



Human Service Fund: A Collaborative City/County Partnership
2022 Year-End Report

Since 1990, United Community Services of Johnson County (UCS) has worked in partnership with cities* and Johnson County Government to support programs that improve the quality of life through human service strategies. This report provides an overview of programs supported by the Human Service Fund (HSF) during 2022. In 2022, UCS was pleased to launch the new HSF Small Grants Program, which provides grants of less than \$5,000 to new, growing, and grassroots organizations working to build their footprint and grant capacity in Johnson County. The HSF grant process saw a 50% increase in applications for funding in 2022, with funding requests exceed funding availability by more than \$44,000. For 2022, nineteen nonprofits, including five new applicants, were awarded \$410,830.

Throughout 2022, as pandemic recovery continued, grantees continued to be nimble in adapting strategies for operations and outreach to support clients in accessing safety net services as well as supporting opportunities made available through American Rescue Plan Act funds. Like many industries, HSF grantees providing regular case management and services, such as healthcare, experienced turnover of critical staff. Many direct assistance agencies saw a sharp increase in need among clients, related to high inflation and significant cost increases in rent, utilities, and groceries. Responding to the need, HSF grantees dug in and provided over 221,000 units of service to more than 61,000^ Johnson County residents. These “units of service” included a full spectrum of programmatic interventions designed to offer support and build self-sufficiency and well-being such as: medical, dental and mental health appointments, nights of safe housing, counseling programs, emergency rental and utility assistance, food pantries, hours of case management, employment training and counseling, and more.

Human Service Fund (HSF) Priorities:

Programs funded by the HSF must deliver measurable outcomes which benefit Johnson County residents and, in the long-term, benefit local governments by avoiding, deferring, or preventing costs that otherwise might be incurred by local government. Programs funded by the HSF must fit the definition of “Safety Net or Work Supports.” Priority is given to programs that:

- address emergency aid and shelter, child/adult abuse, child welfare, health, work support services such as childcare and early childhood development, and job training.
- serve individuals and/or families with income below or near the federal poverty level.
- demonstrate innovation and/or collaboration in program delivery.
- are consistent with an evidence-based program, best practices or promising practices, or replicate a successful model.

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2022 Funding	
Johnson County Government	\$151,500
14 Cities	\$286,330
Total Dollars	\$437,830
UCS Administration	-\$27,000
Grant Awards	\$410,830

*Participating cities include De Soto, Edgerton, Gardner, Leawood, Lenexa, Merriam, Mission, Olathe, Overland Park, Prairie Village, Roeland Park, Shawnee, Spring Hill, and Westwood.

^This figure represents unduplicated client counts for each grantee, combined.

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HSF Small Grants Recipients - \$18,998 in grants

New in 2022, after consultation with and agreement of contributing jurisdictions, HSF awarded small grants, for amounts less than \$5,000, for agencies that are new, growing, or grassroots and working to grow their services and grant capacity in Johnson County. Like regular HSF applicants, these nonprofits must meet Human Service Fund guidelines, including funding priorities, eligibility criteria, and reporting requirements.

Community Center of Shawnee

Served 3,361 Johnson County residents

\$4,500 Grant

Community Center of Shawnee provides year-round transportation assistance and food pantry services to decrease food insecurity and increase self-sufficiency of Johnson County residents as part of their emergency assistance program, which includes food, clothing, holiday meals, school supplies, transportation assistance, and shelter supports. Community Center of Shawnee serves low-income clients. Transportation is a recognized barrier to employment and healthcare access in Johnson County.

Outcomes achieved during 2022: Community Center of Shawnee served a total of 9,181 individuals, including 3,361 Johnson County residents, providing approximately 25 pounds of dry goods (plus meat) to up to 85 families per month, as well as transportation assistance, through gas cards in the amount of \$25 or \$30, to an average of 65 households per month. These services supported a reduction in food insecurity for an average of 725 individuals per month. Transportation assistance supported households in maintaining employment, accessing healthcare, and securing shelter. Requests for transportation assistance, a new program of Community Center of Shawnee, greatly exceeded available funding.

