



### WHAT'S NEW?

- YOUTH HOMELESS AWARENESS
- FALL EVENTS
- KEEPING BUSY WITH WRAP-AROUND SERVICES
- WINTER MONTHS MAKE OUR SERVICES MORE VITAL.

## Increasing Our Impact: reStart's Fall Newsletter

### November is Youth Homelessness Awareness Month

In honor of Youth Homelessness Awareness Month, reStart leaders Jessica Brown, Stephanie Boyer and Joe Toney proudly received a proclamation presented by 2nd District At-Large Jackson County Legislator Donna Peyton. The proclamation recognizes our work to prevent and end youth homelessness in Kansas City. Joining us in this honor was Anton Washington of Our Spot, as well as Samuel Rodgers Place and Jazz Hill that provide affordable housing solutions.

Through partnerships with other organizations, dedicated volunteers, and the generosity and trust of our donors, we will continue to advocate for and provide services to young community members navigating homelessness.



### Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week!

This week is **Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week**. This week and all year long, reStart's kitchen crew works tirelessly to provide three nutritious meals a day, 7 days each week to our residents.

In addition, they create sack meals for street outreach and partner with organizations like Harvesters to access and share resources. Cutting down food waste in the community while delivering nutrition is key!

In 2023 we served over 90,000 meals. We do this on a budget of just \$30,000 annually. This incredible team is known for taking nothing, and turning it into something delicious!



### IN THE NEWS: Conquering The Course & Honoring The Heroes.

In honor of Veteran's Day week, reStart hosted our 1st Annual Champion Challenge event on 9/16. A two-mile obstacle course challenge was the scene for all ages and fitness types!

Teams and participants helped to raise funds and had a great time raising awareness for veterans navigating homelessness in our community! Thanks to all who conquered the course and volunteered!

*It's not too late to give - the event is open to receive funds through Sunday, 12/1!!*



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### Trunk-Or-Treat at reStart Inc.

reStart, recently hosted a festive and “spooky” trunk-or-treat event for our residents of all ages!

Dozens of volunteers came with costumes and decorated trunks to pass out candy, offer crafts and groove to the “Monster Bash” in the park!

Staff, board, students and teachers from St. Teresa's Academy, Church of the Resurrection, National Charity League, and an assortment of others helped to provide some Halloween fun for all involved!

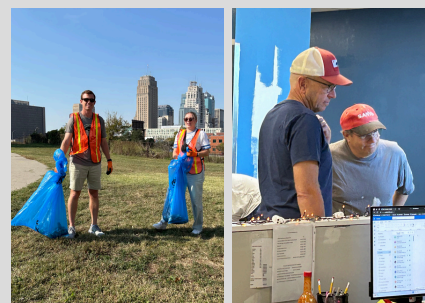


### More Than Housing: “Wrap-Around Services” = Dedication In Action



Team member Marisa Butler gassed up one of our vans to make sure registered residents were able to vote.

### “COR” Values: Do Unto Others Church of the Resurrection Community Service



Special shout out to volunteers from **Church of the Resurrection!**

Thanks to their hard work, reStart got some fresh paint, outdoor clean up, and a brand new, custom-crafted welcome desk.

It is a true gift when community members and organizations reach out to help spruce up our 100 year old building!

## Warm Housing Warms Hearts

Baby it's getting cold outside! As winter approaches, the need for safe and secure housing becomes more urgent.

Each year, **over 700 individuals experiencing homelessness lose their lives to hypothermia in the U.S.**

Your support helps us to meet the needs of neighbors who might otherwise perish outside. Help us continue to provide warm housing to warm more hearts (and neighbors) s the temperatures continue to drop, please consider making a gift to reStart.



**DONATE NOW**



*We are only as vital as our most vulnerable neighbors.*



"I ended up living in the woods with my two children for three years...It's cold during the winter...I think you miss a kitchen and bathroom more than anything else."

-Cathy, former resident

Partner with us this winter, and provide **DIGNITY** and **RESPECT** to our unhoused neighbors.

**Looking for ways to give back this holiday season? Here's how:**

- Choose reStart for your **#GivingTuesday** or **#YearEnd** gift!
- Host a drive with your office, friends & family.
- Volunteer your time at our emergency shelter.
- Take a tour of our facility & see first-hand the life-changing work we do.

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