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Many of us have heard of the phrase “labor of love”, but have you ever really looked at the definition? We tend to think of this phrase when we think of the unpaid work that we do out of the goodness of our hearts, or the hobbies we love doing but don’t get paid for, but what does the phrase “labor of love” actually mean?

The Miriam Webster dictionary defines “labor of love” as: “A labor voluntarily undertaken or performed without consideration of any benefit or reward.” The Oxford Lexico defines it as: “A task done for pleasure, not reward.” While many people attribute the phrase “labor of love” to writers going back as far as the 1500’s, especially Shakespeare’s comedy “Love’s Labor’s Lost”, did you know the expression actually comes from the Bible?

In Hebrews 6:10 it says: “For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister.” 1 Thessalonians

1:2-3 says: “We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father.”

At TRM we see labors of love happening around us every day. From the labors of our kitchen staff and volunteers as they cook, prepare and serve hot meals and sack lunches to hundreds of TRM guests and community members daily, to the labors of our Distribution Center staff and volunteers as they sort, clean and prepare household items, clothing and food boxes to be given to TRM guests and households in need,

to the labors of our Street Reach and MAP teams as they go forth into the community to locate unsheltered individuals and provide them with food, showers and services right where they are, to the labors of our dedicated shelter staff who provide 24/7 care for families and individuals experiencing homelessness, hopelessness and trauma.

Along with these incredible staff and volunteers, we also see labors of love performed every day behind the scenes by our unsung heroes: The maintenance team who diligently follows protocols to keep everyone as safe and healthy as possible, the business office

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who works tirelessly to keep the administrative side of TRM running smoothly, the education and development teams who work closely with TRM guests to overcome obstacles and obtain employment and safe and permanent housing, and the communications team who reaches out to help educate and foster relationships with TRM supporters and our community. These are just a few of the TRM staff and volunteers that constantly, day in and day out, perform labors of love to meet the needs of all those we are called to serve.

But as much as our staff and volunteers work to help those in need, our labors would fall short if not for the selfless devotion of those who support TRM in other ways. By donating food, clothing

and new items, by praying on our behalf, and by donating your financial resources, your labors of love are the foundation on which TRM is able to rise to meet the daily challenges we face.

During these times of inflation and economic uncertainties, we recognize how you still go above and beyond to support the mission of TRM. We too are facing the rising costs of providing food, shelter and services for over 150 people each night, and as these expenses continue to rise, it's easy to become overwhelmed with doubt. But although many of you are also facing financial challenges in our earthly economy, we have seen you practice "kingdom economics:" loving God above all and

practicing this love by being faithful to share with others what God has shared with you.

The impact that your generosity continues to make is not just about providing food, shelter and services, it's also about providing someone with hope, grace, and a second chance in life. For those individuals and families who have been handed the legacy of hunger, poverty, and insecurity, your gifts help us create a generational change and make a generational impact in their lives. Even if you are not with us physically, you are making a huge difference by giving your time, prayer and financial resources. That is YOUR labor of love, and it makes all the difference to the work of TRM! Thank you for continuing to support us!†

Your financial impact at TRM!

What does your donation do for guests of TRM?

\$25 Provides **56** hot, prepared meals



\$50 Provides **1** night of shelter, food & clothing for an individual

\$100 Provides **2.5** nights of shelter, food & clothing for an individual



\$500 Provides about **12** nights of shelter, food & clothing for an individual

How many food bags does \$100 provide?

\$100



Due to the generous donations of food we receive we are able to provide **7** bags of food, equaling about **112** meals for \$100!

What is the value of our volunteers in dollars?

15,000 volunteer hours is the equivalent of **7** full time staff!



How to give to TRM:

Ready to give your time?

Contact our Volunteer Department at kcampbell@trmonline.org or call 785-354-1744 to join our amazing team of TRM volunteers!



Bring them to our Distribution Center at 401 NW Norris, Monday-Friday 8AM-3:45PM, or visit our Amazon wishlist at www.trmonline.org/needslist!

Ready to donate items?

Ready to give financially?

Visit us on the web at www.trmonline.org to set up an individual or recurring monthly donation - it's easy, convenient, and the amount is up to you!

Or mail a check to:

Topeka Rescue Mission Ministries
PO Box 8350
Topeka, KS 66608



A word from Kaillee, Volunteer Director at TRM:



“We have been blessed with amazing individuals who serve selflessly at TRM! We have volunteers who have been serving for many years who continue to give their time, talent, and expertise. The Lord has used volunteers for things such as coordinating

our nurse's clinic for over 30 years, packing food bags, numerous organizational projects, praying for the ministry and those we serve, to being that welcoming smile to our guests while serving food in our dining hall. Along with many other projects! Volunteers are instrumental in our ability to serve individuals in need. I'm personally grateful for the example that our volunteers demonstrate in such a tangible way, which is the Fruit of the Spirit: they are living examples of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control in the way that they serve. I encourage everyone who feels like they have wanted to reach out to volunteer with TRM, you will not regret it! I'm daily amazed by conversations on how the Lord is bringing in laborers to love those we serve right where they are.”

Did you know?

Did you know how important YOU are to the daily workings of TRM? **Over 84% of our support comes directly from individual donors like you**, not grants or organizations. TRM has never used external professional fundraisers, but instead relies primarily on a strong network of individual donors and organizations. What that says to us is that people like you are making the biggest difference for people in need in our community! Your sacrificial giving of your own resources is another labor of love that makes all the difference for hundreds of people in need every month and thousands of people in need every year. Thank you for giving from your heart!

