

Johnson County Christmas Bureau Annual Report for 2017



OUR MISSION

Provide warmth and support, during the winter holiday season, to low-income Johnson County, Kansas families;

Increase awareness and understanding of poverty in Johnson County, Kansas; and

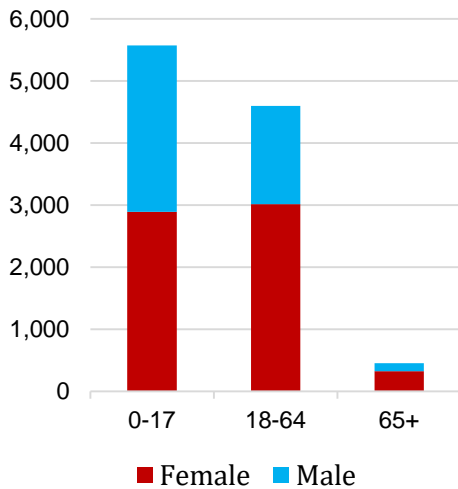
Give neighbors an outlet to help neighbors.



JCCB provides services to low-income Johnson County neighbors without regard to religion, race or ethnicity.

Who We Help - Our Clients

81% of our clients are women and children.



A team of dedicated volunteers work year round to run the Client Services department. Invitations to apply for assistance from the Holiday Shop are distributed via email or letter each Fall.

In 2017 JCCB went live with its first ever online client application and processing system. We still accept hard copy applications but it was time to modernize the process. The new system worked great.

After an application is submitted the client services team reviews each and every application and schedules appointments for all eligible applicants. Client Services works throughout the Holiday Shop to change appointment times due to last minute conflicts and clients having trouble finding transportation to the Holiday Shop.

A Visit from a Former Client

“Henry” first came to the Holiday Shop when he was 6 years old. His mom had just regained custody after successfully completing rehab. “Henry” began helping out in the Books Department while waiting for his mom to shop – and continued this tradition for 5 years. After a long absence, “Henry” returned to the Holiday Shop and tracked down a familiar face.

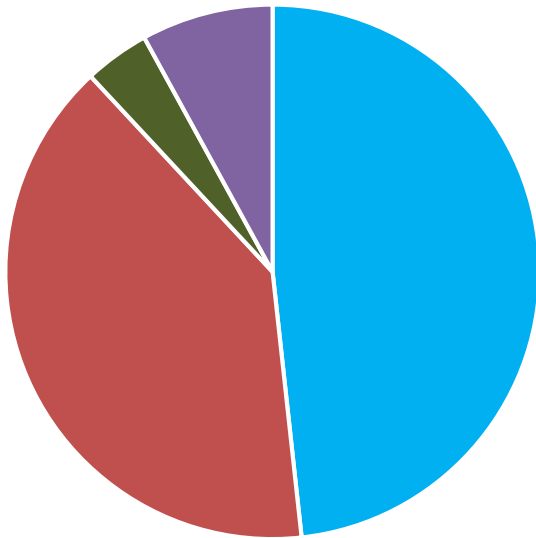
“Henry” wanted to let everyone know that while his mom had been ashamed to come to the Holiday Shop, they both realized the impact of the assistance they received. “Henry” graduated Valedictorian and is now pursuing a medical degree so that he can follow in the footsteps of the Holiday Shop volunteers and give back to the community.



Volunteers Kay King, Janell Engelhardt and Joanne King work the phones and computers in the Client Services office at the Holiday Shop.

Who We Help – Our Clients

Children, Adults & Seniors



Ages 0-17
 Ages 18-64
 Ages 65+
 Nursing Home Residents

Over 34,000 neighbors live below the federal poverty level. We estimate that over 60,000 neighbors live below 150% of the federal poverty level.

Imagine...

