



Love, Peace, and Manna

The Manna Cafe Ministries newsletter

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"Share your food with the hungry, and give shelter to the homeless. Give clothes to those who need them."  
—Isa. 58:7, NLT

# Celebrating a successful year at Manna Cafe



This year's Golden Gala celebrated the first year of Manna Cafe's operation under the leadership of CEO Vicki York. It has been a year of challenges, triumphs, and miracles.

BY DEBRA SUTTON

The evening began with an opening prayer by Clarksville's First Lady, Cynthia Pitts. Guests were treated to a delicious dinner prepared by the Manna Cafe culinary staff and decadent desserts by Millers Confections. The sounds of Syd Hedrick and the Guild delighted the crowd.



Vicki's remarks included some astounding figures of how many Manna Cafe has served so far this year.



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In the first ten months of 2023, Manna Cafe served 53,007 families in our community. Nearly 19,000 children benefited from Manna’s services.

Manna Cafe has distributed 1.9 million pounds of food in Montgomery and Stewart Counties, as well as providing 93,263 diapers to parents.



The crowd’s excitement peaked with a live auction of chairs painted by local artists and a variety of experiences from area merchants.

The evening culminated with the selection of the raffle winner of a 1981 vintage Corvette. Congratulations to James Mason.



*Special thanks to the Golden Gala sponsors F&M Bank, Altra Federal Credit Union, Fortera Credit Union, and Serene Squirrel Massage & Wellness.*



# A Lot Got Done Last Month

**Due to the generosity of our donors, Manna Cafe provided Montgomery and Stewart County residents with:**

- 3,081 hot meals at our Mobile Cafe locations
- 2,782 carts of food
- 143 hot showers for the homeless
- case work benefits for 72 clients
- 7,121 pounds of clothing



*For only \$19 per month you can make a huge difference in the lives of thousands in our community.*

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TRANSFORM YOUR GIVING

# Be Strategic, Be Smart

Discover the power of Smart  
Giving with Manna Cafe



Smart Giving opens up a new frontier of charitable contributions. This includes giving through Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) and stock gifts. Each offering brings unique tax advantages, allowing you to magnify your impact on our mission while optimizing your financial strategy.

## Qualified Charitable Distribution

A Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) is a direct transfer of funds from your IRA to a nonprofit, counted toward your required minimum distributions for the year without treating the distribution as taxable income.

## Stock Gifts

Donated appreciated stock can be substantial support to our cause and potentially help you avoid capital gains taxes and claim a tax deduction based on the full market value of your stocks.

Please consult with your tax advisor or financial professional before making a decision about Smart Giving. Your philanthropy is deeply personal and unique, and we want to ensure you are fully informed about your giving options.

### To make a QCD

Go to:  
[freewill.com/smartgiving/  
MannaCafe?product=QCD](https://freewill.com/smartgiving/MannaCafe?product=QCD)  
and select “Begin a QCD gift.”

### To donate stocks

Go to:  
[freewill.com/smartgiving/  
MannaCafe?product=STOCK.GIFT](https://freewill.com/smartgiving/MannaCafe?product=STOCK.GIFT)  
and select “Donate stock today.”

**F R E E W I L L**



# Warm Wishes to warm the soul

Make a difference in the lives of our homeless peeps by donating one or more of the following from the Manna Cafe wish list:

## Pants

(men's & women's, especially in small sizes)

## Men's Boxer Briefs

(all sizes)

## Women's Underwear

(small & medium sizes)

## Sweatpants

(men's & women's in all sizes)

## Warm Shirts

(men's & women's in all sizes)

Sleeping Bags

Gloves

Hats

Hot Hands

Blankets

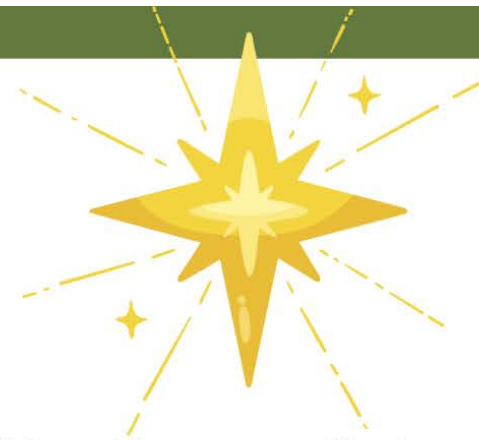
Cleaning Wipes

Shower Supplies

Nonperishable Snacks

Coffee Cups

605 Providence Blvd., Clarksville, TN 37042



May this season find you among those you love, sharing in the twin glories of generosity and gratitude.

# Merry Christmas

The Manna Cafe Family



***Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor.***

***Proverbs 22:9***



***Manna Cafe is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization and a proud member of United Way of the Greater Clarksville Region and the Clarksville Chamber of Commerce.***