

# STEWPOUT

FAITH MEETING NEEDS IN OUR COMMUNITY



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## 2023 IMPACT

Because we've made a more conscious effort to keep track of our data across all departments this year, we can happily report the impact of all the time, energy, and financial support you gave to Stewpot in 2023. What you see reflected in the numbers is what we can achieve when we work together to bring help and hope to our neighbors in need.

What these numbers hide, though, are the lives lifted by the soul-nourishing care and concern that hurting people find at Stewpot, including you and me. Numbers don't paint the whole picture, so I encourage you to study the smiling faces featured in this newsletter. There is so much to celebrate! And still so much work to be done.

Thank you for your commitment to Stewpot. This truly is work we get to do together. We look forward to serving God and our neighbors with you in 2024.



Nissan Canton serves lunch in the Community Kitchen

### FOOD

- **57,409** meals served in the Community Kitchen
- **9,672** individuals received groceries from the Stewpot Food Pantry
- **70** elderly, ill, and disabled adults were delivered a meal every week day through Stewpot's Meals on Wheels Program

### HOUSING & SHELTER

- **260** women and children sought emergency shelter at Matt's House
- **336** men received emergency shelter at the Billy Brumfield Men's Shelter and **156** men were enrolled in Brumfield's Transitional Program.
- **483** individuals utilized the Opportunity Center Day Shelter for emergency wintertime shelter
- **48** individuals were housed through Stewpot's Housing Assistance Program

# 2023 IMPACT Continued

## BODY AND SPIRIT

- **20** men and women participated in HeARTworks, Stewpot's art program that recontinued in August 2023
- **147** individuals were assisted with Case Management
- **3,722** individuals received clothing from the Clothing Closet
- **45** individuals were given legal counsel while visiting the Stewpot Legal Clinic (Clinic reopened June 2023)



HeARTworks artists sell their art at Deck the District, the District at Eastover's annual holiday festival

## PROGRAMS FOR KIDS & TEENS

- **57** kids and teens enrolled in the Stewpot After-School Program
- **116** kids and teens attended Summer Recreational Camp



Stewpot Teens observe Lights On Afterschool, a nationwide event highlighting afterschool programs and their impact on the community



Stewpot Kids take a field trip to visit the Mississippi Agriculture & Forestry Museum during Summer Camp



Stewpot Teens learn about Artificial Intelligence during Summer Camp



The After-School Kids Program enjoys a visit from Santa at their Christmas party

# 4,634 VOLUNTEERS SERVED ONSITE AT STEWPOT IN 2023

We wish that we could acknowledge every single one of the 4,634+ volunteers who served Stewpot in 2023 in this newsletter. Unfortunately, we would quickly run out of space. We hope that you feel our sincere and heartfelt gratitude. The beautiful, sometimes incredibly challenging work of serving our neighbors in need requires every single one of us - from the youngest volunteer collecting canned food items, to the employees who have been on staff for 20+ years.

The summary of Stewpot's 2023 Impact at the beginning of this newsletter was included so that we may **all** know that **together** we are meeting needs in our community.

In 2024, our hard work will continue with 4,634+ of our dearest friends by our side. Thanks be to God for each of you and Thanks be to God for our Stewpot community.



Junior League of Jackson participates in Lunch & Learn series with Stewpot Kids & Teens



Wee the People store in Madison, MS organizes food drive for Stewpot Food Pantry



Second Graders at St. Andrews Lower School collect gloves for Stewpot shelters & Clothing Closet



Cub scouts deliver care packages to the Opportunity Center



Volunteers visit the ladies of Matt's House and deliver cleaning supplies



HeARTworks volunteer, De'Ja Evans, with artist Caroline B.

**If you would like to learn about volunteer opportunities at Stewpot, visit [www.stewpot.org/volunteer](http://www.stewpot.org/volunteer) or give us a call at (601) 353-2759**



## Opportunity Center Provided **38** Nights of Winter Shelter in 2023

The Opportunity Center Day Shelter, one of Stewpot's fourteen ministries, is a "home base" during the daytime hours for people experiencing homelessness. When temperatures fall below 40 degrees, the shelter transitions into an emergency overnight shelter. Opportunity Center Director, Javonda Stanton, and her staff worked tirelessly during the cold winter months in 2023, providing 483 individuals with overnight shelter. The shelter can accommodate up to 30 individuals overnight and services are offered on a first-come, first-serve basis. For example, during the most recent winter storm in mid-January 2024, the shelter operated 22 hours a day to ensure that our unsheltered neighbors had access to warm shelter and meals.

Transitioning the Opportunity Center to an overnight shelter would not be possible without the support of our community. Thank you to the many individuals and organizations who donate non-perishable food items, warm clothing, and meals to Stewpot each winter.

Six days a week (Monday-Saturday), the Opportunity Center offers laundry service, showers, mail service, and computer and phone access, as well as toiletries, snacks, coffee, and community. Case management is available on-site to connect visitors with resources like housing, employment, mental health services, medical care, and other specific needs.

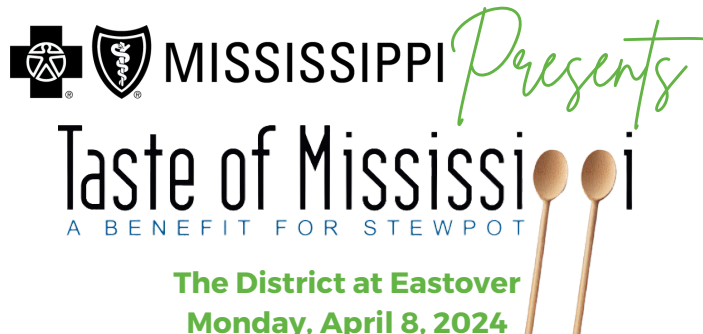


Mississippi United to End Homelessness (MUTEH) donates blankets to the Opportunity Center



Volunteers from St. Andrews Episcopal Cathedral prepare meals for the Opportunity Center

# Save the Date!



The District at Eastover  
Monday, April 8, 2024  
7pm-10pm



For contestant information, sponsorship, and judge nominations, please visit [www.stewpot.org/tasteofms](http://www.stewpot.org/tasteofms).  
To purchase tickets, please scan the QR code.

## 2023 Tax Receipts

If you made a financial contribution to Stewpot in 2023, you will receive a summary of your donation activity via email for the 2023 tax year by January 31, 2024. If we do not have an email address for you on file and you would like a receipt emailed or mailed to you, please contact us at (601) 353-2759 or [info@stewpot.org](mailto:info@stewpot.org). Thank you!

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Sign up with your Plus Card and select a local organization you wish to support (Stewpot). Once you're enrolled, you'll earn rewards for your chosen organization every time you shop and use your Kroger Plus Card!

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## **BECOME A MONTHLY PARTNER TODAY!**

By signing up to be a monthly donor at [www.stewpot.org](http://www.stewpot.org), your contribution will immediately be used to help some of the most vulnerable people in and around the Metro area. When you subscribe as a Monthly Partner, you become part of helping us to guarantee:

**A hot meal or groceries for people who are hungry**

**Safe shelter for those who are homeless and vulnerable**

**A safe and nurturing environment for over 100 at-risk children and teenagers each year**

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