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Eighth Annual Taste of South Louisville - August 19, 2017



South Louisville Community Ministries' Taste of South Louisville celebrates its 8th year on August 19 at Churchill Downs Millionaires Row, 6:00-8:30 p.m. Over 25 restaurants will be featuring their specialty foods. A huge silent auction is planned.

Tickets are on sale at SLCM office, 415 ½ W. Ashland Avenue, on M-T-Th-F from 10:00-3:00 P.M. Wednesday, 1:00 until 3:00 P.M. only. Online ticket purchases are available this year at www.sbcm.org. Advance prices for adults are \$40 each until August 18. Children ages 5-11 are \$5. At the door, adult prices are \$45. Special discount for groups of four from August 4th-August 19th, 4 tickets for \$120.

Sponsorships are available at varying levels, with benefits designed to match tier selected. Sponsors to date: Premier Lead Sponsor Louisville Gas & Electric; Metro Council Members Marianne Butler, Dan Johnson, Vicki Welch, David Yates, Rick Blackwell, David James, Pat Mulvihill, Cindi Fowler, Bill Hollander, Barbara Sexton Smith, Madonna Flood, and Jessica Green; Champion Sponsor Taylor Blvd Save-A-Lot, Knights Travel, Republic Bank, Kosair Charities, Passport Health Plan, Jim & Denise Maier, Duplicator Sales, L&N Credit Union, Fiducial Business Centers, Jerry &

Mary Ann Hubbs, Stockton Mortgage, High Twelve Club #105, Bonnie Roman of Semonin Realtors, the Livers Family, and the Whalin Family. Join this **growing list** of supporters by becoming a sponsor this year!

All proceeds support the programs of the ministries. Plan to come and bring your family and friends! Contact Joyce Whalin at 502-361-7763 if you have questions or would be interested in volunteering to work at this signature event.



South Louisville Community Ministries is excited to be participating in Give for Good Louisville this year. Give for Good Louisville is a 24-hour online giving day created to inspire people to give generously to the nonprofits that make our community a better, more vital place to live. The online giving will begin at midnight and end at 11:59PM on Thursday, September 14, 2017 at www.giveforgoodlouisville.org. Matching contributions will be made for the first gift at midnight and other times throughout the day. Your major donation of a hundred dollars or more can be a challenge to all South Louisville Community Ministry donors or it could be matched by other donors. The donation cannot be less than \$10.00 for the online giving campaign. Every \$10.00 donation or more makes a difference.

SLCM Mission: To empower our neighbors in crisis to move toward stability and self-sufficiency. We do this by demonstrating respectful compassion; practicing faithful stewardship; and providing: emergency assistance with food, medicine, housing and utilities; comprehensive referral services and partnerships (individual, family and marriage counseling; daily enrichment services for senior adults

A Message from the Board of Directors

Families Helping Families held March 21

Kosair Shrine Club was the location of this year's Families Helping Families annual event. Featured speaker was Wayne Perkey. Master of Ceremonies Jonathan Wahl of WHAS, was a wonderful addition this year. Dolores Delahanty received the South Louisville Community Ministries Good Neighbor Award and also a proclamation from Mayor Greg Fischer recognizing her for her years of community service. Many compliments were received about the venue, the food, the program and speaker. One of a kind student artwork was displayed and sold via silent auction. A BIG thank you to Kosair Charities for the \$5,000 matching gift. Thanks to sponsors and all who made this event outstanding!



My name is Jeff Oeswein and I am a member of the SLCM Board. While learning about SLCM, I was really impacted when I read their mission statement. "To empower our neighbors in crisis and move towards stability and self-sufficiency."

The word that stood out for me was Crisis. When I thought of "Crisis" I immediately thought about world events or cable news channels using the word to grab your attention. But when you place that word and all that comes with it onto an individual or a family it takes on a whole new meaning.

It made me think.....What if we could help stabilize someone's moment of crisis? Keep that someone from losing their job and moving onto public assistance, help a mother pay the gas bill so she can give her 2-year old daughter a warm bath, deliver a warm meal to an elderly widower who just lost his wife, or provide a diabetic man his medication so he can continue to go to work?

SLCM is South Louisville's safety net. We care for those falling through the cracks of our society. It also is more than a safety net, it's the helping hand pulling you up and out of the net. Setting your feet back on the ground, allowing you to move forward.

The staff at SLCM does this on a daily basis and is an oasis of hope for those with little to no options left.

I recently read that where the poor, the broken and the discriminated are, is where you will find God. Well, I can say that God's work is being done on a daily basis at SLCM.

South Louisville needs SLCM and to do so, we need your continued financial support. Know that your continued support could be changing the course of someone's life in a very positive way!

Thank you so much for caring about South Louisville Community Ministries.