Gateway to Hope

230 Johnson County residents received 1,498 hours of free or sliding scale mental health and behavioral health services

\$4,500 Grant

Gateway of Hope provides sliding scale and free quality mental health and behavioral healthcare to low income, under- and uninsured women in Johnson County. HSF funding subsidizes the Sisters of Hope/Hermanas en la Esperanza program, which focuses on access to care for Latina women and other women of color. Services are provided in English and Spanish and include individual counseling, small group counseling, and support groups. Access to mental and behavioral healthcare services is an acute need for low-income women in Johnson County.

Outcomes achieved during 2022: Gateway of Hope's services support clients in reducing levels of trauma-related depression, increasing or improving work productivity, and experiencing life improvement. Based on client surveys, 90% of clients reported that they were being provided the help they needed, 88% reported gaining insights and tools that help them transform their lives, and 90% reported an increase in self-confidence and ability to handle challenges. Clients report work productivity improvements including greater focus at work, willingness to take on additional products, work promotions, and starting new businesses. Clients also report reduction in symptoms of depression and anxiety and improvement in relationships.

HopeBuilders HopeBuilders provides free home repair, modification, and home accessibility projects for low-income older adults and individuals with disabilities. HSF funding supports home safety, accessibility, and mobility for Johnson County residents, helping residents remain safely in their homes. A recommendation of the 2021 Johnson County Community Housing Study, home modification and repair are important components of maintaining existing Johnson County housing stock.

22 Johnson County residents benefitted from 12 home repair and modification projects

Outcomes achieved during 2022: HopeBuilders provided critical home repairs and modifications in and around Johnson County, serving a total of 200 people. Home repairs and modifications completed in 2022 include building 42 accessibility ramps, making 73 accessibility modifications (bathroom modifications such as replacing tubs with no-step showers, installing handrails and grab bars) and 6 full bathroom modifications, as well as 100 critical home repairs (such as roofing and guttering, siding, and weatherization, replace and repair of HVAC units). In Johnson County, HopeBuilders performed 12 projects for 9 households, comprised of 22 residents. These projects ensure that households can live in safe, stable housing with increased mobility; all projects were provided at no cost to the low-income residents.

\$4,999 Grant

Pathway to Hope Pathway to Hope is the local chapter of a national program, Reclamation Clubhouse, which provides a day program and free education and employment training as well as work tools, clothing, and transportation for adults with a diagnosis of serious mental illness to support stable employment and self-sufficiency. Pathway to Hope supports club members in obtaining employment skills and obtaining and maintaining employment through job identification assistance, work tools and attire, transportation assistance, and more.

68 Johnson County residents supported through 8,105 hours of supports

Outcomes achieved during 2022: Pathway to Hope served 70 clients, from within and outside of Johnson County, through 9,108 hours of support. 19 clients are in part-time or full-time paid work and are supported through transportation and subsidization of work-related attire. 62 clients are building skills to support them in obtaining paid work, including training on data processing programs, including Sheets, Access, Docx, and Slides.

\$4,999 Grant

HSF Regular Grants - \$391,832 in grants

CASA of Johnson and Wyandotte Counties CASA’s (Court-Appointed Special Advocate) Child Advocacy Program is a court-ordered program that serves children involved in cases where conflicting case information has been presented to the judge, there is extreme neglect or abuse, or there are concerns about implementation of services. A trained CASA volunteer advocate focuses on the child’s needs. The volunteer gathers information from significant adults in the child’s life, and with a CASA supervisor, submits a report to the judge who is then able to make a more informed decision regarding the child’s future. In 2021 and 2022, CASA has seen a trend in cases take longer to process through the court system. As a result, CASA advocates served existing clients longer and were able to take on fewer new referrals. Despite these challenges, the Child Advocacy Program served 385 children within and outside of Johnson County with over 20,400 hours of advocacy.

