

# reStart Inc.

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## THE GIVING MACHINES KC- A FUN WAY TO GIVE

Have you ever donated to a charity through a vending machine? Now you can! Between now and January 1st, simply visit The Giving Machines KC in Union Station. reStart is proud to be selected as one of the local beneficiaries. You can support our program participants by sponsoring the "purchase" of items like underwear, kids PJs, dish sets, winter wear, or work boots. Cannot make it to Union Station? Give online at [www.restartinc.org/giving-machine](http://www.restartinc.org/giving-machine). Sponsored by the LDS church, 100% of proceeds benefit the selected charities. In the last several years the Giving Machines KC have gifted area nonprofits with more than \$500,000!



## TIS' THE SEASON: ADOPT-A-FAMILY

Navigating day-to-day life in a shelter as a family can be tough, sad, or even isolating for parents and children. However, with the investment of community, we are making the season brighter one family at a time. What better way to spread holiday cheer than to adopt a child or family experiencing homelessness!? With your help, reStart will provide every family and youth staying in shelter with gifts, including books, toys, and household items. Please visit [www.reStartInc.org/adopt-a-family](http://www.reStartInc.org/adopt-a-family) to enhance the lives of families this season!

## GIVING TUESDAY- MARKETING, MONEY & FOOD!

Jack Stack BBQ is our 2023 Giving Tuesday match sponsor! For every \$1 given online to reStart on 11/28, Jack Stack is matching that with donations of delicious BBQ for our shelter residents. This unique partnership is helping reStart to simultaneously provide shelter **and** tackle food insecurity - two of the most basic human needs! More than \$5000 was raised in both cash and in food donations - delicious!

**DOUBLE** your impact.  
reStart Inc.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28th  
ONLINE, ALL DAY

Jack Stack is matching every dollar donated online on 11/28 with food donations in the same amount.

Help us nourish Kansas Citizens experiencing homelessness.

VISIT WEBSITE TO DONATE  [www.reStartInc.org](http://www.reStartInc.org)

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**THE ROAD HOME EXHIBIT IS OPEN!**

Visit *The Road Home* exhibit now through April 28, 2024 at the Kansas City Museum. Experience the stories of 18 current and former reStart residents captured by photographer, story teller, and film maker Randy Bacon. Learn more about Randy at [www.randybacon.com](http://www.randybacon.com). **Kansas City Museum hours: Thursday 10 am - 8 pm, Friday & Saturday 10 am - 5 pm, & Sunday noon - 5 pm. Admission is FREE!**

You may also join us for exhibit related **Community Conversations.**

- Resolve & Learn** 1/20, 10:30 am
- Housing is Healthcare** 2/8, 4 pm & 2/17, 10:30 am
- Dignity & Community Response** 3/7, 4 pm & 3/23, 10:30 am
- Engaging Youth & Artists** 3/28, 4 pm
- Volunteer & Partner Appreciation** April 4, 4 pm
- What's Next: Invitation to Engage** April 20, 10:30 am

**TAKIN' IT TO THE STREETS!**

In an effort to change the way we see and discuss homelessness, reStart is taking *The Road Home* to the streets! Thanks to **H&R Block's** marketing team, **LTD Signs & Graphics** and the **KC Streetcar**, streetcar riders can interact with *The Road Home* exhibit at 14th & Main and 19th & Main. Passengers just scan our featured QR code to see and listen to these inspiring stories. Y



*H&R Block marketing team collaborators*



**MORE THAN \$150,000 RAISED**

Gathering at The Bauer event space on November 9th, reStart supporters were able to help raise more than \$150,000 at Homecoming 2023: *The Road Home*. Presenting sponsors: **JE Dunn Construction** and **Neighborhood Tourist Development Fund**.



## Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week: A Highlight on reStart's Kitchen

reStart observed Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week from November 13 to 18th, spreading awareness of the rising number of neighbors experiencing food and housing insecurity. Social media posts, a Fox4 feature and work with the United Way of Greater KC allowed us to publicly appreciate our amazing kitchen team, which **served nearly 86,000 meals on a monthly budget of \$3,000 in 2022.**

reStart Chef, Steve Davis, says it is his goal is to provide 'restaurant quality' meals. His team has decades of experience, having served in country clubs, restaurants, schools, grocery stores, and catering companies. Davis says his role at reStart is "the most rewarding opportunity he has had." He adds that his mission is "to feed the world," and he believes in the 'healing powers of food'. Thank you to our kitchen staff and the dedicated volunteers that make the operation possible.



