PRAYER REQUESTS

FOR LASTING TRANSFORMATION

Pray that every child, student and family we serve experiences lasting transformation — academically, emotionally and spiritually — through the hope of Jesus Christ.

FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Pray for students, parents, teachers and school leaders as a new school year begins. Ask God for wisdom, protection, healthy relationships and growth.

FOR OUR STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Pray that God would strengthen and encourage our staff and volunteers, equipping them with wisdom, compassion and endurance as they serve our community.

FOR GOD'S PROVISION

Pray that God would provide the resources, volunteers and community partnerships needed to meet the growing needs of children and families on Kansas City's east side.

FOR SHARING THE GOSPEL

Pray that God would open doors to share the hope and love of Christ through every program, event and relationship.

FOR OUR HOUSING INITIATIVE

Pray for wisdom, provision and strong partnerships as we build safe, affordable homes that help families thrive.

Your Generosity Made Waves

This summer, your generosity made waves across our community. Together, supporters helped raise **more than $77,000**, providing critical support for the Hope Center's programs and the children and families we serve.



TOUR DE HOPE
$40K RAISED
Thanks to our riders & volunteers

YEAR-END CAMPAIGN
$30K RAISED
Thanks to generous year-end donors

PICKLEBALL
$7K RAISED
Thanks to our pickleball players

Thank you to every donor, volunteer and participant who made this incredible summer possible. Your generosity continues to change lives every day.

SAVE THE DATE

HOPE FALL FEST

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31ST, 2026

Join us for a fun-filled day of family-friendly festivities at Hope Fall Fest! We're currently seeking:

Volunteers to help the day run smoothly
Candy donations to keep the treats flowing
Trunks with treats for our trunk-or-treat lineup

Interested in helping out? Reach out to **niad@hopecenterkc.org**.

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Summer 2026

Hope Village Groundbreaking

On July 13, the Hope Center KC and Sankofa EDG celebrated the groundbreaking of **Hope Village**, a new attainable housing development that will bring 21 homes to Kansas City's East Side.

Located at 3216 Chestnut Ave., Hope Village will feature **15 single-family homes and six duplexes** designed for families earning 80% to 120% of the area median income. Through down payment assistance, preferred lending and financial education, eligible buyers may receive an estimated **$50,000 in equity at closing**.

This milestone is made possible through a public-private partnership including the Hope Center KC, Sankofa EDG, Murrell Homes Real Estate Group, Bell Bank, CHES Inc., Pathway Financial, NAREB and the Central City Economic Development Sales Tax program.

Construction is expected to be completed within the next 36 months.

For more information, contact Shawna Murrell at shawnam@murrellhomes.com or visit shawnamurrell.com.







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FROM MARVIN
Executive Director

Summer at the Hope Center KC is more than longer days — it's a season of opportunity. This summer, we celebrated:

- **90 youth** attending Kids Across America.
- The groundbreaking of **Hope Village**, bringing 21 new homes to our community.
- The transition of **Hope Leadership Academy** to its new campus.
- Welcoming **two new team members**.
- Our annual **Juneteenth Celebration**, where more than **800 neighbors and 100 volunteers** gathered together.

As we look toward fall, we're grateful for the opportunities ahead — and for your partnership in making them possible.

For 28 years, the Hope Center KC has served our community because of faithful supporters like you — generous donors, foundation partners, businesses, churches, volunteers and friends. Thank you for making this work possible.

Marvin

Summer of Opportunity

Our summer program gave students opportunities to learn, grow and build lasting friendships. Highlights included:

- Juneteenth performances and the Clay County Juneteenth Parade
- Weekly pool days, sports, creative arts, and tutoring with Upper Room
- Gospel Skate Night and an aquatic park adventure
- 90 campers attending Kids Across America
- A celebratory trip to Worlds of Fun

As students return to school, they carry new connections from staff and students, stronger confidence and memories that will last well beyond the summer.









SUMMER INTERN SPOTLIGHT

From Students to Mentors

This summer, two familiar faces returned to the Hope Center in a new role. After growing up as Hope Center students, Deaveon and Camille are spending the summer as interns, giving back to the next generation the same way the Hope Center invested in them.

For both, the experience has been a full-circle moment. Camille calls it a family reunion, while Deaveon has gained a new appreciation for the planning and care that create memorable experiences for students.

This summer also brought meaningful personal milestones — from celebrating a birthday at Kids Across America camps to encouraging students the way they were once encouraged.

Their advice to future interns is simple: ***Be yourself, build meaningful relationships and know you're accepted just as you are.*** Both say they'll carry forward greater confidence, patience, teamwork and a heart for serving others.



A Place to Gather

This year, bookings at The Gathering KC have doubled, allowing us to welcome more neighbors, nonprofit organizations and families through our doors.

Along with private events and weddings, we've hosted memorable gatherings like the inaugural Champ Fit fundraiser, which brought a full boxing ring into the venue to spotlight their impactful work, the Urban Summit conference and events for organizations including the Black Economic Union, Cristo Rey, the Kansas City Chamber and Great Jobs KC.

We're grateful to every organization and family who chose to gather with us this year.



INTERESTED IN HOSTING YOUR NEXT EVENT?

Visit **thegatheringkc.com** or contact Venue Director Chris Chandler at **chrisc@thegatheringkc.com**.



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