299 Johnson County children served through 15,087 hours of support and advocacy

\$50,000 Grant

Outcomes achieved during 2022: The presence of a stable adult is a key factor in building resilience from a history of trauma. 98% of children served by CASA had a stable adult presence in their CASA volunteer during their court involvement. While assigned to a CASA advocate, 99% of the children served did not have an additional affirmed or substantiated report of abuse to Kansas Department for Children and Families. Of the CASA-served youth eligible for graduation or working towards obtaining a GED, 82% were successful (graduated or awarded a GED). This percentage for academic milestones far exceeds the state average for children in foster care.

Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas

16,458 Johnson County residents served through 39,826 service encounters

\$68,500 Grant

Through two centers in Johnson County, Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas provides an emergency assistance and supportive housing program for families living at or below 150% of federal poverty guidelines. Emergency assistance protects and promotes the well-being of families and children by meeting basic needs such as food, shelter, and clothing, as well as financial assistance with prescription medication, utility payments, and transportation. The case management delivery model emphasizes modes of self-sustainment, including asset development/financial literacy, education on life skills and connection to other resources. In 2022, Catholic Charities saw a sharp increase in need among clients – with requests for food assistance more than doubling and clients owing, on average, more than 50% more in past-due rent or utilities than in prior years. This increase in need is attributed to inflation and the significantly increased cost of food at grocery stores. Catholic Charities was able to host its Annual Christmas Store for the first time since 2019. During the Atmos Utility Assistance Blitz, co-hosted by Catholic Charities at its Olathe Center, Catholic Charities and Atmos worked together to support families with utility assistance and getting current on their utility bills. Due to inflation and high grocery costs, Catholic Charities anticipates a continued increase in demand for services in 2023.

Outcomes achieved during 2022: Visits to Catholic Charities for food assistance more than *doubled* in 2022 for a total of 35,452 visits. The number of clients benefitting from rental and utility assistance are lower for 2022 as the average past due amount was more than 50% higher than in prior years: direct financial assistance enabled 748 individuals to maintain safe housing for at least 30 days; and 892 individuals benefited from utility service assistance which enabled them to sustain utility services for 30 days. 91% of households receiving direct financial assistance completed a financial assessment with their case manager. 81% of individuals who received financial assistance also completed at least one component of financial literacy education (Money Smart, Your Money-Your Goals), and received one-on-one budget coaching.

El Centro, Inc.

Unduplicated number of Johnson County residents served: 2,700 through 2,893 service encounters

El Centro’s Johnson County Family Services Program provides a set of safety-net services to low-income, under-insured and uninsured Johnson County residents. Services include, but are not limited to, emergency assistance, assistance filing taxes, financial literacy classes and individual counseling regarding money management, and access to healthcare (health navigation and promotion). Assistance filing taxes is delivered through El Centro’s Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site, located in Overland Park. The other services are provided in El Centro’s office located in Olathe. In 2022, El Centro saw many clients retain health coverage, due to COVID-related

Medicaid eligibility determination waivers, resulting in greater health stability for clients.

42 virtual training videos with 12,368 community views

\$25,000 Grant

Outcomes achieved during 2022: Clients' immediate basic needs were met: 83 households received utility assistance and 8 households received rent assistance. 145 individuals completed financial coaching to support long-term financial stability. 67 people were assisted with the process that enabled them to receive an Individual Tax Identification Number and thus file income taxes; 921 people were assisted in filing their taxes. 293 individuals were assisted with applying for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and received benefits; 413 enrolled in KanCare with assistance. 460 individuals were referred to a community healthcare resource and of those, 100% had at least one successful outcome. 125 individuals completed a class about eating healthy on a budget.

Continuing its virtual advocacy and engagement in 2022, El Centro posted 42 training videos related to COVID-19, economic empowerment, and accessing public benefits, with a total of 12,368 views by community members.

FosterAdopt Connect

Johnson County residents served: 18 through 3,298 hours of intensive behavioral intervention

\$5,000 Grant

FosterAdopt Connect's Behavioral Intervention Program (BIP), supported in part by a federal grant, uses the Neurosequential Model of Therapeutics (NMT) to provide intensive one-on-one in-home services with fostered and adopted children to address behavioral and emotional management for families with fostered or adopted children with behavioral challenges that would qualify the youth for admittance to a residential or psychiatric facility. BIP stabilizes housing placement, preventing families from experiencing the trauma of disrupted housing placements and reducing the need for residential in-patient services. BIP is recognized as an effective intervention and the cost of in-home intervention through BIP is significantly less than in-patient treatment and/or disrupting housing placement for children in the program.

