



Love, Peace, and Manna

The Manna Cafe Ministries newsletter

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"Share your food with the hungry, and give shelter to the homeless. Give clothes to those who need them."
—Isa. 58:7, NLT

Clarksville Strong

Coming together to help our community

BY DEBRA SUTTON

December 9, 2023, was like any other Saturday. The Christmas season was in full swing with all kinds of activity. Then the unthinkable happened. At 1:35 p.m. a tornado touched down, leaving a path of destruction that stretched 11.5 miles across Clarksville.

In the midst of the devastation our community came together with one goal: to offer comfort, compassion, and love to those impacted.

The outpouring of donations of food, clothing, and volunteers has been nothing short of miraculous. "I know why Tennessee is called the Volunteer State," commented Rita Stinson, Manna Cafe kitchen manager. "The generosity has been amazing."

Additionally, community groups, agencies, and churches have worked together, sharing donations to make sure needs are met.

Manna Cafe was able to provide emergency accommodations at our Refuge for the first night and hot meals every night after the disaster. Clothing and household items were available to those displaced.

Acts of kindness and support also came from outside the Montgomery County area.

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Beyond the many donations of food and other resources, Manna Cafe was blessed by an overwhelming number of volunteers who were eager to help.

The Manna Cafe family would like to thank some of the wonderful people who joined the effort to show the love of Christ in our community.



Dollar General Corporation
R. Lafferty & Son
Tater Headz
Arapaap
Operation BBQ Relief
Dutch Bros Coffee
The Alejos family
Red Box Ministries
Camacho's Famous
The Collins family
The Lyle family
The Moody family
The Silo Event Center
The Delgado family
Domino's Pizza
Stephanie Kinslow
Lasagna Love
Acme Athletics
Starbucks
160th SOAR

APSU
Simpson Strong-Tie
Lifepoint Church
Among the Wildflowers
Charcuterie Co.
Mission BBQ
Dogwood Bend Assisted Living
Evoke Salon
Chick-fil-A
YAIPak Outreach



Special thanks to the countless groups, businesses, churches, families, and individuals who donated time and resources.



To offset the expenses of disaster relief, donate today!
MannaCafeMinistries.com/donate



During a time when the need is critical, Manna Cafe thanks Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation for supporting our local families. Together, we're providing more than a meal for our neighbors in need; we're giving hope.

The Feeding the Hungry grant supports our efforts to meet the increased demand for food assistance to help our neighbors experiencing hunger. In addition, funding ensures that individuals, families, and children have access to fresh and nutritious food during the holidays and new year.

Happy New Year

Wishing a happy new year to the best donors in the world.

Your kindness and generosity are beacons of light.

May the coming year bring you everything you deserve.



Manna Cafe Ministries was awarded a \$2,500 grant designated to help in the operation of the emergency warming center when temperatures drop below freezing and the cooling center during sweltering temperatures in the summer.

Additionally, this funding will be used to provide caseworker services for our homeless guests.



Turning the page

This new year presents a unique opportunity to not only write the next chapter of your life but also to shape your lasting legacy. One of the most impactful ways to do this is by updating or creating your estate plan. As you turn the page into 2024, consider how your plan can extend your story of love and care – for your family *and* for the wider community we serve together.

To assist you in this thoughtful process, Manna Cafe has partnered with FreeWill, an intuitive online estate planning tool. This resource simplifies the process of securing your legacy, offering a way to protect your loved ones and support the causes dear to your heart – including the mission of Manna Cafe Ministries.

As you reflect on your personal narrative and the legacy you wish to create, we invite you to consider a planned gift to Manna Cafe Ministries. Your contribution would be a testament to your commitment to feeding, nurturing, and uplifting those in need within our community. Take this opportunity to extend your story of compassion and make a tangible difference in the lives of many.



Meet our partner ... Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee



Have you heard that Manna Cafe Ministries received a \$15,000 grant from Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee (CFMT)? These funds will be used to support our programs, directly helping us feed and offer a variety of services to the hungry and homeless in our community.

CFMT awarded more than \$2.8 million in grants to 435 nonprofit organizations as part of the 2023 annual grantmaking process.

“This grant will allow Manna Cafe to continue our mission to offer hope and hospitality to those in need of assistance in both Montgomery and Stewart Counties,” explains Vicki York, CEO. “So far this year Manna has served more than 53,000 families with nearly 18,500 children.”

CFMT awards discretionary grants annually from its unrestricted and field-of-interest funds through an open application process to Middle Tennessee nonprofit organizations addressing community needs and benefiting the well-being of our community through valuable programs and innovative services.

Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee strives to build a more thriving and inclusive community – today and for generations to come – by transforming thoughtful generosity into positive change. Please visit www.CFMT.org for more.

A blue graphic with white snowflakes and the text "Warm Wishes to warm the soul" in a white script font. Below the title, it lists items for donation: Pants (men's & women's, especially in small sizes), Men's Boxer Briefs (all sizes), Women's Underwear (small & medium sizes), Sweatpants (men's & women's in all sizes), Warm Shirts (men's & women's in all sizes), Sleeping Bags, Gloves, Hats, Hot Hands, Blankets, Cleaning Wipes, Shower Supplies, Nonperishable Snacks, and Coffee Cups. At the bottom, it provides the address: 605 Providence Blvd., Clarksville, TN 37042.

Warm Wishes to warm the soul

Make a difference in the lives of our homeless peeps by donating one or more of the following from the Manna Cafe wish list:

- Pants**
(men's & women's, especially in small sizes)
- Men's Boxer Briefs**
(all sizes)
- Women's Underwear**
(small & medium sizes)
- Sweatpants**
(men's & women's in all sizes)
- Warm Shirts**
(men's & women's in all sizes)
- Sleeping Bags**
- Gloves**
- Hats**
- Hot Hands**
- Blankets**
- Cleaning Wipes**
- Shower Supplies**
- Nonperishable Snacks**
- Coffee Cups**

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And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.
Galatians 6:9



Manna Cafe is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization and a proud member of United Way of the Greater Clarksville Region and the Clarksville Chamber of Commerce.