PRAYER REQUESTS

FOR TOUR DE HOPE
Pray for safe travels, strong participation and favorable weather for all riders and volunteers in the 2026 Tour de Hope.

FOR SUMMER CAMP
Pray for our team and more than 100 youth attending camp – that each student would be safe and experience Christ in a meaningful way.

FOR SUMMER OF PEACE AND SAFETY
Pray for a summer of peace, protection and unity – across our neighborhoods, community and city.

FOR DONORS AND PARTNERSHIPS
Pray for continued generosity from our donors and partners, whose support expands our impact and makes this work possible.

Amen!

2ND ANNUAL PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

Join us Saturday, May 30, 2026, for a fun and competitive day supporting our youth programs.



EVENT DETAILS

Entry fee: $120 per team | $60 individual
Time: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Location: SW19 at the Stadium
9119 E. 39th St., Kansas City, MO 64133

Scan to register or visit givebutter.com/thcpickleball.

UPCOMING EVENTS ▪ *Community in Motion*

A season of connection, celebration and community – join us at The Hope Center this spring and summer.

MAY 3 *Starting at 8:00 AM*	**Tour de Hope** *Starting at Swope Park*
MAY 9 *12:30 – 3:30 PM*	**Mother-Daughter Brunch** *The Gathering KC*
MAY 19 *6:30 – 8:00 PM*	**Awards Ceremony** *The Gathering KC*
MAY 30 *9:00 AM – 1:00 PM*	**2nd Annual Pickleball Tournament** *SW19 at the Stadium, Kansas City, MO*
JUNE 19 *4:00 – 7:00 PM*	**Juneteenth Celebration** *The Hope Center*

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SKYLINES

ANOTHER GREAT YEAR AT OUR HEART 4 HOPE GALA

An evening of celebration, impact and continued investment in our community.

Thank you to all the attendees, sponsors and vendors who made this year's Heart 4 Hope Gala an extraordinary success. This year's theme, ***Transforming Neighborhoods Together***, came to life in the most meaningful way.

Your generosity will fuel the expansion of our Learn 2 Earn workforce development program beyond landscaping into hospitality and event management. Students will gain hands-on experience at The Gathering KC, acquire marketable skills, receive mentorship, gain confidence and earn income they can be proud of. Additionally, your support will open doors to scholarships, send more than 100 youth to camp and fund programs that broaden worldviews and deepen relationships.







AWARDS

Honorees
- Sporting KC
- Thrivent
- Crumbl Cookies
- Servpro

Community Partners
- MidAmerica Nazarene
- Debbi Kelly, a Hope Center volunteer



Be a difference maker this spring – become a monthly donor.

SCAN TO *Give Today*

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FROM MARVIN
Executive Director

I've always loved the season of spring. It's a time when everything feels new – full of renewal, growth and possibility.

At The Hope Center KC, we're experiencing that same sense of newness, and I wanted to share a few of those moments with you.

This season, we're seeing new life across our work:

- New events bringing people together at The Gathering KC.
- New opportunities to expand Hope Leadership Academy and reach more students.
- New staff stepping into roles of impact and influence.
- New relationships with businesses, churches, nonprofits and neighborhood leaders.
- New steps forward in our affordable housing initiative.
- And new opportunities for you to invest in life-changing work.

Spring at The Hope Center is more than a season – it's a reminder of what's possible. New experiences, new hope and new opportunities to flourish are taking root every day.

Thank you for being part of this journey and for helping make new things possible. Here's to spring!

Marvin

DONOR SPOTLIGHT – *Nita Daniels*



Nita's relationship with The Hope Center KC began through her long-standing connection to Kids Across America and Higher Ground. When that same leadership came to Kansas City, she trusted the vision immediately – enrolling her youngest daughter in our Leaders in Training program.

Why She Gives

"The integrity of the organization's leadership and their commitment to transforming lives is what inspires me most. They build people, strengthen families and create real pathways to opportunity."

The Impact

Nita has seen the impact through growing confidence in students and increased stability and hope for families. She's watched young people grow into leaders, ready to step up for their community.

Get Involved

"There's a place for everyone to volunteer, mentor, partner or give. It's not just supporting an organization – it's investing in people and in the future of our community."

TASTE OF SOUL FOOD

Celebrating heritage through food, music and community.

Families and friends gathered for a vibrant Black History Month celebration filled with culture, connection and community.



- Student performances and guest singers shared classic gospel hymns.
- Attendees joined in singing the Black national anthem.
- Interactive trivia and games highlighted Black history and heritage.

The evening honored Dr. Sequita Richardson and Antonie Richardson, who shared impactful testimonies. Staff and families dressed in regal African attire, celebrating the past, present and future contributions of Black leaders.

Together, the community created lasting memories while honoring the beauty, resilience and strength of Black culture.





VALENTINE'S DINNER DANCE

A joyful evening of connection, celebration and love.

Families and friends, dressed to impress, gathered for an evening centered on love, connection and community. Games, music and a shared meal brought people together. Students danced through the night while a message from our CEO offered reflection on the true source of love.





TOUR DE HOPE

Join us May 3 at Swope Park in Kansas City for a bike ride. Riders of all levels will enjoy stocked rest stops along one of three routes of varying distances, with optional timed challenge segments for more experienced riders. A celebration with food and beer will be waiting at the finish line. All proceeds benefit The Hope Center KC.

Scan to register or visit tourdehope.org.

THE GATHERING KC

After just over a year in operation, The Gathering KC has become a thriving event venue for weddings and special events on the East Side. In March, we were honored to receive the 2026 Kansas City Business Journal Capstone Award in the rehab and reuse category. We'd love to host your next special event.

Scan to learn more or email Chris Chandler at chrisc@hopecenterkc.org.