

By Kara Brown, Executive Director



Dear Friends,

In our community, many individuals and families are facing difficult challenges, from hunger to rebuilding their lives after hardship. At the Center for Lay Ministries, we are committed to supporting those in need through our Food Pantry and Bliss House Residential Recovery Program. But we can't do it without your help.

**Food Pantry Impact:** In 2024, we served 16,817 visits and gave away 675,512 pounds of food to help our neighbors struggling with hunger. We provide essential groceries every month to families and individuals in need.

**Bliss House Recovery Program Impact:** This program helps women recovering from substance use disorders by offering safe housing, counseling, life skills, and peer support. In 2024, the Bliss House worked with 39 women with documented histories of substance abuse.

**How You Can Make a Difference:** We need your support through donations to continue our work. Every contribution makes a lasting impact. You can help in the following ways:



Scan to donate on  
CLM's website.

**Monetary Donations:** Scan this QR Code to donate online or mail to CLM, 213 E Maple St, Jeffersonville, IN 47130.

**Food Donations:** Drop off non-perishable items at the Food Pantry (Mon-Fri 9:00-3:30), especially peanut butter, cereal, pasta, pasta sauce, vegetables, and soup.

**Volunteer:** If you can't donate financially, we welcome your time and skills to help directly. Contact Rhonda at [Volunteers@layministries.org](mailto:Volunteers@layministries.org) to volunteer.

**Invite Us to Speak:** We'd love to tell our story to your group, organization, or church! Contact [Kara@layministries.org](mailto:Kara@layministries.org) to schedule a speaker from the Bliss House, the Food Pantry, or both.

Together, we can make a difference and ensure that no one in our community faces hunger or recovery alone. Thank you for your generosity!

*With gratitude,*

*—Kara*

# Seeking Sponsorships for the CLM Bliss House

By Stephanie Satterly, Bliss House Director

It is time to get excited for warm air and sunshine!

At the Bliss House, we always say the front porch is where the “magic happens.” This is where laughs are shared, secrets are told, and memories are made. If you ask any of the past or current residents, I would almost guarantee you they will say that’s their favorite spot in the house. We look forward to being able to utilize that once again and create new and lasting memories. Stop by for some laughs and good times!

Residents just finished a “Where Does My Money Go” class with the Purdue University Extension Health and Human Sciences Educator. Next, they will take a “Cooking with Air Fryers” class. These

classes help with our goals to teach our residents about budgeting and meal planning. We are seeking sponsors for our meal planning and budgeting skills programs.

The Bliss House will be buzzing with all kinds of activities over the next few months. We couldn’t do it without the continuing support from our staff, Board members, committee members, and the community. Contact [Stephanie@layministries.org](mailto:Stephanie@layministries.org) to learn more about sponsoring activities at the Bliss House.



Thank you to the **Caesars Foundation of Floyd County** for awarding a \$10,000 grant to help Floyd County women in recovery receiving services from the CLM Bliss House Program. We are very grateful for their support!



**St Paul’s Episcopal Church** in Jeffersonville collected an offering for CLM Bliss House during Erin Hill’s harp concert. They donated over \$1,300 to support our work with women in recovery! Thank you St Paul’s for your continued support of our mission!

## CLM Bliss House Facebook

Are you following the CLM Bliss House on Facebook so you can see our latest updates, needs and events? Friend the CLM Bliss House to learn more!



## A Grateful Message from a Bliss House Mom

**Note: We wanted to share Madison's Mom's heartfelt speech from Madison's Bliss House graduation with you...**

I remember the first day arriving at Bliss House, and being told Madison is going to learn how to be independent and that Mom is going to get a much-needed break. This scared me, because all I wanted to do was be a Mom. I have learned that while being a Mom, I was enabling my daughter.

There is a difference between enabling and supporting. Bliss House taught me that I was enabling Madison's addiction and life. Now I am able to support Madison's decisions in life.