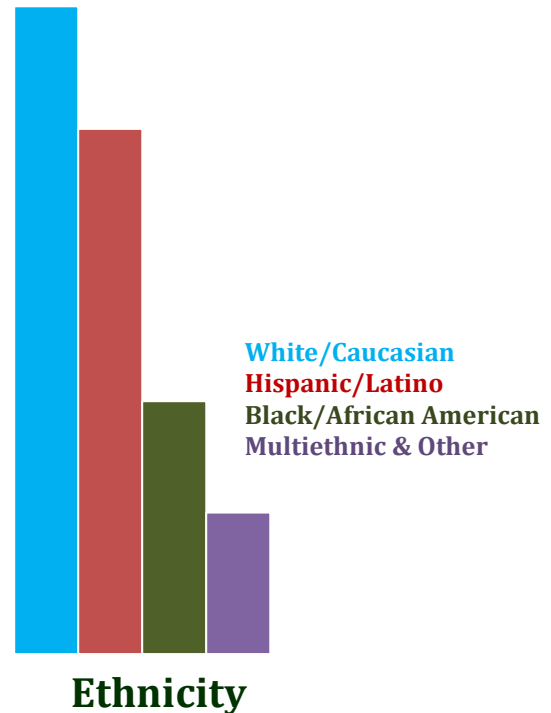
- having to choose between sending your child to school without a coat or getting the car fixed so you can go to work
- having to choose between purchasing food for dinner so your child can have a meal or taking your child to the doctor for a serious illness
- fixing the furnace so your child does not freeze or purchasing clothing for your child

These are decisions our clients face on a regular basis.

Referring Agencies

In order to receive assistance from the Holiday Shop, clients must apply and be pre-approved based on income and residency. Over 30 agencies refer potential clients to us, including:

- Blue Valley Schools
- Catholic Charities
- Community Support Services
- communityworks, inc.
- Head Start
- Jewish Family Services
- JoCo Developmental Supports
- JoCo Health & Human Services
- KS Dept. for Children and Families
- Kansas Kids @ Gear Up
- KVC Health Systems
- Olathe Schools
- SafeHome
- Shawnee Mission Schools



Ethnicity

How We Help - Our Volunteers



Diana Willman, Judy Barnes and Lynn Barth coordinate Holiday Shop volunteer sign-up and training.

“Our group had an AWESOME time volunteering.

This is one of my favorite events of the holiday season.”

Our Volunteers Give the Coats Off Their Backs

One of the challenges faced by our Coat Department every year is having coats of every size available for every client. This year, a volunteer in the department searched and searched in the back stock for a plus-size coat for a client. Upon returning empty-handed, she found the client walking toward the exit wearing a beautiful warm coat that appeared to fit perfectly. The volunteer who was helping this client had literally given the client the coat off her back.

JCCB utilized over 3,000 volunteers in 2017. About 150 of these volunteers serve year-round on standing committees and/or departments. Opportunities for year-round volunteers are listed in our monthly newsletter. Sign up to receive our emailed newsletter at www.jccb.org/newsletter. Opportunities are varied and include purchasing merchandise, promoting donation drives and assisting with fundraising events.

Holiday Shop Volunteers

Sign up for 2018 Shop Volunteers will open on October 1, 2018 at www.jccb.org/volunteer. This experience brings individuals, families and groups together in a wonderful way to connect with the community. JCCB appreciates the many schools, community organizations and businesses that provide teams of Holiday Shop volunteers every year.



2017 Volunteer Award Recipients

Cheryl Gettinger
Special Service Award

Rick Cekovsky
Ambassador Award

Pam Dubin
Ruth Keroher Volunteer of the Year Award

How We Help – Our Departments

2017 Holiday Shop Distributions

In 2017, we distributed merchandise valued in excess of **One Million Dollars**. A majority of our distributions went directly to low-income Johnson County families. Some merchandise was donated to other Johnson County based charities with whom we partner.

The Holiday Shop was open for ten days and was held in the former Sears store in Overland Park, thanks to the donation of space by Seritage Growth Properties. The Nursing Home program helped over 920 senior citizens receiving Medicaid from 19 different nursing homes in Johnson County.

To be eligible to receive distributions at the Holiday Shop, our clients are required to live in Johnson County, Kansas and have a household income below 150% of the federal poverty level. For a family of four this meant an annual income below \$36,450.00.

