individuals experiencing homelessness. Each year, St. Max hosts a food drive to sponsor the "Christmas Corner", a space in the Food Pantry designated to provide additional support during the Christmas season. For 2021, they collected an impressive 3,513 LBs of food towards this initiative. St. Max parishioner and community advocate, Paul Groh, acts as the church liaison for many of these activities as they strive toward combatting food insecurity and homelessness in Butler County.



NEW COMMUNITY GARDEN FULFILLS EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT



February 26, 2022 - Nicholas Ramos with Boy Scout Troop 902 organized a volunteer day at Serve City's Group Living Apartments on 9th Street to build new raised garden beds for growing produce.

The organic vegetables grown in this space will be used to further Serve City's mission in providing healthy food options to those we serve through our residential kitchen. Fourteen volunteers arrived that Saturday morning eager to make a lasting difference in their community and assist Nicholas in fulfilling his Eagle Scout project. Stay tuned for updates on volunteer opportunities through our new community garden this summer! To volunteer, go to serve-city.org/volunteer.

FORMER BENGALS PLAYER VISITS WITH CLIENTS



March 15, 2022 - Former Cincinnati Bengals player and philanthropist, Ickey Woods, visited Serve City's Food Pantry to greet families and sign autographs. The day was filled with excitement as

visitors were unaware of his planned visit but soon realized what was happening as they came face-to-face with the legend himself. After spending some time in the Food Pantry, Mr. Woods walked next door to the Serve City Residential Shelter to sign jerseys and converse with residents. Since his retirement from the NFL, Mr. Woods founded the Jovante Woods Foundation in memory of his son who lost his life at the young age of sixteen due to an asthma attack.

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