



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

Partnership with local farmers feeds families

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The old proverb "It takes a village" is true. Working together as a community can produce a lot of good. However, in the case of feeding families it takes more than a village. It's a partnership of farmers, food banks, and local agencies working together to ensure families have fresh, nutritious meals on their tables.



Through a federal grant program, Second Harvest of Tennessee has been able to support local farmers, ranchers, and producers while strengthening and growing sustainable partnerships in the food distribution community.



The Farm to Families program enlists minority and veteran small farmers who are dedicated to reducing food waste and feeding hungry people.

This program has helped Manna Cafe partner with area farmers in providing fresh produce for our clients.

Two amazing partners contributing to Manna's food distribution are Jackson Farms in Robertson County and 4 Ds Helping Hands Farm of Montgomery County.



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Summer of 2023 was the first growing season these farmers supplied Manna Cafe with fresh produce. Clients were treated to fresh beets, sweet corn, collard greens, turnips, and turnip greens. In fact, Manna received and distributed nearly 92,000 pounds of fresh produce from these farms alone.

Plans are being made for even more fresh deliveries in 2024.



***Be a part of the Manna Cafe mission
of feeding the hungry and caring for the homeless
in Montgomery and Stewart Counties.***

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Celebrating 14 Years of serving our community

GRITS & GRAVY

Friday, May 7
7:30 - 9:00 am

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at officeNOW
1860 Wilma Rudolph Blvd.

Enjoy a hearty breakfast
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\$25 person/ \$45 couple
\$200 table (8 seats)

Tickets available online
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We CAN Do This



Increased need has taken a toll on our food pantry.

Can you help restock our shelves?

Simply go to mannacafeministries.com/donate and write "canned food" in the note.

Estate planning is not a matter of luck

Create a free will and make a lasting impact on Manna Cafe

• **Protect what matters**
Ensure the safety and care of the people, pets, and communities you cherish.

• **Ease for loved ones**
Offer your family clarity and reduce complications by detailing how your estate should be managed.

• **Legacy with Manna Cafe**
Leave a mark with Manna Cafe and support feeding the hungry and homeless.

Visit FreeWill.com/MannaCafe to create a free will or revocable living trust.



emptyb**owls**

February 18 through February 27 marked the 16th annual Empty Bowls event. Thirteen local churches and organizations joined forces to raise awareness about hunger in our community by supporting Loaves & Fishes, Urban Ministries, and Manna Cafe in addressing food insecurity.



People participated in bowl painting parties throughout the community to create one-of-a-kind pieces for guests to enjoy.



The public was invited to attend either a lunch or dinner event. Participants enjoyed a simple meal of soup, bread, dessert, and went home with a hand-painted bowl.



This effort will help with providing hot meals and food boxes to thousands in our community who struggle with putting food on their tables.



***“The generous will themselves be blessed,
for they share their food with the poor.”
Proverbs 22:9, NIV***



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.