<p>Adult Gifts \$32,883.43 <i>Slippers, bedding, kitchen wares, tools and more</i></p>	<p>Books \$479,472.08 <i>New and gently used for children, teens and adults</i></p>	
<p>Children's Clothing \$29,374.65 <i>One outfit for each child under 18</i></p>	<p>Coats \$104,685.50 <i>A winter coat for each member of the family</i></p>	
<p>Grab Bags \$8,250.00 <i>Holiday and home decor, accessories and more</i></p>	<p>Groceries \$204,209.10 <i>Enough to feed the family for 2 to 3 days</i></p>	
<p>HUGS \$18,939.00 <i>Hats, gloves, scarves – purchased or handmade</i></p>	<p>Personal Care \$77,520.26 <i>Personal hygiene, cleaning products, diapers and more</i></p>	
<p>Teen Gifts \$21,865.64 <i>Ages 11-18, toys, décor, sports, slippers & more</i></p>	<p>Toys \$57,584.88 <i>From layette to age 10</i></p>	
<p>Nursing Homes \$11,153.31 <i>Slipper socks, walker bags, puzzles and more</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">A Client Thank You <i>“Thank you so much for sponsoring the Christmas Bureau. I’m having a difficult year, so it was a huge help for me. It reminds me of the real reason for Christmas now that I have gifts to share.”</i></p>	

Community Support

2017 SPONSORS

Committee Sponsor

Boyer and Corporon Wealth Management
CenturyLink
First National Bank
The Scoular Foundation

Caring For Kids

Atmos Energy
Commerce Bank
Leawood Rotary Foundation
Midtec Associates, Inc.
Rotary Club of Shawnee Foundation
Shawnee Mission La Sertoma

Feeding Families

Ascension Catholic Church
Richard & Betty Athey
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Mark & Sherry Humphrey
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Deborah Owens
Frank Slovick & Susan Mou

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Jerry & Joy Kaplan
Kay King
Bill Koenigsdorf & Kay Johnson
Don & Judy Lind
John & Julie Mills
Rosedale Auto Sales
Ken Selzer & Deborah Grimes
Jim & June Winter

These supporters contributed over \$500.00 in value. The Holiday Shop would not be successful without the contribution of any amount from every neighbor who has donated financially and with time, goods and services.

2017 GRANTORS

Allstate Helping Hands in the Community
Bank of Labor
Blessings Abound
Brian M. Anselmo Memorial Foundation
General Mills Hometown Grant Program
Hallmark Corporate Foundation
Johnson County Young Matrons
Olathe Mayor Christmas Tree Fund
Royals Charities
United Way of Greater KC
Walmart Overland Park
Walmart Shawnee

2017 COMMUNITY PARTNERS & MAJOR DONORS (\$500+ value)

Sterck Barnes
Jeanene Bartel
Vicki Biller
Blue Valley Schools
James Browne
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CenturyLink Employee Giving
Church of the Ascension
Church of Resurrection Morningstar Class
Clearly Beautiful Flowers
Commercial Capital Company
Cosentino Charity Foundation
Mary Ann Cox
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Ernie's Carts
William Falk
Family & Friends of Deborah Owens
Family & Friends of J.D. Rowden
Family & Friends of Nancy Ryan
Feed the Children
Fidelity Brokerage Services
Fry-Wagner Moving and Storage
Jeanne & Lawrence Gates
Gill Studios
Giving the Basics
Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church
Art & Diane Graham
Lowell & Jean Graves
Great Day Moving
Green Company
Anna Hallouer/Union Pacific Foundation
Happy Bottoms
Mary Lou Hardinger
Hillcrest Christian Church
Burry & Jean Hinman
Holiday Boutique/Marketplace Events
JoCo Family Law American Inns of Court
Johnson County Kiwanis Club
Johnson County Young Matrons
KC 2040, Inc.
Sarita Kenton
Kirk Foundation
Alan Kruckemyer
Lakeview Village
Lenexa Lions Club
Bradley Manson & Teresa Meagher
Meritex
Merriam Christian Church
Mike Bryant Heating & Cooling
John Mills
Morning Optimist Club of Olathe
Frank & Jo Neff
Nellie & Nico's Antique Mall
Olathe Ford
Olathe Junior Services League
Olathe Schools
Overland Park Mayor Holiday Tree Fund
Overland Park Rotary Foundation
Redemption Plus
Bill & Cheryl Roberts
Sally Roberts
Barbara & Haven Rolander
Steven Rolander & Dru Ann Vliesides
SafeHome
Salvation Army
Joanne Schaefer
Searcy Financial Services
Seritage Growth Properties
Serve KC
Shaner Family Fund
Shawnee Mission La Sertoma
Shawnee Mission Schools
Starfish Project
Matt Stewart: FOX 4 News
Strips Chicken
Trails West Ace Hardware
United Parcel Service
United Way of Greater KC Campaign
The Village Church
Steve & Diana Willman
Eric & Julie Wyer Family Fund
Robert & Poppy Zurcher

THANK YOU!

