The **Sam**aritan



Where our neighbors in crisis find help and hope.

Spring 2016



Become one of Jesus' helpers and volunteer to deliver meals for SAM. We are always in need of drivers. Call Angie Hare at (502) 447-4330, x25.

Driving with Miss Daisy

Daisy Smith has delivered Meals on Wheels for Shively Area Ministries for more than 20 years. Now age 85, she had to give up her car keys last year after causing a few minor fender benders.

A retired schoolteacher, Daisy still occasionally rides along on her old route, but she's mostly turned it over to her younger son. While she misses the hugs and smiles from her regulars, she is thrilled that volunteering for SAM has become a family tradition.



Daisy Smith

Meals on Wheels is a vital service to the Shively community, Daisy says, because "sometimes it's the only meal they get that day." Also, for the clients who don't have family, volunteers who take the time to chat — like Daisy always did — provide some much-appreciated companionship.

Delivering meals is faster and easier than when she first started, Daisy adds. The coverage areas for each driver are much smaller, and the time commitment amounts to only one night a week. Anyone with a driver's license and reliable transportation can do it, and it makes a big difference in the lives of both the clients and the drivers. Daisy became friends with many of her meal recipients over the years, even a few of the cranky ones, she says, laughing. She once convinced a 90-year-old woman to eat more of her meal by promising to take down her laundry off a clothesline. "You get close to them, and the blessings come back to you," says Daisy. "They have so much appreciation and you can feel it. That in itself makes it worth doing."

For Daisy, delivering meals became an extension of her faith as well. "When Jesus left us, He said that what we do for others, we do for Him," she says. "And every time we come to the door with a meal, we are one of Jesus' helpers."

Feeling the love: Diana's story

Diana Myers has faced many challenges in her life, from an abusive marriage to raising a mentally ill child as a single mother. Through it all, Shively Area Ministries has been there for her.

Her 25-year-old son, MJ, has been in and out of mental hospitals for most of his life and now lives with her full time. Diana doesn't drive and is unable to work, so both are living on a fixed income through government assistance.

Diana has received SAM's services since 1999 — mostly groceries from our food pantry — but she has also accepted temporary financial assistance when things were especially tight or her son's government checks were discontinued or delayed.

Though she has had many setbacks, Diana's goal has always been to learn to effectively manage her money and put away some savings. She completed SAM's financial literacy class last fall, and has made some significant progress toward her goals.

She says the class helped her prioritize her bills to make sure the most important ones are paid first. "I'm not saying everything is perfect, but I'm learning to put the major things on top of the list," she says, proudly.

Diana learned about the importance of life insurance, and recently purchased a policy. "That eases my mind a little bit because I know my son will be taken care of," she says. She also completed a cooking class, which she loved. She says it was "a great way for the ministry to educate people, and not just give us the food and send us back to our lives."

Because she doesn't drive, SAM recently provided Diana with a rolling shopping bag to cart her groceries home from the food pantry.

In all her years with the ministry, Diana has been able to see first-hand SAM's positive impact on the Shively community.

"God works in all areas of our lives. I've seen that through Shively Area Ministries," she says. "I really appreciate the love I've gotten from them."

Rai\$e the Rent Campaign

Many of our clients struggle to keep up with increases in their rent payments. Some even face eviction. We recently discovered that one of



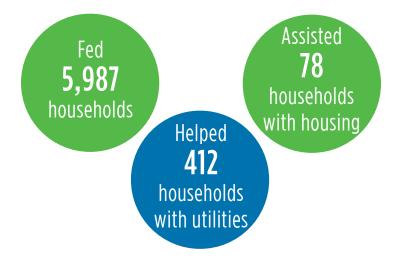
our clients and her three children were living in a car because they couldn't afford to pay rent on an apartment.

Thanks to our donors and our financial assistance program, we have been able pledge \$200 to each needy family to assist with rent. With rent costs on the rise, we need to increase our pledges to \$300, or even \$400. To generate more funds, we have launched a special campaign called "Raise the Rent." Thanks to The Zoeller Co., the families of Tim and Larry Kelly and other partners in ministry, we have raised over \$12,000, which is almost halfway to our goal of \$25,000.

If you would like to give to this important cause, please make a donation to SAM and designate it as a gift to the "Raise the Rent" campaign. Mail to: Shively Area Ministries Raise the Rent Campaign 4415 Dixie Hwy. Louisville, KY 40216 Call Sr. Jean Anne Zappa at 447-4330, x23

Service to our neighbors

From July 2015 to January 2016, Shively Area Ministries has...



Client Success Stories

Thanks to our generous donors, the SAM Christmas Assistance Program was able to brighten these families' holiday season.