2022 Outcomes: BIP is a highly intensive, one-on-one in-home program. In 2022, BIP served 22 youth, 18 of which live in Johnson County, through 5,126 hours of service. 70% of the participating youth demonstrated an increased ability to complete daily living tasks; 80% of children showed a decrease in the need for redirection or safety holds as a result of maladaptive behaviors as demonstrated by a decrease of 10 points or more on the Child and Adolescent Function Assessment Scale (CAFAS). BIP clients had a reduced number of psychiatric interventions and caregivers and school administrators indicated clients demonstrated marked improvement in behaviors – at home and school. 73% of BIP clients, all of whom demonstrated maladaptive behaviors qualifying them for admittance to an in-patient program, were able to maintain current housing and avoid residential treatment.

Growing Futures Early Education Center

Most of the families served by Growing Futures have incomes at or below federal poverty guidelines. Through the Human Service Fund grant, scholarships for childcare assistance help low-income families experiencing financial hardships who are unable to pay their share of childcare fees (federal Head Start grants fund 3.5 hours of the day and parents are responsible for costs wrapped around the Head Start funded hours). Scholarships allow for continuity of early childhood care and education while parents

Johnson County residents served: 200 through 4,872 hours of subsidized wrap around care for 58 children as well as entire family support

\$19,398 Grant

are working or attending school, supporting a strong and healthy workforce in Johnson County.

Outcomes achieved during 2022: 58 children and their immediate family members, for a total of 200 individuals, received short-term help or fee subsidies which allowed parents to remain working or in school while facing financial challenges. The needs of families went beyond monetary; Growing Futures provided winter break bags with food, snacks, books, and gifts for children and families and hosted a vaccination clinic to support all children in being fully vaccinated. During 2022, no children left the program due to inability to pay fees. Attendance was strong – 85.25% for the year. Despite the challenges of pandemic recovery and the pressures of inflation, 98.5% of the assisted families achieved steps toward the completion of a large family goal, such as maintaining employment, learning English, purchasing a first home, or working toward a GED. 92% of kindergarten eligible children achieved kindergarten readiness based on the Bracken School Readiness Assessment and Classroom Observation Record.

Health Partnership Clinic of Johnson County

12,365 Johnson County residents utilized 23,368 healthcare visits, screenings, and vaccine appointments

\$49,500 Grant

The Health Partnership Clinic (HPC) provides primary and preventative medical care as well as dental and behavioral health services for low-income and uninsured patients who otherwise would not have access to care. HPC health care services include both pediatric and adult care. Specialty care is provided through a network of providers. In addition, a walk-in clinic and case management services are provided for patients who are homeless. HPC is Johnson County’s largest safety-net clinic and only Federally Qualified Health Center and utilizes a medical home model which emphasizes prevention and health maintenance while providing a broad scope of services including care for patients with chronic diseases.

In 2022, HPC received several national awards for its services. It also expanded its prenatal care services, began providing care for refugee families in coordination with the International Rescue Committee and Catholic Charities, and added dental outreach services in the Blue Valley School District for students who do not have a dental care provider. Like other medical providers, HPC has experienced challenges in recruiting and retaining clinical support staff.

Outcomes achieved in 2022: HPC served 14,953 patients from within and outside of Johnson County in 2022, including 4,322 dental screenings through Johnson County school districts and immunizations to 303 community members who are not HPC patients. In 2022 there were 28,262 patient office visits and/or clinical encounters. Over 90% of patients surveyed indicated they were either satisfied or very satisfied with overall care they received as a patient.

