

**By Kara Brown, Executive Director**

Dear Friends,

As we close out another year at the Center for Lay Ministries, our hearts are full of gratitude for the kindness and generosity that continue to fuel our mission. Whether you volunteered your time, donated food or funds, attended an event, or simply shared a kind word of encouragement, *you* helped make a difference in people's lives every single day.

**Your Support Keeps Our Food Pantry Going Strong**

The CLM Food Pantry has seen a tremendous rise in families seeking help this year. Thanks to you, we've been able to keep our shelves stocked and our doors open to anyone who needs a helping hand. From busy parents trying to stretch their grocery budgets to seniors living on fixed incomes, thousands of neighbors found comfort, stability, and nutritious food because you cared. Your generosity ensures no one in our community has to face hunger alone—and for that, we are deeply grateful.

**Your Impact on the Bliss House Recovery Program**

The Bliss House continues to provide women in recovery a safe, supportive path toward healing and rebuilding their lives. This year, your support helped women find hope, stability, and the courage to create new futures for themselves and their families. Every success story at Bliss House is rooted in the compassion of people like you.

**A Year-End Gift Makes a Real Difference**

As we look toward the new year, we humbly ask you to consider making a year-end donation to support our work. Your gift—no matter the size—helps us:

- Provide food to families experiencing hardship
- Deliver groceries to homebound clients
- Support women on their recovery journey
- Offer essential resources and stability to those who need it most

Your gift ensures we can continue meeting rising needs and offering hope throughout our community.

**From All of Us at CLM—Thank You**

You are the heartbeat of our mission. Because of you, neighbors are fed, families feel supported, and women in recovery find new beginnings. We are honored to serve this community and grateful to walk this journey with you. Wishing you a warm and peaceful holiday season—and a wonderful year ahead.

*Happy Holidays!*

*—Kara*

# Falling Into Gratitude at the Bliss House

By Stephanie Satterly, Bliss House Director

As the leaves turn and the air grows crisp, there's something special about this season at Bliss House. Fall is more than just pumpkins and cozy sweaters — it's a reminder that change can be beautiful, and that letting go can make room for new beginnings.

This fall, our residents have been busy celebrating the season with a mix of fun and reflection. From decorating the house in full fall fashion to visiting local pumpkin patches and haunted houses, laughter and connection have filled the halls. Recovery doesn't mean missing out on life — it means learning to enjoy it in a new, genuine way.

As we look ahead to the holidays, we're focusing on **recharging** — mind, body, and spirit. The upcoming months can be emotional, especially for those rebuilding relationships or spending the season in new ways. That's why our focus is on gratitude, connection, and creating new traditions together.

Whether it's cooking holiday meals as a family, hosting alumnae events, or simply sitting together with cocoa and conversation, Bliss House is a place where hope feels like home.

The holidays remind us what recovery is really about — second chances, community, and the joy that comes from giving back. We're grateful for every supporter, volunteer, and partner who helps keep that spirit alive all year long.

## Thank You for Keeping the Spirit of Bliss Alive

Your continued support allows us to create a safe, joyful space for women rebuilding their lives. From all of us at Bliss House — **thank you** for believing in recovery, for showing up with love, and for helping us turn every season into a reason for hope.



We are incredibly grateful to Centra Credit Union's Clarksville branch for selecting the Center for Lay Ministries for their Neighbors Nourishing Neighbors \$7,000 donation! We are so blessed to have amazing partners like Centra who are making a real difference in our community. Thank you Centra!



Thank you to the Jeffersonville City Council for voting to donate \$5,000 to the Center for Lay Ministries! Together, we are strengthening our community and ensuring our neighbors have access to essential food and resources.

# CLM Food Pantry Volunteer Corner

By Rhonda Grangier,  
Volunteer Coordinator



## Thankful for Our Volunteers

As I reflect on this season of gratitude, I'm reminded that the heart of our pantry beats because of *you* — our incredible volunteers. Week after week, you show up with kindness, compassion, and a willingness to serve. Whether it's picking up from Dare to Care or local stores, sorting donations, packing food boxes, stocking shelves, greeting guests, or helping with deliveries, your dedication ensures that families in our community never face hunger alone. Your generosity of time and spirit is what transforms our shelves into hope and our mission into action. Each hour you give makes a lasting impact — not just in providing our clients with food, but in the sense of dignity and care you bring to every person we serve.

