

December 2021 DAYLIGHT Happenings at St. John Center for Homeless Men



PEACE ON EARTH

On a cold fall morning, Elgin Bullock stands at the front door of St. John Center and welcomes every person who comes in. Bullock (as he is known to guests, volunteers and staff) knows almost everyone who enters by name. He welcomes everyone with the same warm and tranquil tone.



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the same spirit to help."

-Bullock

Bullock is a big part of creating a space in which every person is welcome, no matter what they bring with them. One of the things that makes that possible, he says, is the St. John Center Family. "I love that we are people of different backgrounds and we all come together with the same spirit to help." Bullock thinks he was raised to help. "Groomed for service" is how his sister, Elgina, puts it.

That spirit of service is present in Bullock and Elgina even in the worst of times. In 2015, Elgina lost her 19-year-old son, AJ, to gun homicide. "Your entire life changes in a single moment," said Elgina. To heal, Elgina allowed her consuming grief to define a new purpose in her life. In the five years since AJ's death, Elgina has written two books; started an organization for mourning mothers called When Mourners Meet, they Mend; and become a certified grief counselor and life coach. "You have to give out of your need," she said. And her need has focused her life on healing herself and others and bringing peace to people in need.

When Bullock was growing up, his mother used to say "Be careful how you treat people, because you never know when you might be meeting an angel." Bullock takes that lesson with him as he opens the door and welcomes the people waiting to come into St. John Center.

The St. John Center Family is the extended community that comes together to help people experiencing homelessness find hope and move home. Bullock and his family are part of the St. John Family and so are you. Thank you!

REMEMBER THOSE WE HAVE LOST

Each year, St. John Center holds a Memorial Service, which we hold each December in memory of clients, volunteers, and friends we have lost in the last 12 months. We gather for a few prayers and songs and reach the name of each departed member of our community. This year, you can join the live-streamed event on Tuesday, December 21st at 10 am on our Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/St.JohnCenter.





In my first three months at St. John Center I've been immersed not only into the work we do, but into the community we create and that sustains us. I've seen again and again that the experience of homelessness is also the experience of a tragic lack of community and support. St. John Center works to provide housing and resources. We also extend a system of support.

One morning, I headed out with our
Outreach team to an encampment under
a bridge. Vernon went from tent to tent,
introducing himself to those who lived
there. I watched a small woman covered in
a robe emerge from a wooded area carrying a pile of sticks.
Robert approached the woman, took the sticks from her
hands, and helped her fuel her small fire. Carrie approached
with a bag of food. The woman explained she missed her
housing appointment because of a recent overdose. Robert
handed her numbered TARC passes and he and Carried
stayed with her to make a plan to get her next appointment
for housing.

Later that same day, we visited a spirited man camping out on a TARC stop. His legs and feet were yellow and swollen with infection. The day before, the SJC Outreach Team brought a nurse practitioner to visit him and make a plan to go to the hospital. But the man worried about leaving

his few belongings behind. Brian paced the street looking for a place to store his cart. I called the EMS, and Carrie assured him that she would meet him at the hospital. As the medics rolled the man into the ambulance, I thought about the power of community in action.

St. John Center is a daily witness to that power and that community. Thank you for being part

of this mission.

Keep Shining!

Ra'Shann Martin Executive Director



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Thank You Raymond!



After 13 years working in the Day Shelter and Social Services Center, Raymond Schafer is retiring. On Christmas Day, December 25th, he will spend his last day as an employee at St. John Center. Thank you, Raymond, for your kindness, generosity, and love for the people we serve.

88% of clients who moved into housing six months ago after meeting with one of our housing counselors are still in housing today





Thank you to Don Erler and Chris Dischinger who support St. John Center because **Housing is a Right**



- Winter hats
- Gloves
- Men's boxers or briefs (M, L, XL)

For more information, contact Jim Fulkerson at (502) 398-3505 or jfulkerson@stjohncenter.org

The following are the names of those who have been memorialized in gifts to St. John Center between December 1, 2020 and November 10, 2021

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In memory of those we serve

The following are the names of St. John Center clients who have died in the last year. May they rest in peace.

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