Hillcrest Ministries of MidAmerica

23 Johnson County residents accessed

Hillcrest’s Transitional Housing – Homeless Youth and Families Program – provides transitional housing for homeless youth, up to age 24, families with children, and single adults through seven apartments located in Overland Park. Hillcrest’s clients are at or below federal poverty guidelines and homeless when they enter the program. The program provides housing and food, case management, budget counseling, and

2,004 nights in transitional housing

connections to community services to address immediate and ongoing needs, including: medical, dental, vision, mental health, substance abuse treatment, employment training, tutoring, and mentoring. Participants are provided transitional housing and work toward individualized educational and employment goals as well as other life goals.

\$10,000 Grant

Outcomes achieved in 2022: 23 Johnson County residents were served through 2,004 nights of transitional housing. Each client completed individual service assessments and completed at least one achievement goal. All youth, 6, worked toward educational goals, such as college entry, and improved employment; 4 of the youth were able to move into permanent housing. All adult clients achieved at least one goal from their assessment plan, including employment, education, sobriety, or family reunification. 90% of adults, 9 of 10, were able to maintain or improve employment, with 8 households completing the program and obtaining permanent housing. Due to increased prices in rental properties and housing in Johnson County and lack of affordable housing options, several clients remained longer in transitional housing, which led to Hillcrest serving fewer total individuals than in prior years.

Inclusion Connections

205 Johnson County youth participated in 58,522 hours of job-related supports and other programs

A new program for 2022, Inclusion Connections' EmployAbility/PawsAbilities employment program provides job training, transportation, job counseling, and wrap around services for low-income young adults with developmental disabilities. The EmployAbility/PawsAbilities program is one of several services provided by Inclusion Connections; other services include day and evening programs, such as educational and life skills programs and physical activity-based programs. All programs are low-cost with sliding scale fees for low-income clients. Inclusions Connections supports long-term employment, quality of life, and independence among young adults with developmental disabilities and supports caregivers in maintaining employment, which supports positive family outcomes.

\$5,000 Grant

Outcomes achieved during 2022: In 2022, 39 youth enrolled in the PawsAbilities employment program, with 37 obtaining and maintaining employment throughout the year with support, including regular transportation to and from work, from Inclusion Connections; the remaining 2 youth are following action plans to identify supported employment. Without such supportive services, employment among young adults with developmental disabilities nationally is 15%. Based on surveys administered to youth participants and families, 100% of families reported that Inclusion Connections programming had a positive impact on their child and 100% of youth participants reported an improved quality of life as a result of their participation with Inclusion Connections.

Johnson County Interfaith Hospitality Network

Through partnerships with 36 faith congregations, Johnson County Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) provided homeless families and single unaccompanied women with shelter, meals, and case management which included assistance with budgeting and money management, job and housing searches, transportation, and referrals to community resources. In 2022, due to the continued coronavirus

35 Johnson County residents accessed 2,164 nights of shelter

\$9,000 Grant

pandemic, IHN provided shelter through a combination of hotel rooms and congregation partnerships.

Outcomes achieved during 2022: IHN utilized the funding support to provide professional strengths-based case management for homeless families and homeless single unaccompanied females. A total of 35 Johnson County residents were supported through this program in 2022. 57% of families moved to homes of their own, or transitional housing within four months of entering the network. 85.5% of families increased economic resources by 25% during their time in the network. IHN held in-person volunteer trainings in 2022 with 94% of volunteers reported increased awareness of human service needs in our community after attending a volunteer training.

Kansas Children’s Service League

165 Johnson County residents engaged in 1002 client visits

\$20,340 Grant

Kansas Children’s Service League (KCSL) Healthy Families Johnson County, a child abuse prevention program, provides intensive home-based parent education, support, and case management to first and second-time parents who have been identified as being high risk for child abuse and neglect. Participants receive routine at-home visits, case management, referrals to community resources and services, child development and parent education, and linkage to health care services. In 2022, KCSL continued to utilize both in-person and virtual connections to meet client needs through home visits, and virtual visits. KCSL also hosted multiple in-person outdoor activities to support parental engagement for participating families, including nature exploration, Kansas City Zoo visits, fall family photos, and a visit to the Deanna Rose Farmstead. Parent engagement includes Parent Cafés, parent support groups, and a Parent Leadership Council.

