

# Newsletter

FOURTH QUARTER 2025

## IMPORTANT UPDATES FOR FOURTH QUARTER 2025

### Q4 Closing the year with purpose.

We successfully hosted our inaugural Building of Hope Auction, raising nearly \$150,000 thanks to the generosity of our supporters.

We also welcomed new community partners who are helping us expand our reach and impact. Community spirit was strong with over 50 food drives this season. A special thank you to Jerry Woods Holiday Engine and Food Drive who collecting more than 7,000 lbs of food and donations to support families in need.

With increased demand this year, we've seen remarkable community support proving that when neighbors help neighbors, hope grows. Thank you for standing with us – together we're building hope, unity, and a brighter future.

Thank you to the Covington chamber, Ristrettos Coffee, Guild Mortgage, MD Cote, KEA (Kent Education Association), and many others for supporting The Storehouse.

### HOW YOU CAN HELP?

#### Donate shelf stable foods such as:

tuna, canned chicken, soups, peanut butter, cereal, rice, beans, pasta, and pasta sauce.

#### Donate Hygiene items like:

shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, laundry soap and, feminine hygiene items.

#### Donate your time:

Come volunteer during our distribution or any of our food drives. Have your own food drive

#### Donate monetary donations:

Monthly donation or just as you want to bless us.

#### Mod Pizza Fundraisers:

Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>, April 12, May 17<sup>th</sup> Use code MODGIVES25

We thank you for considering giving to your neighbor.

## Q4 BY THE NUMBERS

We logged over 3600 volunteer hours in quarter 4.

18,500+  
COMMUNITY  
MEMBER  
VISITS

360,000+  
LBS OF  
INCOMING  
FOOD  
DONATED

135 NEW  
FAMILIES  
RECEIVED  
FOOD



The Storehouse Team



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# COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT: HEART WORKS SQUAD IN ACTION

We're fortunate to have incredible partners in our community—people who don't just give, but truly show up. Our **HeartWorks Squad** embodies this spirit, and we're proud to highlight two shining members:

## The Plumbers, Pipefitters & HVAC Refrigeration Union UA 32

has been a steadfast partner to The Storehouse this year. Their members have hosted food drives and supported us financially at many events, showing love in action through their generosity and commitment to our community. We are truly grateful for their ongoing support and partnership

## Covington Rotary

has been a valuable partner to The Storehouse this year, generously supporting us with volunteers and encouragement at events like our Building of Hope Auction. As a local "people of action" group committed to service above self, they consistently step up to serve our community and help advance our mission. .



Are you able to partner with us as a Heart Work Sponsor? Donate now via the QR code [info@covingtonstorehouse.org](mailto:info@covingtonstorehouse.org) for sponsorship info!



# Heart Works Squad



# Love until they ask why

## A Note from Our Executive Director

Dear Friends of The Storehouse,

As we reflect on the year, we are filled with immense gratitude for the incredible ways our community came together to support our neighbors in need. Because of YOU, The Storehouse was able to provide extra care and support to families in 98042 zip code, ensuring they received not only food, but also dignity and connection when they needed it most.

This quarter has been marked by collaboration, generosity, and a shared purpose. Our inaugural Building of Hope Auction brought our community together in an inspiring way, raising nearly \$150,000 to sustain our mission throughout the coming year. This event also marked the launch of our Building Campaign – a multi-year initiative to expand and meet the needs of our community.

With the help of our board and community leaders, we are forming a planning committee to work with architects and other partners to bring our vision to life. This season, over 50 food drives helped keep our shelves stocked, and volunteers gave their time, hearts, and hands to support our mission. Your continued engagement in this process will ensure our new space meets the needs of everyone we serve.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our Heart Works Squad partners whose support made this year meaningful: Tamara Paul Group for your community encouragement, Krista Bates with Mary Kay for your generous heart, Covington Rotary for your faithful volunteering and service, The Plumbers, Pipefitters & HVAC Refrigeration Union UA Local 32 for hosting food drives and your generous support, and The Game Shelf for your enthusiasm and partnership.

Because of you, our volunteers, donors, and partners, we were able to respond to the growing need in our community with compassion and care. As the year progressed, more families reached out for assistance, and your generosity demonstrated the true heart of this community.

### 2025 in Numbers:

- **Volunteer Hours:** Over 15,000 hours
- **Food Distributed:** Over 1.4 million pounds

These numbers are a reflection of more than just time and food – they are a testament to the love you've shown through your actions. As Scripture reminds us in 1 John 3:18, "Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." Your dedication to service didn't just fill bags with food – it filled hearts with hope.

Looking ahead to the new year, we hope you'll join us for two special community events:

- **April 11:** Open House at The Storehouse – a chance to tour our space, meet our team and volunteers, and see how your support makes a real difference.
- **September 12:** 2nd Annual Auction – a fun, meaningful evening that will help fuel our mission for the year ahead.

Thank you for being an essential part of The Storehouse community. Because of you, hope lives here.

With deep gratitude, love, and hope,  
Stephanie Lawson  
Executive Director, The Storehouse

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*"Move forward.  
Good things are  
up ahead."*