Before I became the volunteer coordinator, I had no idea how many people were necessary to do the work of the pantry. Every person plays a vital role, and we could not function properly without each of you. You are the hands and hearts that make this work possible. I am deeply grateful for you — today and every day!

If you would like to become a volunteer and become a part of our team, please contact me!

*If you are interested in volunteering, you can contact Rhonda at [volunteers@layministries.org](mailto:volunteers@layministries.org).*



We had an excellent group of volunteers from TowerPinkster at the CLM food pantry! We are so thankful for our partnerships with local businesses.



We're grateful for our wonderful community partners at Duke Energy! The Duke Energy Foundation donated a \$10,000 grant to the CLM Food Pantry and Duke Energy employees volunteered to pack food boxes this fall. Thank you!



CLM participated in Dare to Care's annual Food Fight. This year employees from NUCOR volunteered to fill food boxes. Thanks to Dare to Care, NUCOR and volunteer Jack Banbury for coordinating this day of volunteering!



# Thank you for helping us in the fight against hunger!



We are so grateful for the donations we have received this fall which have allowed us to keep feeding our community. This photo is of our very empty shelves in July. All of your generous donations have filled our Food Pantry shelves! Thank you for helping us in the fight against hunger!



New Chapel Church of Jeffersonville's garden fed our clients lots of fresh vegetables this year!



Thank you to Turner Construction and their employees for collecting 1,006 pounds of food, diapers, and toiletries for our clients!



Sacred Heart and St. Augustine Parish collected food for us in August!



Employees at AIG collected donations for us in August!



Thank you, Roger Fisher and Lisa Green of Budget Print, for your donation to CLM!



Our generous friend Mike makes donations to the CLM Food Pantry every month! Thanks Mike!



Employees from New Covenant Trust donated birthday kits for our clients this fall!



Sacred Heart School collected 520 pounds of food for the CLM Food Pantry!



The staff of LiveRez volunteered at CLM stocking shelves, making boxes and daily bags, and they brought groceries for the pantry, too!



Walnut Ridge Baptist Church for organized their first food drive for CLM and collected over 400 pounds of food!



Edwardsville United Methodist Church held food drives in August and in October!



Thank you to ProRehab Physical Therapy for holding a food drive for us!



Employees from CTDI collected over 800 pounds of food in September!



First Christian Church of Jeffersonville donated over a ton of food this fall!



Thank you for the generous donation from the Jeffersonville Housing Authority!



Employees from the Presbyterian Foundation have been collecting food for our clients this fall!



Shout out to the Curry family, who took donations from friends and family, went shopping, and delivered a whopping 555 pounds of food!



Thank you to Emmanuel United Methodist Church for your food donation!



The Clark County REMC collected nearly 800 pounds of food from their customers this fall!



Thank you to Southeast Christian Church for donating several pallets of food to the CLM Food Pantry this year!



Members of Bethany Christian Church unloaded over 900 pounds of donations that the congregation collected!



Thank you to Centra Credit Union's Clarksville Branch for selecting CLM as the recipient of their annual Team Member Nominated Donations Program. Centra generously donated \$2,500 to the CLM Food Pantry.

Gina Parrella-Dewilde challenged the JHS Class of 1982 to donate to the CLM Food Pantry. The Class of 82 responded in a BIG way! Thank you Red Devils!



We're grateful to the Ann Rogers Clark Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution for collecting food for the CLM Food Pantry!

## CLM Food Pantry Named 1SI Nonprofit Program of the Year



The Center for Lay Ministries Food Pantry won the 1SI Once Award for Nonprofit Program of the Year Sponsored by Centra Credit Union! We are thankful to be recognized for our work in our community. We couldn't do this work without our amazing volunteers, donors, community partners, and staff who show up every day with compassion and commitment. Thank you for helping us provide food with dignity and offering hope to our clients in need.

## CFSI Donates Grant to CLM



L-R: CFSI board chair Greg Nash, Center for Lay Ministries executive director Kara Brown, and CFSI board member Eric Howard.

We are deeply grateful to the Community Foundation of Southern Indiana and their donors for standing with us in the fight against hunger. Their \$5,500 Community Impact Fund Grant will directly support local families who rely on the Center for Lay Ministries.

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