### reStart's Dining Room- Open for Business!

Just in time for the holidays, reStart's dining room welcomes back dine-in service. After serving "to go" meals throughout the pandemic and beyond, we are thrilled to be offering residents the chance to gather over a meal.

**Thank you to our dedicated kitchen volunteers**, for making this possible! If you are interested in helping out during dining hours, visit the Harvesters website ([www.harvesters.org](http://www.harvesters.org)) to sign up for a time slot!



**It is in your hands, to make a better world for all who live in it. -Nelson Mandela**

### OTHER UPCOMING NEEDS:

#### Adopt-a-Family

Make a monetary donation that will purchase three gifts for every child in shelter this holiday season. Visit [www.reStartInc.org/adopt-a-family](http://www.reStartInc.org/adopt-a-family)

Facebook fundraiser, Hygiene Drive or Amazon Wish List (anytime)

Holiday Meals  
(December)

Cookies with Santa!  
(December 2nd)

Volunteer in the Dining Room  
(Anytime, visit Harvesters website to sign up)

Volunteer Opportunities: [edavis@restartinc.org](mailto:edavis@restartinc.org)

## Stakeholder Impact

Your investment and trust, move our mission forward. Each person we serve has a unique story. With your partnership, we are moving people from homelessness to housing. Here is a recent success story:

### Hector

"I am finally proud of myself. I have come so far from where I once was," says Hector, a former reStart resident that was moved to safe and stable housing on November 6, 2023. Hector entered shelter in December of 2021 into our Re-Entry program, designed to provide shelter and stability to individuals coming out of incarceration. This program is life-giving to people coming out of the judicial system that would otherwise be exposed to the dangers of living on the street.

Hector says being in reStart's emergency shelter allowed him to overcome alcohol dependency and become more mature, something he was never able to do living on his own in survival mode.

"I am grateful for reStart giving me a chance to start new." Many factors contributed to Hector's experience of homelessness, but his biggest obstacle was his language barrier. Hector is primarily Spanish speaking and does not know how to read or write in English. "Having a bilingual case manager at reStart made a huge difference for me."

After staying in shelter for a total of 23 months, Hector recently received the keys to his very own apartment. Growing up with many relatives living in his home, this is Hector's first time living alone. Luckily, his apartment is within walking distance of the shelter, and he plans to visit often!

## From Trunk-or-Treat and The Road Home to meal service and holiday meal packing, volunteers make it happen!



## Clay Daniels' Final Ruck for reStart

reStart board member and proud veteran, Clay Daniels, completed his final 'Ruck for reStart' on November 10, 2023. Daniels has accomplished four rucks, completed 110 miles, and raised thousands of dollars for veterans experiencing homelessness.

Clay's service to our country began as a young athlete at West Point and continued during 10 years of service in the army, including 5 years as a Green Beret. His partnership on the reStart board with a special concern for veterans, is an extension of his patriotism. He will be missed, but not forgotten at reStart.

### 30! 30! 30! Ruck Campaign

To honor Daniels' Ruck tradition and legacy, many community members launched their own Ruck campaigns to raise funds for unhoused veterans. These community members committed to completing 30 miles, in 30 days, and encouraged their friends and family to donate \$30 each to their campaigns.

The combined result of the 30! 30! 30! campaign was more than \$13,000 in donations. Thanks to all that participated and we cannot wait to launch Rock 2024 in September!

Amazon Wish List: We are always in need of bedding, towels, pillows and underwear – find our list here: [reStart's Amazon Wishlist](#)

Alone we can do so little;  
together we can do so much.



It is not too late to invest in our work this holiday season - let us know if you are interested in making an end of year gift!: [www.restartinc.org](http://www.restartinc.org).



After his 30-mile Ruck, Clay Daniels was welcomed back to reStart by Boy Scout Troop 1084

## Mark Your Calendars...

### Visit the Giving Machines in Union Station.

Anytime until January 1, 2024.

### Coffee and Conversations

Visit reStart for a tour of our shelter, a cup of coffee, and a meaningful conversation with staff members! The 2nd Thursday of each month at 10 am.

<https://www.restartinc.org/coffee-and-conversations>

### Bring Friends and Family to The Road Home at the Kansas City Museum

Now through April 28, 2024.

### Engage With Community Conversations.

Many opportunities available at the Kansas City Museum between January 2024- April 2024.



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