I am grateful Madison got arrested because if she didn't, she might not be with us today. I have had thoughts of getting that dreadful knock on the door telling me my daughter had overdosed. I prayed if that was going to be her fate, please let her have a relationship with God. Madison, while in jail, only had a small spark of there \*may be\* a God. While in

jail, her anxiety was through the roof and she began to pray. That was the start of her amazing relationship she built with God.

I always wanted 12 kids, preferably girls. I am proud when one of the other Bliss House residents calls me Mom. Not only did I get my daughter back, but I have my 12 girls plus a few more.

Bliss House, and the hard work and dedication to stay sober, has made Madison the beautiful, independent, caring person she is today. I can never repay you for the life you have given us. Madison says she has wanted to get clean and sober for a long time but just didn't know how. Bliss House has taught her not only how to get sober, but the tools to remain sober. God has sent angels into Madison's world in the form of Bliss House girls and staff. I will be forever grateful.



Thank you to the **Jeffersonville Elks Lodge #362** for donating \$2,700 and food to the Center for Lay Ministries. Lodge President John Sauer and Kara Brown, CLM Executive Director, are shown. We're thankful for the Elks Lodge's generous support of our work!



Thank you to the **Floyd Memorial Foundation** for donating \$4,000 to the CLM Bliss House Recovery Program. This grant will be used to provide Recovery Dynamics training for our daily curriculum and classes and activities for our residents.



# CLM Food Pantry Volunteer Corner

By Rhonda Grangier, Volunteer Coordinator

Dear Volunteers and Supporters,

As the Volunteer Coordinator, I am continually inspired by the dedication and generosity that each of you brings to our food pantry. Volunteering is not just about donating time—it's about creating a meaningful impact on the lives of those in our community who need it the most.

In the CLM Food Pantry, our volunteers play an integral role in ensuring that our shelves are stocked, our boxes are packed, and our clients are served with kindness and respect. Every moment you spend organizing, sorting, and helping clients makes a tangible difference. You are not only providing food, but also hope, dignity, and comfort to those facing a difficult time.

Volunteering at the food pantry is an opportunity to be part of something greater than ourselves. It's a chance to connect with others in the community and

to show that we care about one another's well-being. Your time, whether a few hours a week, a month, or more, has a ripple effect that supports families and strengthens our neighborhoods.

I want to express my deepest gratitude to all our volunteers. Your selfless service allows us to continue meeting the growing needs of our community. We simply could not do this work without you.

If you haven't yet had the chance to volunteer, we invite you to join us. There's always a place for more hands, hearts, and smiles! Contact me at [volunteers@layministries.org](mailto:volunteers@layministries.org) and we can discuss our volunteer opportunities.

Thank you for all you do!



Shout out to 8-year-old Myla who has the heart to help feed people in need! She made and sold friendship bracelets to raise \$800 that she used to buy food for CLM's Food Pantry. Then she and her family volunteered to make grab & go bags for unhoused clients. Thank you Myla! You are an inspiration and remind us to be kind to people!



Thank you to the **Jeffersonville Alpha Kappa Chapter of Kappa Kappa Kappa** for the donation to the CLM Food Pantry in honor of Tri Kappa Week! We appreciate your continued support of our work to feed our neighbors in need.



## Help CLM Raise \$20,000

We're counting down the days to September 18th and Give For Good Louisville! We need your help to make our fundraising campaign a success! Our goal is to raise \$20,000 through Give For Good Louisville. This is a 24-hour online campaign that starts at midnight and goes until 11:59 p.m. that same night.

Would you donate to help us continue providing food to neighbors in need and our Bliss House program of recovery for women? Donate on September 18 at: [www.giveforgoodlouisville.org/organizations/center-for-lay-ministries](http://www.giveforgoodlouisville.org/organizations/center-for-lay-ministries)

Thank you in advance for your support!



Our friends at **Jeffersonville Main Street Inc.** collected 348 pounds of food for the CLM Food Pantry during their annual Cookie Stroll. Pictured with the donation are Jay Ellis, Jeff Main Street Executive Director, Barbara Brewster, Jeff Main Street Board President, and Kara Brown, CLM Executive Director. Thank you to everyone who donated!

