

Happy February to all!

Welcome to the first edition of the Eastside Community Ministry Newsletter!

Just a quick introduction - I am Kelly Ashby and am currently serving on the Board of Directors for Eastside! It is an honor to be part of this amazing organization. Our Board of Directors and Executive Director Jamie Trout thank you for your support and your generosity. The goal of our newsletter is to keep you updated on projects and needs of the Eastside Community Ministry organization.



January was an extremely busy month for the Eastside Community Ministry staff and volunteers. The following is an overview of some of the programs and services that were offered and the impact of those services:

Food Pantry - 554 families served, providing for 1,660 individuals.

Personal Care Products - 465 families served, providing for 1,318 individuals.

Utilities - 4 families served.

Perishables - 69 families served, providing for 194 individuals.

Produce Market - 162 families served, providing for 501 individuals.

Clothing Pantry - 876 families served, providing for 2,461 individuals.

In addition, assistance was offered with shelter from the cold, rent deposits, assisting with personal documentation, gas vouchers, utility assistance and prescription assistance. We also hosted a fun Family Night that was well attended and a great way to fill the body, mind and spirit! Food, fun, prizes, and family time was enjoyed by all.



We welcome Callie Arnstson as the new Life Skills Coordinator. The youth program is in full swing assisting students with after school needs including tutoring, meal prep, life skills, and hands-on projects.



Drive-thru Feeding America is taking place at Eastside Community Ministry on February 4, February 6 and February 18. If you would like to volunteer please reach out to Eastside Community Ministry at 740.452.7519.



2025 ECM CHAIR-ity Auction February 20-22 at the Colony Square Mall Our LIVE Auction will begin at 3PM on Friday, February 21 at the Colony Square Mall and will feature approximately 25 entries with Auctioneer Johnny Nolan. Other entries will be featured through an ON-LINE Auction or Silent Auction. Our ON-LINE Auction set up by Johnny Nolan, will kick-off Feb.10 and end Feb.22 at 5pm. Our On-line Auction will be featured at [www.auctionohio.com](http://www.auctionohio.com) Our SILENT Auction will be featured at the Colony Square Mall starting Feb.20 at 5pm and will end February 22 at 5pm. Make sure you stop by to preview items & VOTE for the People's Choice Award. Preview of the items and People's Choice votes will be on Thursday, Feb. 20 from 5pm-7pm at Colony Square Mall. People's Choice Award winner will be announced at our LIVE Auction on Friday, Feb. 21 at 3PM. Our CHAIR-ity Auction is an auction featuring CHAIRS of all types. Donate a CHAIR with a theme of your choice. Make it FUN & creative by adding decorations and/or accessories. Donations can be new or used rocking chairs, kitchen chairs, children's chairs, computer chairs, recliners, car seats, bar stools, garden benches, stadium seats, bicycle seats, a ride in the seat of a special car. The possibilities are limited only by your imagination. Don't have a chair? That's okay, we also accept donations of incentives. Examples of incentive donations are: quilts, pottery, artwork, gift cards, raffle baskets, etc... When you have made your decision on a chair and/or incentive, please fill out the Entry Form online at: [www.eastsideministry.org](http://www.eastsideministry.org) OR Email the Entry Form to: [eastsideministry58@gmail.com](mailto:eastsideministry58@gmail.com) Entry forms will be accepted through Friday, February 7 at 4PM. However, if you would like to be featured in the Times Recorder, entry forms are due by: Jan.31st. Pictures of your entry may be emailed to: [eastsideministry58@gmail.com](mailto:eastsideministry58@gmail.com) CHAIR-ity Auction items will be accepted at the Colony Square Mall on Wednesday, Feb. 19 from 5pm 7pm & Thursday, Feb.20 from 11am-3pm. (details for drop off location will be emailed to you) If other arrangements need to be made, contact Jamie Trout at 740-452-7519.



Eastside Community Ministry is an ecumenical ministry seeking to help people transform their lives by meeting their basic needs and offering them education, life-skill training, and relationship building opportunities. ECM is a trusting environment where people are loved, valued, and treated with respect. Eastside houses a clothing bank, food pantry, emergency relief funds, a youth program, and several special outreach projects throughout the year.

Thank you again for your support of ECM. We appreciate our generous community. If you would like to volunteer throughout the year please feel free to reach out. Our plan is to send a monthly email. We will spotlight our volunteers, the staff at Eastside, our donors, our services and our projects. If you do not wish to receive this email just let me know.

We wish you a February filled with love and joy.  
Kelly Ashby

Matthew 25:35-40 - "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me."