

The Samaritan



Shively Area
Ministries

Serving people for over 25 years

Give on May 6th and your gift to S.A.M. will grow!

If you go to www.GiveLocalLouisville.org and make a minimum gift of \$25 to Shively Area Ministries (S.A.M.) on **TUESDAY, MAY 6th** through the **Community Foundation of Louisville**, your gift will automatically increase to us through matching funds. The more gifts that are made to S.A.M., the more matching dollars we will receive!



Give Local Louisville is part of Give Local America – a national giving day event sponsored by the Council on Foundations in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the first community foundation. The Community Foundation of Louisville is proud to host this online event for our area to kick off the celebration of our 30th anniversary.

For 24 hours (midnight to midnight) on Tuesday, May 6th, community foundations across the country will ask people to give to their favorite local non-profit organizations. Every dollar given will be proportionately stretched by matching funds from a national pool being raised by Give Local America, as well as a local matching pool raised by the Community Foundation of Louisville. The more we raise locally, the more national match dollars we will receive, so please mark your calendars for May 6th, and please share this opportunity to help S.A.M. and the people it serves.

Go to www.givelocalloouisville.org, click the “Leaderboard” tab then click Shively Area Ministries to designate your gift. Thank you!

It's a DATE: for dinner and dancing

Please join us on **Thursday, Sept. 25** for our **Fifth Annual Concert and Dinner** at Crowne Plaza, featuring music by the great American doo-wop band The Monarchs and hosted by WAVE-TV anchor Dawne Gee. Doors open at 6 p.m., dinner served at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35 per person, and can only be purchased in advance by calling 447-4330 x23.



Music by the Monarchs always gets the crowd moving.

Rev. John Frazier, S.A.M. Board Chair, and Roxanna Trivitt, S.A.M. Executive Dir., recognized David Daunhauer, Byerly Ford – Nissan, for outstanding business partner at the event.



Spring 2014

Donald's Story



The jobless numbers may be going down nationally, but the future still seems bleak to the thousands still searching for employment.

Donald has been jobless since December of 2012, and his wife has joined the lines of unemployed since October of 2013. Together, they have two children and one on the way. They have no insurance, and, except for his wife's unemployment check, they receive just \$205 in food stamps every 6th of the month. This aid must feed three people for a month, giving them about \$50/week. Food stamps do not cover such necessities as toilet paper, shampoo, detergent, and other supplies most of us take for granted. The medicine Donald needs for high blood pressure and diabetes are not covered either.

Donald finished 11 years of school, and has worked at several jobs, mainly in automotive repair. Despite bitter temperatures and snowy roads this winter, he tried to find a new place of employment every day, and tries not to be discouraged.

He said his wife and children give him the courage and motivation to stay positive as his search goes on. There are other sources of aid that Donald uses, such as his bank, Wood Forest, that helps keep him out of debt through budgeting assistance, and he said S.A.M. has been a godsend for food once a month and for aid in paying his utility bill. Donald is grateful for the help he has received from our ministry.

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Fast Facts about Hunger

“Food insecurity” is lack of access at times to enough food for an active, healthy life and limited or uncertain availability of nutritionally-adequate food.

21.6% of families in the U.S. live with food insecurity and **35%** must decide between buying food or paying rent and utility bills.



17.8% of people in Jefferson County, or **131,270** experience food insecurity.



650-700 families

The poverty rate of people served by S.A.M. has increased from 11% to 18%. Families and individuals needing food from S.A.M. has increased from 500 families per month to nearly 700 families.

504 children

S.A.M. serves food for over 500 children each month.



S.A.M. provides food for about **45-55 families per day**, breaking a record by serving **61 families in one day alone**.

Over **200,000 pounds of food** were distributed last year from S.A.M.'s food pantry, thanks to the help of **Dare to Care Food Bank** and our partnering **churches, schools, Scouts, foundations** and **private donors**.

Your dollars at work

 **Health Classes** – one-hour classes held monthly on different topics. The first two topics covered are “**Diabetes 101**” and “**Heart Healthy.**” These classes are free and open to anyone wanting to learn healthier ways of eating and living (regardless if they have diabetes or not).

 **Financial Literacy Classes** – an instructional class focusing on perceptions of money, budgeting, time management, goal setting, and savings.

 **Cooking Matters Class** – S.A.M. partners with **Dare to Care** to create the “Cooking Matters Class” with national culinary award-winner Chef Nancy Russman, who delights in sharing her love of healthy, delicious meals with area residents. Learn more about how to choose and prepare tasty meals with the always entertaining Chef Nancy on **April 23**.

