



MANNA MATTERS



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THE SUMMER ISSUE

With summer in full swing, there's no shortage of fun or adventure at Manna Cafe

Summertime offers the opportunity for new ways to serve our neighbors. In June, Backyard Kids' Club (carried out by Living Hope Church) ran for four days. Roughly 20 kiddos learned all about Jesus while also enjoying plenty of games, water play, crafts, and snacks.



On June 23, our clients loved the evening concert by The Extreme Tour, whose members call themselves "a motley crew ... of creatives" who strive "to meet the needs of the disenfranchised and underserved" through their gifts. Glowsticks in hand, our guests danced and joined in with interactive songs as the sun set.

In July, Valleybrook Evangelical Presbyterian Church's youth group (from Chattanooga, TN) spent a week at Manna Cafe. Led by Youth and Family Pastor Rog Hill and Pastor Tracy Edwards, the group experienced something new each day in regard to serving one's neighbors. They were excellent volunteers, willing to pitch in wherever there was a need, from organizing the warehouse to serving hot meals.

Meanwhile, Manna also partnered with SNL (Mayor's Summer Night Lights, the City of Clarksville's annual



Three Backyard Bible School students enjoy a watermelon snack.



HAVE WE MET?

As Kenny gets healthy, the Manna Cafe team carries on with excellence



L column, top to bottom: Christina Golden, operations mgr.; Willard Wallace, driver; Chelo Paz, clothing ministry; Becky Watson, grant writer

R column: Doretha Minor, programs mgr.; Stanley Smith, driver; Suzanne Lockwood, admin. asst.; Jeffrey Meyer, driver

Not pictured: Michael Bevens, driver

WHEN KENNY was diagnosed with cancer in May, the community instantly responded with love and support. For this, we are beyond thankful. At the same time, the Manna Cafe staff rallied, allowing Kenny to travel to Mexico to receive five weeks of intensive, integrative treatment that have resulted in greatly improved health.

Although we love our countless volunteers and couldn't carry out our mission without them, our staff members are the "bones" of this organization. Each one holds a position while also wearing multiple hats. They do their jobs with commitment and positivity, all for the sake of those who are hungry, homeless, or struggling in some other way. These are first rate, dedicated people, and we'd like to introduce our readers to each one.

The next time you're at Manna Cafe, take a moment to meet one of our staff members. Who knows? — one day you, too, might be part of the family.



Rachael Hickman, development mgr.; Hope Boyd, admin. mgr.; Brandy Barker, accounts mgr.; Ken Shipley, COO



Ahmed Rage, security mgr.; Claudette Sims, caseworker; Eddie Serrano, kitchen mgr.; Brianna Sherpa, Refuge set-up



Tim Kurtz, asst. warehouse mgr.; Hunter Mead, warehouse; DeWayne Biemesderfer, warehouse; Ellen Tolley, warehouse



Beebe Townsend, warehouse mgr.; Paul Davis, warehouse; Craig Groomes, driver

GOLF SCRAMBLE 2021

Many thanks to everyone who made Golf Scramble 2021 a



success. Held at Eastland Green Golf Course and sponsored by Frontier Basements and CEMC,

golfers enjoyed a Bojangles breakfast, catered lunch with BBQ and ribs, and cash prizes.



MISSION STATEMENT:

Manna Café Ministries serves people in need in Clarksville/Montgomery County through a soup kitchen on wheels, food box distribution, and other vital resources.

Propelled chiefly by volunteers, Manna Café strives to restore hope, dignity, self-reliance, community, and the love of God through Jesus Christ.

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS!

Manna Café Culinary Arts Program is accepting applications for its internship. Led by a certified chef, this program is approximately six months long. Anyone college age or older who's interested in learning culinary skills and/or starting a career in the food industry can contact us at 931-933-0970 or email info@mannacafeministries.com.



SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 11TH

CROSS CREEK CLAYS

3975 Jarman Hollow Rd. | Palmyra, TN 37142

4-Man team: \$400.00

- » 100 Clays
- » Breakfast and Lunch Included
- » Registration opens at 8:00 AM
- » Safety Briefing begins at 8:45 AM
- » Shooting begins at 9:00 AM

Golf carts not included | Prizes available

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SUMMER, CONT'D.



program offering wholesome activities for children and youth from early June until late July) by providing family-friendly food. All the while, Manna's regular programs (including hot meals, food box distribution, Mobile Pantries, educational



classes, catering internship, free health clinic, and more) continued as usual.



We stay busy serving our community all summer at Manna Cafe. But, like many nonprofits, we also see a drastic drop in donations in the summer. Will you help us with summertime expenses?

Just log on to mannacafeministries.com/donate, use the envelope included with this newsletter, or text to give at 931-542-4772. Thank you so much!

Thank You

Our sincere gratitude goes to our generous supporters, including the following:

- Fort Campbell Spouses' Club
- United Way of the Greater Clarksville Region
- No Kid Hungry (Tennessee)
- The Starbucks Foundation
- CMC Community Health Foundation

Thank You