Financial Snapshot

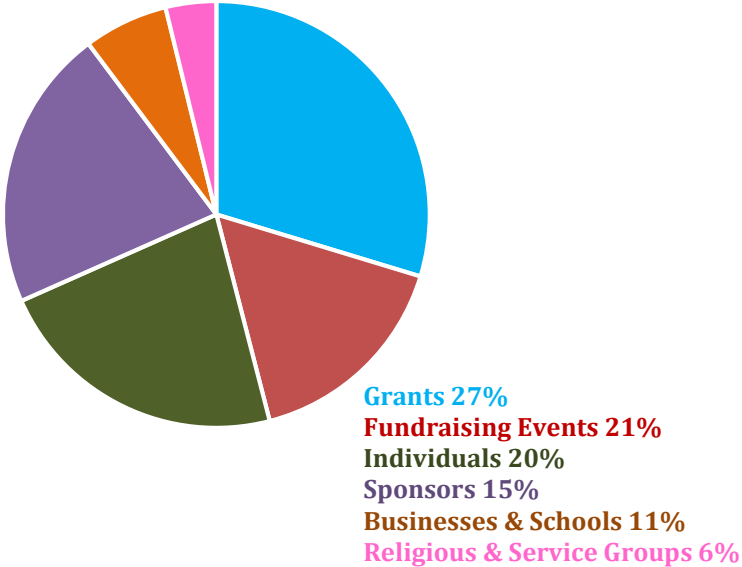
Your Contribution Is Important

Due to inflation and the increasing cost of merchandise, JCCB will need to raise more funds in 2018. If you are interested in helping, please contact us at 913 341 4342. www.jccb.org/donate.

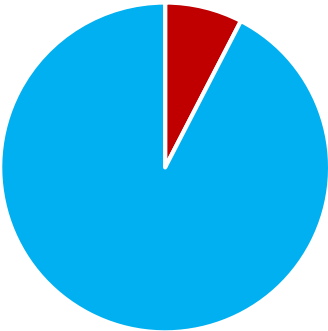


Larry Bigus, JCCB Executive Director (center) accepts a grant check from the Olathe Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund committee.

Revenue Sources



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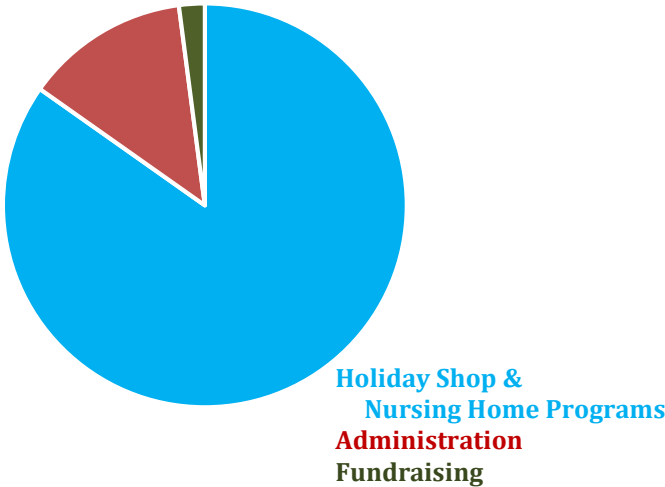


Holiday Shop & Nursing Home Programs
Administration & Fundraising



JCCB is a United Way safety net agency. We are proud to operate with a 6.73% administrative overhead percentage according to the United Way formula.

Expense Categories



Holiday Shop & Nursing Home Programs
Administration
Fundraising

Moving Forward



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Barbara Smith
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WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Plans are underway to help over 12,000 low-income neighbors in 2018.

- We are a volunteer driven grass roots charity.
- NO GOVERNMENT SUPPORT is received.
- We rely on support from the community - from neighbors such as yourself.

If you would like to help us help our low-income neighbors, please consider:

- Making a financial or in-kind donation
- Supporting our two large fundraisers - the annual Holiday of HOPE Gala and the Festival of Trees
- Volunteering to work on our many Shop departments and committees
- Volunteering to serve at the Holiday Shop

Please visit us online at www.jccb.org or call 913 341 4342.

HOPE Grows Here

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