Outcomes achieved during 2022: 98% of families served by the program remained free from substantiated abuse and neglect while in the program. By the end of the year, 100% of children enrolled in the program for at least six months had health insurance and 86% had a developmental screening, supporting immediate and long-term health and educational attainment of the children and families.

KidsTLC

Johnson County residents served: 195 through 253 service encounters

139 individuals engaged with Que Onda Familias

\$17,500 Grant

KidsTLC’s Thriving Families provides support and education services, including a Family Support and Navigation Specialist who is available to help families navigate the complexities of finding mental health/health care, housing, and community resources/support. The program also provides education groups for parents or guardians of KidsTLC clients through the CARES and Que Onda Familias (Spanish speaking) education and support groups. The program is a compliment to the residential and outpatient mental health services KidsTLC provides to children. Services are targeted to the following populations: homeless/McKinney Vento families in the Olathe and Shawnee Mission school districts; Spanish speaking families in Johnson County; parents/guardians of current KidsTLC clients; and families on long waitlists for mental health services. The goal of the program is to educate families on health issues, trauma, and raising healthy children and to provide health navigation and connection to community resources.

Outcomes achieved during 2022: KidsTLC served a total of 396 individuals in and outside of Johnson County and provided 44 Que Onda Familias online classes with 5,554 views by clients. Through those online sessions, 77 clients requested assistance from KidsTLC. KidsTLC helped meet people’s life sustaining basic needs by referring clients to resources. Following services, 80% of clients reported having a better understanding of health and mental health resources available to them after working with KidsTLC. 88% of families kept their initial appointment for a service they were referred to and 79% remained in those services after 30 days.

NCircle

67 Johnson County residents engaged in 4,842 hours of case management and training

\$19,696 Grant

NCircle’s College of Trades program provides skills training, certification instruction, financial education, job placement, connections to community services, and job retention services for individuals in Johnson County Department of Corrections Adult Residential Center (ARC) and Therapeutic Community, as well as adults on probation upon release from the ARC. Programs include essential life skills training, digital literacy and computer skills training, and occupational training courses, such as OSHA 10, welding, automotive tech, construction basics, and forklift training. Programs are provided at ARC for clients housed at the center and at Johnson County Community College for clients who are on community supervision. These programs enhance the qualifications of Johnson County workforce.

Outcomes achieved during 2022: In 2022, 70 individuals engaged in the training and employment program, receiving 4,976 hours of instruction and case management with the support of HSF dollars. Clients in the program passed 309 tests and earned 64 certificates through the College of Trades program such as: OSHA 10, Construction Basics, Welding, Shop Blueprint, Customer Service, Skills for Professional Assistants, MS Word, MS Excel, and Forklift certificates. Pre-Post Employment Readiness Scale Assessments of clients who have completed the College of Trades indicate a 33% improvement in client career decision-making, a 35% increase in their ability to search for a job, and 37% increase in client ability to manage their career even when unexpected changes occur. These assessments also indicated that clients demonstrate an average of 17% improvement in self-efficacy, a 34% improvement in understanding social networks and supports, and a 12% improvement in understanding what it takes to obtain and maintain employment. This skill development results in greater employment retention.

Program graduates also had reduced recidivism: At 180 days after program completion, 90% of program graduates had no revocations as compared to 22% of nonparticipants and 97% of program graduates had no new convictions as compared to 6% of nonparticipants.

Safehome

113 Johnson County residents engaged in

Safehome provides shelter and other assistance to those fleeing domestic violence, including assistance in addressing finances, such as direct financial assistance, financial literacy courses, assistance budgeting and improving credit, identifying barriers to employment, referrals to Workforce Partnership, and supporting employment.

7,909 nights of shelter and service encounters

\$21,000 Grant

Through education, support, and referrals to community agencies, this program assists clients in taking control of their finances and moving towards financial independence as they work to rebuild their lives. In 2022, Safehome served significantly more clients than in 2021: 254 residents, within and outside of Johnson County, through 16,301 nights of safe shelter and service encounters, including therapy, case management, and other services.