Did you know? The Great Louisville Project reports that "1 in 7 Louisvillians live in poverty." In our service area the poverty rate is 32.8%. The rate of poverty for children in our zip code area is 45%.

Memorial Golf Scramble on May 19, 2017

This year's Memorial Golf Scramble on May 19 was an outstanding success. It was held on a Friday afternoon with great weather and good food, both at lunchtime and following play in late afternoon. A record number of hole sponsor signs lined the greens, 42 in total! Thanks to all players, attendees, volunteers, sponsors, and hole sponsors! A special thanks to Paul Schuchard and his staff at Iroquois Golf Course for their expertise with this event.



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Volunteer and Partner Recognition

We had a wonderful time celebrating our volunteers and partners on April 20th. Thank you to CareSource, our lead sponsor! We appreciate Ratterman Funeral Home for being an event sponsor as well. Thank you to Lynnhurst United Church of Christ for providing the venue, to volunteers from area high schools and the PAL Coalition. We were entertained by speaker, Steve Haffner, and enjoyed delicious food from Gumby's Catering. We honored several vital partners as well. A special thank you for planning committee members Dana Cantrell and Bob Kittendorf.

This year, the **Outstanding Service Award** went to a team of volunteers that have been a part of South Louisville Community Ministries and Meals on Wheels for 27 years. Thank you Don Tatum & Sue Fitzpatrick for all you do for the Meals on Wheels Program and our community!



Membership Campaign 2017

Join South Louisville Community Ministries for a one-year, three-years, or lifetime membership and have opportunities to attend educational classes being planned for the fall and winter months. For more details, contact Joyce Whalin at 502-361-7763.

View from across the desk. . .

Volunteer Viewpoint

For many years, a long-standing employee with the Kentucky Derby Museum, Sherry Crose, volunteered to deliver meals in the neighborhoods surrounding Churchill Downs, not far from the Museum. When she left the organization, several Museum staff jumped at the chance to take over the route and continue the tradition of service with Meals on Wheels.

Now, a year later, we continue to have a dedicated crew from the Museum, happy to give up their lunch hour to ensure others are getting the food they need. It has been a pleasure to greet and serve the people on the route. It is a humbling experience to see how the simple act



of knocking on the door, greeting folks with a smile and handing over a fulfilling meal can make an impact. Or how just a few minutes of interaction can make not only the client's day, but ours as volunteers as well. We are honored to spend time each month with the citizens who live near the Kentucky Derby Museum. It makes us feel good that we aren't just working in this community, we are a part of it and we are making an impact.

Identity theft can happen to anyone but it is often the most severe when it affects people already living on a low, fixed income. We had a client that came to us explaining how her finances had been compromised and her meager \$733 SSI check had somehow been routed to a different account. She had reported the issue to her bank and the police but she was on her second month of zero income. If the average person tried to live on zero income for just one single day they would feel the pain. She was looking for help with her LGE and we were able to assist with that bill. While discussing her current issues we determined that we should get her into the medication program as well. We were able to cover her medications for several months in a row. She was extremely grateful for our assistance and stated that she would be sick and frozen (it was winter at the time), if we had not helped her. She has called back to thank us on multiple occasions and said that if she ever won the lottery that SLCM would be the first place to which she would donate.

I volunteer because I want to do my part to give back to the people in my community. Meals on Wheels is such an amazing program, and I am filled with gratitude after each delivery. I enjoy seeing the smiles on their faces and am proud to be a volunteer at this organization.

—Volunteer Heather Hill



Taste of South Louisville—
 Saturday, August 19, 2017,
 Churchill Downs Millionaire's Row 4
*Taste food from Shack in the Back, Jimbo's,
 Franco's, Rubbies, ValuMarket, Tuscany, Levy
 Restaurant at Churchill Downs, Gumby's
 Catering, Vietnam Kitchen, DaLat's, Famous
 Dave's, Khalil's, Seven-Up Snapple, Jerusalem
 Kitchen, Sunergos Coffee, Bill's Famous Cheese
 Spreads, Valley Dairy Freeze, Cocoberry Pops,
 The Black Italian, Game Day Wings and many
 others!*

Give for Good Louisville—online
 giving day. September 14, 2017
*We need your help! Please join our campaign
 and help us reach our goal of \$10,000 and 90
 donors! We need you to tell your friends and
 family members about the important work we do
 and ask them to join us in helping to change
 lives in crisis.*



Personal Items: Shampoo/conditioner,
 Soap, Toilet Paper, Toothpaste and brushes,
 Laundry Detergent, Deodorant, Feminine
 Hygiene Products, Razors/shaving cream,
 Household cleaning supplies

Food: Mac-N-Cheese, Crackers, Rice, Pasta
 Sauce

Baby Items: Diapers (especially sizes 3's,
 4's, and 5's), wipes, wash, formula



*Many Thanks to the
 Metro Government and
 Metro Council*

For decades, South Louisville Community
 Ministries has partnered with Louisville
 Metro Government to provide much needed
 services to those in need in the South End.
 Again this year, Metro government has
 award us the much needed formula grant
 totaling \$172,100. This grant is vital to
 funding our Emergency Assistance Program,
 and we want to express our sincere gratitude
 for these funds. Additionally, we thank our
 Metro Council representatives for their
 strong support: Dan Johnson, Marianne
 Butler, Vicki Welch, David Yates, David
 James and Rick Blackwell, as well as other
 council members who have supported us
 through Neighborhood Development Funds.
 Without such support we simply would not
 be able to operate. We are so grateful for
 their continued support!



