



Spring GATHERING GRANT RECIPIENTS



TEEN PARENT CONNECT

Youthfront is a church-assisting organization committed to nurturing environments for children and youth to encounter God in a transformational way. From summer camps to food distributions to neighborhood designed projects that empower youth, we're proud to offer a range of innovative programs that help young people build faith, friendships and leadership. Our program, Teen Parent Connect, was born from our work in juvenile detention centers, where Youthfront staff routinely received prayer requests from incarcerated teen parents looking for guidance and positive role models. Teen Parent Connect invites pregnant and parenting teens to receive support, parenting skills and needed resources like meals and diapers. Volunteers serve alongside staff to provide mentorship and guidance as these young parents navigate their own coming of age journeys, while simultaneously seeking to build a stable, positive future for their children. In addition to life skills, Teen Parent Connect also seeks to expose program participants to the joy of childhood. Many teen participants attend family community events for the very first time through our program, such as visiting a pumpkin patch or decorating Christmas cookies. These events nurture their own development, while also sparking imagination for new family traditions they can begin with their children. www.youthfront.com/pathways



Hope in the Street's mission statement could be summed up in four words... Hope for the homeless. Hope for the chronic homeless. Hope for a better tomorrow. Hope to stay alive one more day. Hope to survive Kansas City's cold winters and hot summers. The homeless face many obstacles. Losing hope shouldn't be one of them. Our foundation strives to instill hope through several ways including providing meals. But its our Christian volunteers who are giving their time and initiative to get to know those living on the streets personally and on a first name basis. Additionally, Hope In the Streets partners with Freedom Fire to bring church to the streets of Kansas City. We call it the Worship Wagon. Worship Wagon is a mobile church service offered to the poor and homeless downtown. The service provides music, a gospel message, and prayer Warriors. There are no administrative overhead costs for this organization. Thanks to the charity's founders, we are very blessed to be able to put 100% of our donations, grants, etc. back out to the streets to our homeless friends. www.hopeinthestreets.com

Founded in 1987, Mother's Refuge provides shelter and comprehensive services for homeless, pregnant, and parenting young mothers and their babies. What began as a grassroots response to a growing need in the Kansas City area has evolved into a robust, trauma-informed program that includes a Maternity Home for moms ages 12–21, a Transitional Living Program (TLP) for single moms ages 18–34, and an Aftercare Program for all prior residents. Our purpose is to break cycles of poverty, abuse, and homelessness by equipping young families with stable housing, parenting education, mental health support, and pathways to education and employment. Over the past three decades, we have served thousands of mothers and their children, walking alongside them through some of the most critical moments in their lives. With the support of our community, we remain committed to ensuring that every mother and baby has a safe place to call home and the opportunity to thrive.

www.mothersrefuge.org



The Sedli Project exists to empower women with God's Word so they can be saved, strengthened, and sent back into their communities with hope and purpose. The ministry focuses especially on women who have little or no access to the Bible due to extreme poverty, illiteracy, remoteness, or suppression. Rooted in the belief that the gospel should be woven into everyday life. We serve homeless women and are expanding to include foster girls and the families who care for them. Through regular gatherings and outings, the organization creates safe and consistent spaces where girls can experience encouragement, truth, and belonging. By building long-term relationships and walking alongside these girls and their caregivers, The Sedli Project hopes to instill confidence, hope, and strength—helping young women move into adulthood knowing they are valued, loved, and not alone. We want them to know that their true identity is found in Jesus Christ. **www.thesedliproject.com**

Eden Village of Kansas City is a community designed to provide permanent, affordable housing for individuals who have experienced chronic homelessness. Our mission is to offer more than just housing — we create a supportive neighborhood where people can live with dignity, stability, and a renewed sense of belonging. Each resident has their own small home and becomes part of a caring community that fosters relationships, purpose, and hope. Through volunteer engagement, shared spaces, and supportive resources, Eden Village helps residents rebuild their lives after years of instability. By addressing both the physical need for housing and the deeper need for community, Eden Village of KC is helping break the cycle of chronic homelessness and creating lasting change in the Kansas City area.

www.edenvillagekc.org

