



Manna Matters

WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM OUR FRIENDS



Ever since we signed on the dotted line to secure the Manna Village property, we've had amazing people, businesses, and organizations step

up and say, "We want to help." They've dug deep into their pockets and put their hands to the plow to help us occupy the Village, which will soon be the central hub of services to the broken and poor in Clarksville. Here are just two examples of the generosity we've witnessed this past year:



From L to R: Frank Wrenn, Deshawn Boddie, Joe McCoy, Carol Wrenn, Micheal Moke, Trisha Moke, Tim Coyne, Alisha Boddie

On one of the hottest days of the year, eight members of the Moke family, all of whom are professional painters, showed up to paint the building that will soon become the Refuge Community Center—and they did it free of charge. They let us know more than once that

they didn't want any recognition for their efforts (although we insisted!). Said Michael Moke, "We've been down on our luck before, and we might be again one day. I have family members who come to Manna Café, and we just want to help you guys."

"They made our job way easier and got done in record time," said Kenny. "I appreciate what they did more than I can say."

In May, Lowe's (Madison Street) allowed us to do a materials drive for four days. This

worked like a food drive, except that shoppers donated gift cards, which we then used to purchase materials to do renovations. We collected more than \$6,000 in donations. Sincerest thanks to Lowe's and the many people who donated to this cause!



THE BIG MOVE

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Occupying our new home: the Manna Village

August has been a wild and crazy month! Just a few weeks ago, we began making our full and permanent move to the Manna Village (605 Providence Blvd.). Our plan had been to relocate all operations from our Franklin Street location to the Village in about a year, but our time frame suddenly changed drastically, so this is both an exciting and daunting season. Presently, both the food box distribution and hot meal programs have been briefly suspended as we settle into the Village. Food box distribution will reopen at the Village on September 16, and hot meals will re-launch on September 24.

In the meantime, we'll need extra volunteers and finances during this immense shift. The workload has been enormous, while the move alone will cost roughly \$35,000. Words can't express how grateful we are for those who have helped in the past. Together, we can do this! To volunteer, go to MannaCafeMinistries.com/Volunteer; to donate, visit MannaCafeMinistries.com/Donate. All gifts, whether \$20 or \$5,000, are deeply appreciated.

Thank you, Clarksville/Montgomery County, for rallying together during this exciting transition.



The new door to the Refuge Community Center.

Many thanks to Awaken and LifePoint Church volunteers, as well as many others, for all your hard work.

SAVE THE DATE: COMBAT HUNGER NOVEMBER 9, 2019



Woo-hoo! It's almost Combat Hunger time again! This year, our city-wide food drive is happening on Saturday, November 9 from 10 a.m.–6 p.m. This yearly event takes 400 volunteers and about 800 volunteer hours, which means we need *lots* of help. Will you (or your sports, church, or business group) consider volunteering for a 2-hour shift? Log on to www.MannaCafeMinistries.com/events/combathunger and click on the "sign up" button. Questions? Email CombatHunger@MannaCafeMinistries.com.

Many thanks to Five Star Media Group and local grocery stores for partnering with us so we can stock our shelves for the winter. We're also indebted to the many shoppers who pick up extra food items to donate on their way out of stores. More times than we can count, we've seen a generous man or woman push a *full* shopping cart out of a store where we were collecting food, then pluck one or two items out of the cart and leave the rest for us. Amazing!

As always, we'll also be taking cash donations. As much as we appreciate food donations, we can stretch a dollar much further than the average shopper can. For example, you're likely to get one can of green beans for \$1 at a grocery store. But we can purchase two cans with that dollar at Second Harvest Food Bank—and if they're having an especially abundant week, we can buy four cans with change left over! However you choose to give, we're committed to quickly putting your donations into the hands of local families.

FOR GOD, THE FAITHFUL ONE, IS NOT UNFAIR. HOW CAN HE FORGET THE WORK YOU HAVE DONE FOR HIM? HE REMEMBERS THE LOVE YOU DEMONSTRATE AS YOU CONTINUALLY SERVE HIS BELOVED ONES FOR THE GLORY OF HIS NAME.

HEBREWS 6:10, TPT

As Manna Cafe's writer and editor, I love to hear from *Manna Matters* readers. Do you have questions? Comments? Ideas? Contact me at Vicki@MannaCafeMinistries.com.

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MISSION STATEMENT

Manna Café Ministries serves people in need in Clarksville/Montgomery County through a soup kitchen on wheels, food box distribution, and other vital resources. Propelled chiefly by volunteers, Manna Café strives to restore hope, dignity, self-reliance, community, and the love of God through Jesus Christ.

JOIN US!

All that we do at Manna Café is undergirded with prayer. Recently, we've renewed our commitment to continually seek God by launching the Tribe, a



gathering of uncivilized Jesus-followers. Our goal is to offer people from every walk of life a community where

they can come, just as they are, to encounter Jesus. Come worship with us!

When: Every Saturday at 6:30

Where: 605 Providence Blvd.

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Thank you, Clarksville!!

What a thrill it was to discover that Manna Café had won the 2019 Leaf-Chronicle Readers' Choice award for Favorite Social Service Agency! Thank you so much, Clarksville, for your confidence in us. It's an honor to serve you.



Saturday, Sept. 21 Jesus Fed the 5k Run

Lace up your running shoes and join us at Mt. Hermon Baptist Church for the 5th annual **Jesus Fed the 5k Run** on **Saturday, September 21**, in support of Manna Café. Run, walk, or crawl—it's up to you! Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers, and all race participants will be eligible for great door prizes!



There will also be a 1-mile Fun Run/Walk.

Where: 2204 Jarrell Ridge Rd., Clarksville, 37043

When: Registration/check-in begins at 7 a.m.
Races begin at 8 a.m.

How much: \$35 for ages 18+
\$25 for ages 10-17

Register at Active.com or on-site on race day. (Specific T-shirt sizes cannot be guaranteed for those who register the day of.) Registration fee includes one T-shirt, racing bib, and goody bag. Additional race T-shirts will be available for \$12. Ages 10+ are eligible to participate (10-17 must be accompanied by an adult at all times).

Questions? Email mthermonoffice@att.net or call 931-362-3323.

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