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# Stewpot February 2022 Newsletter

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## **Be Safe**

**The Stewpot Board is still recommending that all Stewpot Volunteer workers continue to wear masks while working at the Stewpot.**

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## **Coats for Kids and the Stewpot**

Hangers Cleaners and KATV Channel 7 asked you to help keep a kid warm this winter by donating your new or gently used coats to “Coats for Kids.”

Coats were dropped off at any Hangers locations or given to a delivery driver. Hangers cleaned, repaired and gave the coats to kids in need through the Watershed Project. Hangers Cleaners took donations through January 4.

Hangers Cleaners often receives adult coats and for the last three years they have generously donated some of these coats to the Stewpot.

Alicia Dover from KATV Channel 7 recently came to the Stewpot to film a short segment about the Stewpot Clothes Closet. They just happened to come on the day that Stewpot was serving their Christmas meal to Stewpot patrons. To see the video clip, click on the the Video Clip Link below.

[Video Clip](#)

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## Shoes and Coats



Stewpot received both coats from Hangers Cleaners and shoes from the Fleet Feet Go Running store in January. Charlie Frith picked up four large boxes of shoes from Fleet Feet in the morning and about 75 coats from Hangers Cleaners the same afternoon. Hangers Cleaners has five locations in Little Rock and North Little Rock and Fleet Feet has a single location in the Pleasant Ridge Shopping Center on Cantrell Road. **Thank you Hangers Cleaners and Fleet Feet.**

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- **CHRISTMAS WISHES DO COME TRUE**





A new dimension to Stewpot's mission has been made possible thanks to an extremely generous donor who wants to remain anonymous. More than just writing a check, thoughtful questions led to a decision of an actual item needy people could really use, especially during winter months.

We have never been able to afford bus passes for our diners even though they are asked for all year- round. In fact, bus passes are the number one item requested. After a trip to the Little Rock Metro system, we decided to provide 10-trip passes toward the end of each month until our funds are depleted. These passes are not time sensitive so they can be used multiple times for rides to and from chosen destinations.

If anyone else would like to contribute specifically to bus passes, please let us know by a notation on your check or online donation.

The first round of passes were distributed the week of Christmas to the delight and amazement of our diners. Ed Brown will supervise distribution of passes.

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## **ARKANSAS WOMEN'S OUTREACH**

When you think of donating to charities that help the homeless, your first thought of what to give might immediately go to things like socks,

The logo for Arkansas Women's Outreach. The word "Arkansas" is in a large, purple, cursive script. Below it, "Women's" is in a smaller, purple, cursive script. At the bottom, "OUTREACH" is in a light blue, all-caps, sans-serif font.

gloves, coats, secondhand clothes, canned food or sleeping bags. There are, however, items that are rarely donated, but which can add more than you know to the dignity and health of a woman facing life on the streets: pads, tampons and cleansing cloths to help homeless women deal with their periods.

Begun in 2015 by two thoughtful Little Rock women, Arkansas Women's Outreach has been gathering steam to provide feminine hygiene packs to homeless women in the Little Rock area. In 2020 AWO distributed more than 3500 packs to agencies who in turn make these available to women. Some of the sponsors are Central Arkansas Library System, CHI St. Vincent, Fidel & Co. and AR Yoga Collective. This is a volunteer led organization with every dollar directly supporting its work.

Over two years ago, Arkansas Women's Outreach contacted Stewpot to ask if we needed personal hygiene products. Of course, we responded with a huge YES. Barbara says our ladies really need and appreciate these wonderful "period packs".

Since reopening the Stewpot clothing room a year ago, our female population has steadily increased. We feel this is



partially due to creating separate service days for men and women.

Thank you Arkansas Women's Outreach!





# WHAT'S YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION?

## STEW POT'S NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

Last year Stewpot was able to have several outdoor events such as hotdog cookouts with our diners. Later in the year we served both Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners where we had face to face contact. Each time we found ways to make it more manageable.

We have enjoyed being with the diners and Ed tells us the diners have missed seeing us too. They wonder who prepares the meals each day. We wonder how they have been doing.

So, in 2022 we plan to have monthly meals served by volunteers outside with the diners. Some months we will focus meals around holidays. Others we plan to serve the last Thursday of the month. The first holiday is Valentines Day, Monday February 14, 2022.

We serve from 12-1pm in the breezeway just outside the courtyard on the 8th Street side of the building.

Stewpot continues to provide masks for all our diners. Social distancing is always in force. Yes, our numbers are on the rise. We have served 135 for the last half of every month.

If you would like to participate in serving, please let us know. See Volunteer Notice below.

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# Clothes Closet

*"I needed clothes and  
you clothed me."*

Matthew 25:38

# Clothes Closet Update

Hey guys and girls!!! I know that it feels very very cold out there, and you just might want to think about spring and summer. So, why not check out that stash of baseball caps you have taking up space and bring them down to the Clothes Closet. After all, they are just gathering dust at your place. We are very low on ball caps, and they are always in high demand as the weather gets warmer! We will look forward to seeing you soon with your donation of ball caps!! Oh, and by the way, we still need men's athletic shoes and small size jeans!!!

**We appreciate all of the donations to help out our less fortunate neighbors!! Thank you so very much!!! 😊**

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## Volunteer at the Stewpot

**If you are not currently volunteering at the Stewpot and would like to volunteer, contact the Stewpot by clicking on volunteer below.**

## [Volunteer](#)

### **Make a Donation to Stewpot**

Most of Stewpot's financial support comes from donations from churches and individuals. Please help support the Stewpot. Make an online donation by clicking on Make a Donation below. When you click on Make a Donation, you will have the option of making an online donation with either PayPal or a credit card.

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