Tiffany is a single mother to three children ages 4, 6 and 10. Just before Christmas, she was laid off and was frantically searching for another job. Never having had to seek help before, she put aside her pride for the sake of her children and asked for our assistance with her LG&E bill. Because of your donations, we were able to also help Tiffany with her water bill so that she could give her children a joy-filled Christmas like she used to have as a child.

Mary has raised her grandchildren, now ages 10 and 12, since they were babies on Social Security income alone. Life's basic needs have increased, but her Social Security income has stayed the same. An unexpected medical expense last year threw her finances completely out of balance. SAM was able to help with her utility bill so that her family could experience the love, joy, and peace of the Christmas holiday.

A 30-year-old mother serving time in prison had turned over the care of her two children, ages 6 and 8, to her 41-year-old deaf aunt. The aunt wrote on her application for assistance, "Sadly, my niece will not be home for Christmas. The 6-year-old has been ill, and life has been really rough." SAM was able to pay the family's utility bill so these young children could have gifts to open at Christmas.

Be A Good SAMaritan

Being a member of the **Good SAMaritan Society** is another way to help Shively Area Ministries. For more information, or to establish a giving circle, please contact, Sr. Jean Anne Zappa at (502) 447-4330, ext.23

Partner in Ministry Circle: Monthly commitment of \$10-\$100 or an annual commitment of \$1000+

Sponsorship Circle: Annual commitment of \$1500+ (or monthly commitment of \$110+) Or, provide sponsorship for our fall banquet at the sustainability level (\$5000) or event level (\$2500)

Sustainability Circle: Monthly commitment of \$500+ or annual commitment of \$5000+. Or, name SAM in your estate or planned giving.

Giving from the heart

Your donations and volunteer service enable SAM to offer help and hope to the most vulnerable members of our community. We are so grateful for your time, treasure and talents.

Board Members

"Ronald Reagan said, 'We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone.' " – Dwight Newton, human resources manager, Zoeller Co.



"I'm not sure if it is due to life circumstances, spiritual growth, or simply maturity, but I have a growing need to channel my time and efforts into programs and organizations that make a real difference in the lives of others. I align strongly with the mission of Shively Area

Ministries and love the idea of spreading help and hope. I recognize that I need to do my part, and I sincerely hope my serving on the board helps the good people in Shively in some small way." – Charlie Tewell, vice president, NTT Data



"I have had the opportunity to volunteer at Shively Area Ministries for the last several years. Each time, I have been moved and humbled. The people that are served remind me that I have the ability to reach others with my talents and spirit. I feel my passion for SAM's outreach

will help me in being an effective board member. I can help move the organization toward our goals and mission. I feel blessed to be a part of something so amazing that helps the good in people of Shively in some small way. – Lisa Tatum-Wease, training and administrative coordinator, Hexion



Donors

"My family recently had the wonderful opportunity to spend a morning at SAM over the Christmas holiday when visiting from out of town. We planned it as an opportunity for the kids, as well as adults, to take a step back from all the eating, presents and craziness and see what others might be experiencing at this time of joy. Through learning about the mission from Sr. Jean Anne and packaging some food boxes, we came to understand the need in the Shively community for things we often take for granted. At the end of the visit, the kids said that the SAM visit was the highlight of their trip to Kentucky and noted with

surprise that they could have fun while helping others. My family and I get great pleasure in giving to SAM and knowing the direct and immediate impact our help has on those in need." – **Tim Kelly, donor**



2017–2020 Strategic Plan Highlights

GOAL #1 - Collaboration

- Develop network of services
- Share resources
- Work with partners

GOAL #2 - Education/Empowerment

- Encourage relationships and a support system
- Advocate for needed services

GOAL #3 - Sustainability

- Tell the story
- Engage present supporters and identify new supporters
- Foster and nurture relationships

Save the Date 7th Annual Banquet and Concert featuring THE MONARCHS

hosted by Ben Pine, Meteorologist, WHAS TV **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2016** Crowne Plaza

Shively Area Ministries Donation Form

Please contact me about volunteering for S.A.M.
Please use my gift to improve lives.

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- □ Check enclosed. (Made payable to Shively Area Ministries) in the amount of \$_____
- Please send me information about becoming a faithful donor through the Good SAMaritan Society.

Please fill out this form and mail to: Shively Area Ministries, 4415 Dixie Hwy. Shively, KY 40216 Thank you! Questions? Please call Angie at (502) 447-4330 x25.

Food pantry wish list: canned fruits

- cereal
- canned soups
- crackers

To deliver donations, call Joe at (502) 447-4330 x27 Or drop by M-F, 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (closed first Monday each month)



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