*During 2016-2017,
 South Louisville Community
 Ministries. . .*

- Assisted 767 families with housing and utility payments--totaling \$80,034 of ministry funds.
- Distributed \$71,659 in utility grant funds to 333 families.
- Ensured 295 individuals had vital medication assistance, counseling services, durable medical goods and eyeglasses totaling \$17,212.81.
- Delivered 18,692 lunches to homebound seniors, as well as 277 senior commodity boxes.
- Provided over 195,526 pounds of food in 6,297 food orders to families.
- Additionally, baby items were given to 439 families, and 150 families received vouchers for clothing and furniture.



The effects of multidimensional poverty do not just add up, they compound. Each additional disadvantage that a person experiences multiplies their barriers to success and wellbeing. -Greater Louisville Project.

Volunteer Needs

(Contact the office at
361-7763 or mowslcm@hotmail.com
to volunteer)

Taste of Louisville: (Saturday August 19th, 2017 6-8:30 PM Special Event) this is the eighth year for this magnificent event on Millionaire's Row 4 at Churchill Downs. Come join us for some great food and fun! There will be a variety of options available for the volunteers to do leading up to/ at the event.

Meals on Wheels: (M-F) between 10:30 AM-Noon) delivering hot lunches to homebound seniors. We provide clear turn-by-turn delivery instructions, and you can sign up to be a weekly, bi-monthly, or monthly driver.

Receptionist: (Fridays all day & subs) Long term volunteer and training required. This will give you a valuable experience of communicating with clients and learning about social services. Volunteers can be scheduled for a particular day or can be on a substitute list.

Produce Day: (9:00-10:30AM for set up, and 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM) for distribution every Wednesday. Come help unload the dare to care truck and help set up, along with assisting clients with produce selection.

Truck Unloading: (Every 2nd Thursday of the month 9:15-10:30 AM) the dates for the next three months are August 10th, and September 7th & October 12th. Come help with unloading the Dare to Care truck. It can be your exercise for the day! It's only for about an hour once a month, you can choose any month to volunteer or do it every month.

Expanded Hours: (Every 3rd Monday of the Month from 3:30-5:30PM) the dates for the next three months are August 14th, & September 11th, & October 12th.

GIVING THANKS



A special welcome to our new Meals on Wheels volunteers--**Pamela Ross** and **Rebecca Mallory**. We want to thank you for taking time out of your day to help out our seniors and we welcome you to the team!

All of us at South Louisville Community Ministries want to recognize and celebrate the years of dedication, kindness, and hard-work of long-term volunteers **Myra Smith** and **Eleanor Guderian**.

Much appreciation for our Produce Volunteers from **Humana, Crescent Hill Presbyterian, and students from area schools** celebrating summer break.

Heart-felt gratitude to the students at **St. Agnes** for visiting to learn more about us and bringing us a table full of donations!

Thank you, thank you to **Buechel Park Baptist** for supplementing our produce distribution with fresh vegetables every week.



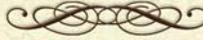
Our vision: South Louisville is a community where all neighbors thrive.

“God bless this community, without them a lot of people would be hurting. Thank you, and God bless you All”

Quote from an Emergency Assistance client

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Thanks to our partners. . .



Dare to Care
Food Bank

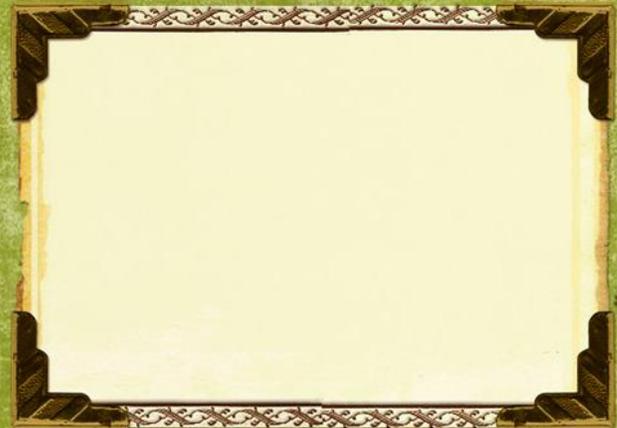


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