## Leave a Legacy: Support CLM Through Your Will

Planning for the future isn't just about taking care of loved ones—it's also a powerful way to support the values and causes that matter most to you. One of the simplest and most impactful ways to do this is by including a charitable gift in your will.

Known as a bequest, this type of planned giving allows you to leave a legacy of generosity without affecting your finances today. You can designate a specific amount, a percentage of your estate, or even a particular asset to go to a nonprofit organization you believe in. It's a meaningful way to make a lasting difference and ensure your support continues for generations.

By leaving a planned gift to CLM in your will, you could ensure we have the financial resources to continue our work and mission. Speak with your attorney or financial advisor to learn how easy it can be to include the Center for Lay Ministries in your estate plans.

By making a bequest, you're not just giving—you're creating a legacy.



We are grateful for our amazing community partners! **Duke Energy Foundation** awarded the CLM Food Pantry a \$5,000 grant in 2024 to purchase food for our clients. Duke Energy employees volunteered in the pantry to sort collected food donations. Thank you Duke Energy!



# Jeffersonville Meijer Simply Give Campaign

## Meijer Double Match Day: Saturday, June 14th

The Center for Lay Ministries (CLM) Food Pantry is proud to announce a partnership with Meijer to provide much-needed relief to local families facing food insecurity through the retailer's customer-driven hunger relief program, Simply Give.

"Continued hardships have taught us all the importance of community members supporting each other," said Kara Brown, Executive Director for CLM. "We encourage our community to give and help us feed our neighbors in need by adding a Meijer Simply Give food donation card to their cart during their next shopping trip."

Each Meijer Simply Give campaign feeds hungry families by replenishing the shelves of more than

270 food pantries in Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and Wisconsin. The program encourages customers to add a \$10 Simply Give

donation card to their cart, which is then converted into a Meijer food-only gift card and given to a local food pantry.

The Center for Lay Ministries will benefit from donation cards purchased at the Jeffersonville Meijer store through June 28, 2025. In addition, Meijer will double match any cards

purchased on June 14, effectively tripling contributions made on that day. Meijer customers shopping online using Meijer pickup or home delivery can also purchase Simply Give donation cards as an add-on to their orders.



## CLM Food Pantry Receives Campbell's Foundation Grant

The Campbell's Foundation announced \$920,000 in Community Impact Grants awarded to 46 nonprofit organizations in communities where Campbell's operates. These grants are distributed as part of the Foundation's commitment to support initiatives that promote food access, encourage healthy living and strengthen neighborhoods.

"Campbell's is committed to making a positive impact in the communities we call home," said Kate Barrett, President of The Campbell's Foundation. "The Community Impact Grants program gives our employees a voice in supporting organizations that make a meaningful impact in the communities where they live and work."

The Community Impact Grants program identifies organizations best positioned to drive change, nominated by employees at each Campbell's location. This year, the grants will support

organizations in 30 Campbell's communities, providing each recipient with \$20,000. The recipients include organizations focused on emergency food, nutrition education, community gardens, physical activity initiatives and neighborhood revitalization.



"The Center for Lay Ministries Food Pantry was grateful to be chosen as a Campbell's Community Impact Grant recipient," says Kara Brown, CLM Executive Director. "This grant will help us to meet the rising demand for food throughout the next year."



## We're so Lucky to have Fabulous Volunteers!





## Mark the Date to Bid on CLM's First Ever Online Silent Auction

CLM is hosting an online silent auction fundraiser during the week of June 8-14, 2025. We've received some awesome donations...including museum tickets, amusement park tickets, dinner & a show tickets, gift card baskets, and golf packages. We even have a fun two-day rental for a cottage in downtown Jeffersonville! Starting on June 8th, you can bid on items at [www.32auctions.com/CLM2025](http://www.32auctions.com/CLM2025).

**Bidding starts on June 8th at [www.32auctions.com/CLM2025](http://www.32auctions.com/CLM2025)**



**We had fun celebrating St Patrick's Day with our Food Pantry volunteers.**

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