Outcomes achieved during 2022: 76% of Safehome clients reported looking for work while in shelter, with 73% of clients in residence for at least four weeks working on a budget and 66% making a plan to pay off past due bills. Over 94% of clients in shelter reported knowing more ways to plan for their safety and 80% of clients who spent at least four sessions in therapy showed a decrease in symptoms, based on the PHQ-SADS Screener. 78% of clients who resided at Safehome for at least 90 days transitioned from the shelter and into permanent housing, with 75% of those clients reported remaining housed six months later.

The Salvation Army, Olathe

105 Johnson County residents received 19,206 nights of shelter, meals, and hygiene kits

\$25,000 Grant

The Salvation Army Johnson County Family Lodge assists homeless and near homeless families with shelter and food at their Olathe campus. Each family receives strengths-based case management where they develop an individualized housing and financial stabilization plan and are assisted in locating affordable housing and establishing savings. Family therapy, crisis counseling, parenting classes and financial literacy programming are also available. The Salvation Army participates in the Coordinated Entry System which began in late 2017 under the auspices of UCS-facilitated KS-505 Johnson County Continuum of Care on Homelessness. In 2022, the Family Lodge responded to the shortage of affordable, qualified childcare facilities in the region by becoming licensed to provide before and after care services as well as summer care, at no charge for families participating in their programs; these services will begin in 2023. Providing childcare not only provides critical work support for families, but also supports long-term health and educational attainment of children.

Outcomes achieved during 2022: 2022 was a challenging year for housing for families in Johnson County as inflation and double-digit percent rent increases affected the local housing market. Salvation Army worked with Olathe Housing Authority and Johnson County Housing Authority to secure housing vouchers, which help underwrite a significant portion of housing costs on a monthly basis, for families. 78% of families transitioned from the Family Lodge into permanent housing and 83% of families increased their income and decreased their housing debt to support living in permanent housing. 13 children and 15 families were also served through childcare tuition supports and reduction in past due eviction or utility debt, which, if not addressed, often serves as an absolute barrier to securing new permanent housing.

Sunflower House

The Human Service Fund supported the Sunflower House child abuse prevention program – the Personal Safety Educational program. The program includes: 1) *Happy Bear*, an interactive play for children ages four through seven in public and private

Johnson County residents served: 24,984

\$46,898 Grant

early childhood centers and elementary schools; 2) *Think First and Stay Safe* for PreK-5th grade students; 3) *E-Safety*, an internet safety program for middle school students; 4) *Keeping Kids Safe Online*, education for parents; 5) *Stewards of Children*, a child abuse prevention training for parents and caregivers; 6) *Child Protection*, an adult-focused child sexual abuse prevention program; and, 7) *Mandated Reporter Training* which teaches attendees to recognize signs of sexual abuse, the correct procedures/laws for reporting, and how to handle a child's disclosure.

During the pandemic, Sunflower House began utilizing virtual training options in addition to in-person training. As a result, Sunflower House has been able to expand its program offerings more broadly – in English and Spanish, and in-person or virtually. Traditionally, Sunflower House provides in-person trainings to large groups; due to the pandemic, Sunflower House now provides both virtual and in-person training options. In 2022, Sunflower House served 35,654 individuals from within and outside of Johnson County.

Outcomes achieved during 2022: In 2022, Sunflower House grew relationships with new organizations, including providing training for the Kansas School for the Deaf and the NE Kansas/NW Missouri Girl Scouts program. Sunflower House also began to provide Trauma-Informed Care trainings. Due to the passage of legislation, House Bill 2662, requiring parental permission for all non-educational surveys administered to children, Sunflower House is no longer able to administer surveys measuring the impact of their programming to children. Surveys are still administered to adults who participate in trainings. 8,146 adults, including 3,699 within the special needs community, were trained regarding child abuse with 98% of adults indicating that they gained new information. After online safety training, 100% of adults indicated they will more closely monitor the electronic communications of children in their care.