



Shepherd's Crossing

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3rd Annual C. Clyde Run

The College of Business Administration at K-State held the 3rd Annual C. Clyde Run/Fun Run/Walk on September 13. Great weather for runners—but not for the spectators! It was just thirty-seven degrees (F) at 7 a.m. The College Ambassadors, CBA students, did an outstanding job of organizing and conducting the event under the leadership of Rachael Smith (Senior, Marketing, Overland Park). The students greeted participants and worked as guides on the running route under the expert direction of Melanie Horton, assistant to Dean Ali Malekzadeh. Words cannot possibly convey the depth of our appreciation to Melanie. Also, our Board of Directors worked hard to obtain additional sponsorships. Hats off to Directors Helena Grinter, Rita Keating, Suzanne Otto and Ron Tacha for their successful efforts.

Our sponsors donated a record \$20,525 in cash plus over \$4,000 of in-kind donations (GTM, Pepsi and Manhattan Broadcasting Company). Seven made gifts of \$1,000 or more, including one for \$3,000 from Affordable Pups in Johnstown, Ohio (owned and operated by C. Clyde's grandson, Michael Schoeff). Twelve donated \$500 or more. In all, 67 companies and individuals gave cash or products and services. Many thanks to all.

An enthusiastic crowd of 115 runners/walkers took part in the event. The huge attendance (estimated at 6,000) at a competing Color Run event undoubtedly attracted many potential participants. All ages were represented from 16 months (Gunnar Garman) to 91 (C. Clyde himself).

Eric Martin finished first in the 5K run. Eric is a social worker at the Salvation Army and a praise band leader/singer at First United Methodist Church. He is married to Melanie Martin, who is an associate pastor at First United Methodist Church. She won the expectant mothers' division. They are expecting their first child in November.

Amy Mortimer Garman finished second overall and first among women runners. Amy is an NCAA All-American distance runner at K-State. She currently works at CivicPlus and is the proud mother of Gunnar, whom she describes as her little wrecking ball! Her husband, Gavin, is the Manhattan manager of Premier Employment Services.

One of the CBA Ambassadors suggested that we present a traveling trophy to the church with the most participants. Even without much publicity about the award, we had a competitive battle for the trophy.

Who Benefited from Your Generosity?

From July 1 through September 18, our counselors approved grants totaling \$60,335 to 926 persons in need, including 406 children. You donated fully half of the dollars. From your gifts, 180 families, consisting of 258 adults and 190 children received rent and utility assistance. On behalf of these clients, our volunteers, our staff and our Board of Directors, we send our heartfelt thanks to each of you.



Here is the list of churches and the number of runners/walkers at the event:

- College Avenue United Methodist: 6
- First United Methodist: 14 (traveling plaque recipient)
- Manhattan Mennonite: 8
- St. Thomas More: 9
- Seven Dolors: 3
- Unitarian Universalist Fellowship: 1
- University Christian: 3



From the President

Shepherd's Crossing continues to provide outstanding counseling and financial support to those persons that ask us for assistance. Our board works very hard to be sure we are serving the needs in our community and to raise the necessary funds for such purposes. Our annual meeting is in January of 2015, and we hope to expand the scope this year to encourage our members

Terry Arthur

to attend and receive full reports on all the activities of Shepherd's Crossing. The Development Committee is planning a full-scale celebration and hopes to have pastors from all of our member churches and their representatives in attendance. The dinner meeting will be on Tuesday, January 20, at the First United Methodist Church. Watch your emails and postal service mail for the invitation. We will encourage those in attendance to ask questions about our operations and to offer suggestions for change. The board is also looking to expand the number and diversity of our counselors to better serve our clients.

—Terry Arthur

From the Director of Client Services

Arnold and Pauline had several unusual events in their lives that led to financial difficulties. He severely twisted his ankle and was unable to work for three weeks. A battery for one vehicle and brakes for the other vehicle drained their reserves. Their water bill, almost four times as high as it had been the previous month, led to the discovery of a major water leak. Of course they had to pay for the repair of the leak on their property.

Pauline works for the school district, but is not employed during the summer, which is planned so she may be a stay-at-home mom during the summer. Knowing that school was approaching in three weeks with several extra expenses for their three children, how were they going to make it financially?

A friend said, "Go to Shepherd's Crossing! The reason for their existence is to help people who have financial crises!" Shepherd's Crossing in partnership with Salvation Army and Arnold and Pauline's church family were able to assist with the big water bill, Westar, and Kansas Gas Service bills. They had never before needed financial assistance.

Ryan, their 11-year-old son told the neighbor, "Thank God for all those places who help people when they have no money!"

Shepherd's Crossing's mission is to provide compassionate and caring assistance to those in need of a listening ear and financial support.

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Message from the Executive Director



Beverly Olson

An appreciative client, Wendy, writes, “We recently received help from your agency with rent and wanted to thank you and let you know that we are really enjoying the blessing of our new apartment. Thank you all for doing God’s work and you are truly appreciated! We pray that God continues to bless you with peace and joy.”

Probably like you, I have saved certain notes from people through the years that gave me a lift. One from a boss or co-worker, or a client like Wendy, saying that I had done a good job. They gave me reassurance that I was doing okay and that they appreciated my efforts. They gave me hope to do my job even better. You’ve no doubt received a complimentary comment from someone which lifted your spirits. How about doing the same for someone else today? Think what a lasting impression your comment will have on their life.

—Beverly Olson, Executive Director



Community Development Block Grant

The City of Manhattan awarded Shepherd’s Crossing a \$50,000 grant from the federally funded Community Development Block Grant program to help prevent homelessness in Manhattan. These funds are restricted to Manhattan residents whose annual income is at or less than 80 percent of the median income for Riley County. We may assist such families up to \$1,000 for as many as three months with rent and/or utility payments if they are at risk of becoming homeless without our help. We will continue to engage these clients in personal finance counseling and job search. We deeply appreciate the confidence the City staff and Commission show in us.

Church in the Spotlight

One day last summer, Director Beverly called C. Clyde Jones to ask about the Bluemont Church. Shepherd’s Crossing had just received a large check as a donation and Beverly wanted to know more about them. Off to the Internet! The Bluemont Church has been operating in Manhattan for several years under the leadership of Jon and Reagan Hupp. They felt a calling to come to Manhattan and minister to K-State students. Now with five children of their own, they make Manhattan their home and are dedicated to serving the spiritual needs of college students. They meet on Sunday mornings at the Holiday Inn Manhattan at the Campus. From their website (<http://bluemontchurch.org>), we learn about their origins. “We took our name ‘Bluemont’ from Bluemont Hill, a prominent local landmark, and from Bluemont Central College—the Christian school that became K-State. It reflects our desire to be a city on a hill that equips people to be God’s light in the world (Matthew 5:13).”

As newsletter editor I called Jon to thank him for the donation and asked if I could buy him a cup of coffee. He agreed and we had a good conversation about the decision of his students to name Shepherd’s Crossing as the recipient of their mission offering. He said the students like our ministry and wanted to help. We are so very pleased to have the support of this small but dedicated group of K-State students.

—C. Clyde Jones



Bluemont Church worships at Holiday Inn Manhattan at the campus.



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