



## April 2025 NEWSLETTER



### UPCOMING EVENTS

**April 11:**  
Empty Bowls  
fundraiser

**April 12:**  
CC's Closet  
Book Fair

**June 14:**  
CC's Closet  
Vintage Sale

# FOOD PANTRY UPDATES

As egg shortages continue across the country with prices increasing exponentially, our biggest need for our food pantry is eggs. Every client receives both milk and eggs in their monthly food box, and it is important to us that we are able to provide both of these nutritional staples. Whether it's donating monetarily, buying an extra carton of eggs at the grocery store, or providing us with farm fresh eggs, you can help sustain our food pantry through this difficult time. Donations can be made Monday-Friday 9am-2pm.

Donate Now!



## NEW PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES

This Spring, we are excited to be able to expand our services to better meet the needs of our community. Through a partnership with the UK Extension Office, we will be providing Financial Literacy & Job Readiness courses to help low-income adults budget, prepare for job interviews, and gain stability. Another new program we are excited to be a part of is Clark County Critical Supports Team. This initiative brings together several community agencies to aid families and individuals in crisis by connecting them to vital resources before their situation becomes dire.



# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

## Mike & Jeannie Hughes



Mike Hughes has been a Winchester resident since 1978. After a 36 year career at East Kentucky Power, he has been volunteering at CCCS since 2018. His favorite part about volunteering is "getting a chance to talk to people that I would never meet under normal circumstances. It gives me a chance to minister to people that are in rough circumstances and to pray with people who are at their breaking point. Jesus commanded us to love His people and CCCS is a great place to practice this commandment."

Jeannie Hughes has also been volunteering at CCCS since 2018, almost the entire time she's lived in Winchester. She says, "It is so good to have a place to serve where what you do--whether it's administrative tasks or interacting with clients--helps others. I also enjoy being part of such a great and upbeat group of people at CCCS; the staff and many volunteers are super!"

## Laurie & David Lanier

The Laniers have been volunteering at CCCS since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. They have been married for 55 years. Laurie served as pantry co-manager for a few years until June 2024 and has continued to volunteer ever since. "To me being part of a program that helps those in need is deeply rewarding. The next best part is the many relationships I've been blessed to make. It is a gift to work with so many people whose desire is to serve and help others." David says, "I enjoy watching the very involved and complicated process of receiving, sorting, and redistributing tons of food to folks who need it every month. And I have made friends I never knew I had working together at the pantry."



## Larry & Jan Sims



Larry & Jan have lived in Winchester since 1983. As devoted members of the community, they have volunteered at CCCS every week for several years. "The best part is we feel like we're serving God when we're there helping." Larry has been volunteering since 2018, and Jan started in Spring 2020. They truly love everyone they get to work with at CCCS & CC's Closet and knowing they're a small part of helping people who are truly in need.

# BECOME A HUNGER HERO

This year for Operation Happiness, we are offering the opportunity to “sponsor” a family! Your gift of \$50 will help fund one Clark County family’s Christmas food box at Operation Happiness. Families receive ham, mac & cheese, eggs, peanut butter, margarine, stuffing, rolls, cereal, fruit & vegetables, dessert, and cleaning supplies. If you would like to be a hunger hero, you can donate on our website with “food box” in the notes section.



## A NOTE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As the warmth of Spring begins to settle in, we are reminded of the beauty of renewal. The changing season brings fresh starts—new beginnings that offer hope, growth, and transformation. At Clark County Community Services, we believe that fresh starts are not just about the seasons changing but also about the opportunities we provide to those we serve. For many in our community, a fresh start means more than just a new beginning—it is a chance to rebuild, regain stability, and take meaningful steps toward a brighter future. Whether someone is overcoming hardship, stepping into recovery, or striving for self-sufficiency, our role is to walk beside them, providing the tools and support they need to succeed.

With that mission in mind, I am excited to share the development of a new initiative in partnership with the University of Kentucky Extension Office. Together, we are launching a series of educational classes designed to promote self-sustainability and job readiness. These classes will cover essential life skills such as meal planning, soft job skills, resume writing, and financial education—critical tools for those seeking stability and independence.

This program is more than just education; it’s empowerment. It’s about equipping our clients with the knowledge and confidence they need to take control of their futures. A fresh start is possible for everyone, and through these efforts, we are making that possibility a reality.

As we embrace this season of growth, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each of you—our supporters, volunteers, and partners. Your dedication makes these programs possible, and together, we are planting the seeds for lasting change.

Here’s to new beginnings and the hope they bring.

With gratitude,



## CC'S CLOSET UPDATES

- On March 15, CC's Closet had its most successful Spring Sale in store history.
- Donations are now accepted Monday-Saturday 8am-8pm.
- We currently have extra need for kids clothing, sizes 4T and up.
- After raising our clothing prices 25¢, the store has seen record numbers in January-March.

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CC's Closet



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In 2025, Clark County Community Services is celebrating 50 years of serving Winchester and Clark County! Our organization began in 1975 after local pastors got together and realized there was an abundance of need in the area. CCCS inhabited several locations before moving to our current home at 30 Taylor Ave in 2008. We are so grateful to everyone who has helped us become a staple of the community over the past 50 years!

**KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR DETAILS ABOUT A SPECIAL 50TH  
ANNIVERSARY SALE AT CC'S CLOSET ON MAY 17TH!**

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