

Festival Brief



FALL 2022
NEWSLETTER FOR
FESTIVAL OF SHARING

ABIDING IN LOVE

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2022 felt a little bit like a reunion. Our Sharefest events were opened back up to host more volunteers and it was such a great feeling to see new and old faces serving alongside each other. There were many opportunities for volunteers to jump in on projects like sacking rice, packing hygiene, dental, and paper product kits, loading and unloading vehicles, praying over donations, greeting volunteers at sign in stations and more! In St. Louis, a few folks got to harvest produce and pull weeds in the community garden at LifeWise and in St. Joseph volunteers helped stock the InterServ pantry with donations. Festival of Sharing is grateful for the many different ways we receive support from groups and individuals across the state to host the Sharefests.

We are also grateful for the opportunity to fund projects through the Cooperative Response Grant. At the time of this newsletter, we have supported 6 ecumenical projects around the state with a total of \$5,250. The projects range from Thanksgiving meals and backpack food programs, to expanding Meals on Wheels and planting fall crops in a community garden. Read more about our awardees and find application information at festivalofsharing.org/grantopportunities.



COOPERATIVE RESPONSE GRANT

Ecumenical Projects Impacting Poverty

APPLY NOW

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Blessings!

Above: Volunteers at the Sharefest in St. Joseph.

Announcements

Funding Opportunities

Cooperative Response Grant applications accepted on a rolling basis. See festivalofsharing.org/grantopportunities.

Volunteer Opportunity

In January & February 2023 we will be looking for volunteers to help package and sort garden seeds for distribution. If interested, please call 573-474-3332 or email festival@socket.net.

Going Digital

We anticipate transitioning to digital communications in 2023. Be on the lookout for more information about updating contact information with us and accessing resources.



Sharefest Celebrations

Thank you to everyone who helped make the 2022 Sharefests possible!
Here's what was distributed at the Sharefests:

Baby Bundles: 1,233
Backpacks of Love: 443
Beans (Dexter): 2,900 LBS
Blankets: 542
Dental Kits: 2,034
Food Boxes: 1,466
Hygiene Kits: 1,984

Paper Product Packs: 1,119
Popcorn (Dexter): 1,000 LBS
Reading & Writing Kits: 2,675
Rice: 14,718 LBS
Youth Personal Care: 253

A final report of all 2022 cash and non-cash gifts will be published in early 2023.

**84 Agencies Serving
40,247 Patrons a Month**



FOOD BOX CHALLENGE WINNERS

Just Roll With It

Chicken Noodle Casserole

St. James Youth Group | St. James, MO

Recipe: pasta, cream of chicken, milk, can chicken, parsley, pepper and salt

Hello Gourd-geous

Zadi's Potato Bread

St. James Youth Group | St. James, MO

Recipe: water, butter, sugar, dry milk, salt, yeast, instant potato, flour





Church World Service

Items collected in 2022

Hygiene Kits: 1,842
Clean-Up Buckets: 192
School Kits: 2,263
Welcome Backpacks: 89
Period Packs: 26

Kit Value: \$83,014

Impact Update- CWS Fall 2022 Compassion in Action Newsletter

In the last 12 months, CWS has partnered with supporters to

- Resettle 10,163 newcomers.
- Ship out more than \$2.5 million in CWS Kits, Blankets and Buckets to communities during hurricane season.
- Create safer school environments for 3,000 students in Thailand through workshops such as bullying management and internet safety.
- Build 24 wells for 15 villages in the midst of one of the worst droughts Paraguayan history, providing water to 300 families.



Quilt Auction Results

87 Registered Bidders

Winning bidders from 8 states
FL, MD, MN, MO, NC, NJ, NY, VA

57 CWS Blankets Purchased



Final proceeds will be published in year-end report, but we are anticipating proceeds around \$9,000. For every \$10 raised, we can provide a blanket for warmth and comfort!



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FAQ

Where do my donations go?

The Missouri packs and kits are distributed to agencies regionally at the Sharefests. A list of agencies in your region can be requested from our office. The international items, like Church World Service kits, are sent to their respective agencies and distributed as needed. Learn more about our agency partners on our agencies page (festivalofsharing.org/agencies).

Festival of Sharing Presentation

We would love to meet you! Schedule a presentation with your congregation, Sunday school class, or volunteer group either in person or virtually! Email festival@socket.net or call 573-474-3332.

Stay Connected

Subscribe to our emails at festivalofsharing.org under the "About" tab. Like and follow us on Facebook for event details and service opportunities. Join our Coordinating Committee! Email or call for more info.

Engage With Us!

Festival at Home

It's winter, what can we do now?

Collect the UPC labels off of your Best Choice brand items. Bundle and label them with how many are in each bundle. For every 1,000 labels turned in, we can collect \$33 to be used for hunger related projects in Missouri.

