

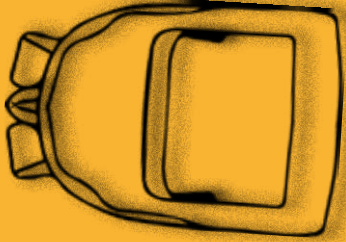
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GET INVOLVED THIS SUMMER!

Many children experiencing homelessness and poverty in America struggle in school because of inadequate food or school supplies. **You can help!**



This summer, FOCUS will send you brand-new, high quality backpacks with a list of school supplies. Fill the backpacks with the supplies and then donate them to a FOCUS partner school in your area for the upcoming school year. **This is a good project for all ages and is scalable for large or small groups.**

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Many of those who receive services from FOCUS become volunteers or staff.

FOCUS creates opportunities for community members to build relationships by serving their neighbors.

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Fostering servant leadership

FOOD OCCUPATION CLOTHING UNDERSTANDING SHELTER



When he's not at the FOCUS Center, Tony, a veteran, serves on the Veteran Affairs Community Advisory Board for the St. Louis VA Center. Between his work at FOCUS and his service for the VA, **Tony is thankful for the opportunity to share kindness he himself has received.** He believes it is this work that keeps him focused on what is important and not on the many temptations that caused him to stumble as a young man.



FOCUS Gateway City, St. Louis

The FOCUS family is thankful each day, Tony, for your smile as well as your commitment to our community and to serving others!



Tony Clark, St. Louis volunteer.

We Need Your Prayers!

Due to a rapid increase in rent, FOCUS Minnesota has been forced to change locations. Please pray for FOCUS Minnesota through this transition. For more info visit www.focusmn.org

Impact through food:

YOUR GIVING IN ACTION in 2017

479,214

Hot meals served

Children served through weekend backpack feeding programs in Detroit, Pittsburgh, and West Central Pennsylvania

71,116

4,251

Children fed fresh, nutritious meals through the Summer Feeding Program

Food pantry items distributed

87,996

The Served Become Servants

Tony Clark's warm smile greets guests when they walk through the door of FOCUS Gateway City in St. Louis, Missouri. He is a regular volunteer and a familiar face for guests coming to visit the food pantry, clothing closet, and the hot meal served every Sunday evening.

Tony's story with FOCUS began in 2013, shortly after he was released from prison.

"Coming out of prison," Tony shared, "I was constantly looking to serve my own needs, and when I first walked into FOCUS, I was looking to see what I could get out of it."

However, after visiting FOCUS regularly for meals, **Tony began to feel that he was a part of a community of neighbors who served and supported each other.** He enrolled in a FOCUS professional development course for men, which became a strong foundation for his personal and professional growth.

Slowly, Tony's entire philosophy changed and he found himself being the volunteer, taking care of others.

"I now see that I am part of a community of neighbors," Tony said, "And this community has knocked me out of the frame of mind that 'I am my own God', but am instead part of something much bigger than myself."