

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### FOR THE FAMILIES WE SERVE

Pray for strength, stability, and hope for the children, youth, and families impacted by our programs. Ask for provision and peace in their homes and our community.

### FOR OUR STAFF & VOLUNTEERS

Lift up those who serve daily – ask for renewed energy, wisdom, and encouragement as they pour into others.

### FOR COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Pray for continued and new partnerships with churches, schools, and organizations that help us expand our reach and deepen our impact.

### FOR FINANCIAL PROVISION

Ask God to provide the financial resources needed to sustain and grow our programs, and to bless every donor with abundance and joy in their giving.

### FOR PROTECTION & SAFETY

Pray for physical, emotional, and spiritual protection over every child, youth, and adult who walks through our doors or attends our programs and events this summer.

*Amen!*



Thanks to your generosity, we raised over \$300,000 at Heart 4 Hope this year! These funds directly support the children,

youth, and families served here at The Hope Center KC. On behalf of every life impacted by your generous support – thank you. Your commitment helps us continue our mission of providing hope and opportunity on Kansas City's East Side. We also extend thanks to our event emcee, Rae Daniel, for hosting with excellence, and to our sponsors for their generous, unwavering support. This event's success would not have been possible without each of you. ■



THE HOPE CENTER KC

# SKYLINES

## UPCOMING EVENTS • *Summer Adventures* •

Field Trips • Camps • Neighborhood Events • Internships •  
Community Activities • Workshops • Building Repairs •  
Campus Improvements • Basketball Clinics •  
Page Turners Reading Enrichment Program

These are all of the Summer Adventures taking place. **However, we need our KC Difference Makers to make a significant investment that will allow us to finish our budget year strong (July 31, 2025).**

Look for our upcoming mailing filled with details of how your investments impact our community. Thank you in advance for allowing The Hope Center to truly bring Hope to the East Side.



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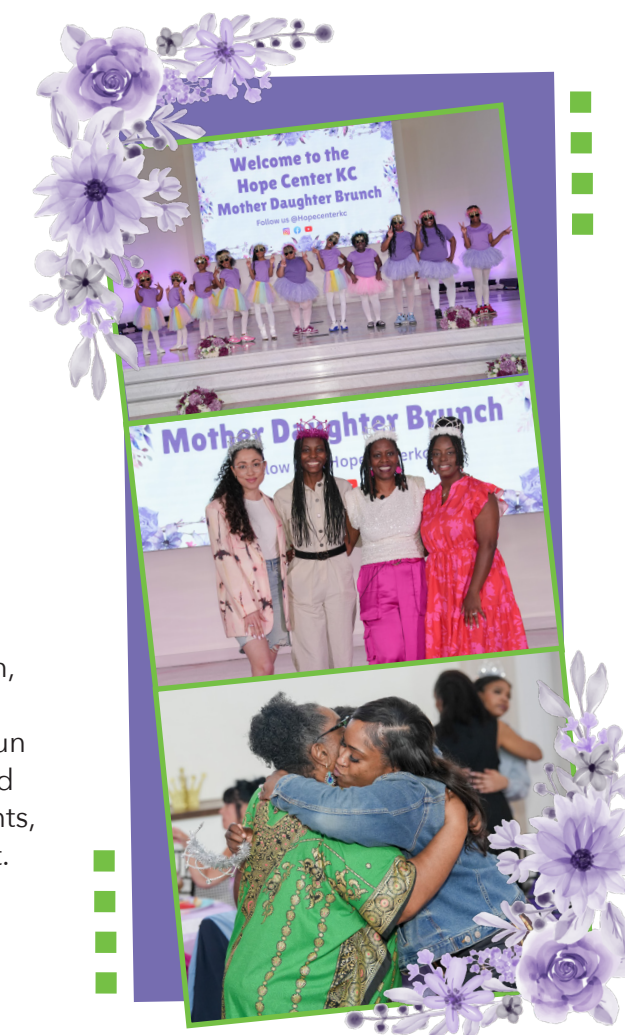
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## MOTHER DAUGHTER BRUNCH

This year's Mother-Daughter Brunch and Fashion Show was a heartfelt celebration of womanhood, generational connection, and confidence. Women and girls of all ages – from grandmothers to toddlers – came together in a welcoming, joyful environment to honor the nurturing figures who shape their lives and to empower the next generation.