For more info or to sign up for any class, call Nicole at 447-4330 x38.

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Shively Area Ministries desires to help everyone who comes here. We strive to supply food, never turning anyone away because of scarcity of supplies, but at present, we are not always able to provide funding for other essentials, such as medicine or rent. Besides working to increase our organization’s ability to give more money to those in need, S.A.M. also works to educate our clients about budgeting and other skills needed to live and thrive.

Donald’s son will graduate from high school this year, and while he may be able to contribute to the household after graduation, having three possible wage earners in the family adds further complications in receiving government aid. This fact is but one more burden people face as they try to help themselves out of poverty.

Donald and his family are people of faith, and he said their love for one another keeps his head up and his feet moving. As he continues to look for work, Donald and so many others hope that there will be light at the end of a long tunnel.

Jesus said that whatever we do for others in need, we also do for Him. S.A.M. and its donors want to be faithful to those words, and will always strive to bring light and hope for many of His people, the least in the eyes of the world.

SAM Calendar

Here’s a quick glance at volunteer opportunities and events at Shively Area Ministries.

April Spring Food Drive for summer

April 16 Lunch ‘N Learn

April 24 Volunteer Luncheon

May 6 Give Local Louisville

www.GiveLocalLouisville.org

May 28 Lunch ‘N Learn

Aug 2 Back To School Bash

Sept 25 Fifth Annual Monarch’s Event

Want to help or be involved?

Call (502) 447-4330 x23.

The faces behind S.A.M.

Co-workers, volunteers, donors, and board members provide the backbone that supports everything S.A.M. does; although you may not know all of their faces, they work each day to serve others. We believe every other sentence could be a "Thank you" to each of them. The staff can work with greater joy, knowing that the Lord has provided helpers. May they increase!

Board members

Jon Cooper, Chief Administrative Officer of Norton Audubon Hospital,
S.A.M. Board Member



Jon Cooper

"I'm excited to join the Shively Area Ministries because they are God's hands and feet in the Shively area. They provide support and meet the needs of many who need a boost, direction and love. What a way to give back to our community and support those in need."

Volunteers

James "Cotty" Fenwick, LG&E Retiree,
S.A.M. food pantry volunteer for 25 years

"I get to meet so many good people and have enjoyed working with them. I have been truly blessed and have tried to give a little bit back."



James "Cotty" Fenwick

Donors

Vanessa Parker, Southeast Christian Church, S.A.M. Donor

"We (Southeast Christian Church) truly enjoy the partnership we have with Shively Area Ministries. Their model of partnering with the community churches and organizations and working together to give a hand up during a personal need, all the while sharing Christ's love, is a beautiful thing for the community they serve. They meet the immediate and long-term needs with grace and love, and we are very blessed to be one of many partners coming alongside them. To the staff and the volunteers we say 'Thank you' for what you do each day to give hope to each person that comes through the doors at S.A.M."

Employees

Sr. Jean Anne Zappa, S.A.M. Mission Advancement Director
Congratulations to Sister Jean Anne Zappa for receiving the Heart Award from the Sacred Heart Alumnae Association for her community service.

Angie Hare, S.A.M. Operations Manager
Congratulations to Angie Hare for 15 years as an employee committed to S.A.M.'s mission.



Angie Hare and Sr. Jean Anne Zappa

Sow the seeds of love. You can make a difference.

I want to help!

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

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____

E-mail _____

- Check enclosed. (Made payable to Shively Area Ministries)
in the amount of \$ _____

- Please send me information about becoming a faithful donor through the **Partner In Ministry Annual Giving Program**.

Please fill out this form, cut out, and mail to:

Shively Area Ministries
4415 Dixie Hwy.
Shively, KY 40216

Thank you! If you have 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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Angie Hare – Operations Manager
Sister Jean Anne Zappa, OSU – Mission Advancement
Joe Nevitt – Food Pantry/Seasonal Program Coordinator
Susie LaFave – Meals On Wheels Coordinator
Pat Turner – Intake Coordinator
Cassi Smith – Financial Assistance Coordinator
Nicole Wesselman – Education/Empowerment Coordinator



To volunteer or make a donation,
please contact Sr. Jean Anne Zappa
(502) 447-4330 x23

If you are in need of our services, please
contact Pat (502) 447-4330 x24

www.shivelyareaministries.com

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