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REFLECTIONS ON THE *Journey*



OUR 10TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT IS NEARLY HERE!

We cannot wait to come together with our community and supporters to celebrate the tenth anniversary of Journey to New Life! Please join us as we reflect on our ten years of service to the prison reentry community, and learn more about how your support makes a difference as we continue to grow!

Wednesday, June 21st, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.
Drexel Hall
3301 Baltimore Ave.
Kansas City, MO 64111



We are thrilled to announce Justin Reid, Safety for the Kansas City Chiefs, will be joining us for our Annual Fundraiser on **June 21 at 6:30 pm!** He will be speaking about the many barriers Journey to New Life's clients face upon their release from prison. He will also be attending the VIP Reception for our sponsors who give \$5,000 or more. Hope to see you there!

Scan the QR code above for tickets and sponsorship opportunities!
<https://www.journeytonewlife.org/event/celebrate-the-journey/>

SHOP SECONDHAND & PROVIDE A SECOND CHANCE

We are excited to invite you to our first ever secondhand sale fundraisers! All proceeds from both sales will go towards providing services to the clients at Journey to New Life as they reenter society after prison.

GARAGE SALE

Saturday, June 10, 2023
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
John & Kathleen Barry's Home
7181 Buena Vista St
Prairie Village, KS 66202

VINTAGE POP-UP SALE

Friday, July 7, 2023
4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Casual Animal Brewery
1725 McGee St
Kansas City, MO 64108

JOURNEY TO NEW LIFE ANSWERS THE CALL



Mike is the beneficiary of our donors' works of charity, kindness, and assistance with reintegration as he begins life anew!

Did you feed the hungry?
Did you provide clothing for those who needed it?
Did you accept strangers?
Did you visit with those in prison?

Journey to New Life answers "Yes" to all of these questions, thanks to our generous donors.

JTNL staff members travel to prisons to meet with people as they are developing their home plans. We operate two shelters for women recently released from prison, providing them with food, clothing, and acceptance, as each person is starting over. Those who come to Journey to New Life are virtually all strangers. And of course, we help many people coming back from prison through our emergency assistance, reentry case management, and employment programs. In April, 134 returning citizens were assisted with \$12,800 worth of basic essentials.

PROVIDING MORE THAN JUST BASIC NEEDS

Warren's needs were many. Upon his release from prison, all he had was the clothes on his back, as seen in this photo. Though currently staying at a halfway house, his needs included: clothing, identification, and assistance in finding a job. Journey to New Life was able to help him with all of these.



When asked what he needed the most, Warren said, "A second chance. I am not a bad person, I made a bad decision." Journey to New Life values affirming human dignity without distinction, so Warren was also provided with the acceptance and respect that he deserves.

SPECIFIC NEEDS

We are so grateful for all of our wonderful in-kind donors! We are currently accepting household goods and summer clothes. We do not need any winter clothes at the moment.

Specific items we need now:

- Bath towels, hand towels, washcloths
- Kitchen essentials
- Women's black pants
- Men's jeans, pants, & shorts, especially sizes 32-38
- Men's sneakers

Organizational needs:

- Electric clothes dryers for Peace House
- 15 passenger van
- Used vehicles for transporting clients and vehicles

Email info@jtnl.org to coordinate a donation!