The event featured vibrant dance performances, a delicious brunch, and a beautiful fashion show that showcased strength, courage, and individuality. A moving "crowning ceremony" reminded every woman and girl of her worth, followed by a fun group dance that brought the day to a close with laughter and unity. As one of The Hope Center's most beloved annual events, the brunch continues to grow in both anticipation and impact. We look forward to another year of celebrating confidence, connection, and community. ■



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**FROM MARVIN**  
Executive Director

I love the powerful transformations of spring. In this season of renewal, we're celebrating some wonderful milestones at The Hope Center:

- The former Annunciation Church is now a brand-new venue designed for celebrations and education called The Gathering KC.
- Children have grown into young adults and graduated from high school and college to embark upon new journeys.
- The hopeless found hope, health ... and the power to become helpful to others.

In our men's fraternity group, men are discussing how to better themselves by accepting responsibility and investing eternally.

One fraternity member said, *"I feel like a new man!"*

He is right! In 2 Corinthians 5:17 we are told, "If any person gives their life to Christ, they become a new person, their former ways are forgiven and now they have a new life to live."

Thank you for joining us on this road to new beginnings on Kansas City's East Side. Together, we're creating positive change that leads to renewed hope for our children, families, neighborhoods, and city. ■

Marvin



## DONOR SPOTLIGHT – Dan & Susie Gurley

"We've been involved with the Hope Center for almost 20 years. We love the life-changing work The Hope Center does on the East Side of Kansas City and feel called to be part of it and help the vulnerable in our community flourish. We would encourage others to check out the amazing programs of The Hope Center as well as the incredible new Gathering Place – these are tangible parts of The Hope Center's work in the community." ■

THANK YOU!

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

This quarter, we're filled with gratitude for the incredible volunteers who helped transform our campus and uplift our community. Thank you to the **Prospectors Club** for your hands-on work painting one of our residential homes and planting garden beds. We're so thankful for **VIVE Culture Church** and **Hope Church KC**, who tackled everything from deep cleaning and painting to organizing, repairing fixtures, and even helping a Hope Center family move. A special thanks to **JE Dunn Construction** for breaking down our old garden beds to make way for brand-new galvanized ones. We were also honored to welcome **City Year AmeriCorps** members, who kicked off their spring break by volunteering with us. ■



## TOUR DE HOPE

We are honored to have partnered with Tour de Hope, where more than 420 cyclists came together in support of The Hope Center KC. A heartfelt thank-you to Tour de Hope for championing our mission, and to the dedicated volunteers, passionate riders, and supporters who helped make this event a success.



## HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARD

In April, The Hope Center received the Preserve Missouri Award from the state of Missouri for our work restoring the former Annunciation Roman Catholic Church. The Hope Center was one of only two nonprofits to receive the award this year. The state has a highly selective process that seeks to promote projects that maintain historic integrity and make a community impact.

We were thrilled to celebrate with the incredible team who made the project possible including Strata Architecture, Straub Construction, Bob D. Campbell Engineering, Hoss & Brown Engineers, and many others.

To learn more about the project, visit [thegatheringkc.com/about](http://thegatheringkc.com/about). ■



## AWARDS CEREMONY

What an incredible program year it has been for our students at The Hope Center! We recently held our end-of-year Awards Ceremony – an uplifting celebration filled with laughter, encouragement, and heartfelt moments.

This intimate gathering was a special time to recognize the hard work and dedication of our children and youth throughout the year. From personal growth milestones and leadership development to consistent participation and positive character, each award reflected the unique journey of each of our unique students.

We're incredibly proud of all they've accomplished and deeply grateful for the families, mentors, and staff who continue to champion their growth and invest in their future. Here's to another year of hope, growth, and lasting transformation. ■

## 2025 HOPE CENTER GRADUATES

We're so proud of our 2025 Hope Center graduates earning a high school diploma, medical assistant and phlebotomy certifications, a bachelor's degree and a master's degree! ■

