



2024

Foundation Report

A Year of Funding Our Future

To our generous donors,



Welcome to our 2024 Cornerstones of Care Foundation Impact Report. Thanks to the generosity of donors like you, we continue to grow long-term funds to support children, youth, and families in Kansas, Missouri, and beyond.


In this report, we celebrate the remarkable career of Coach Randy Smith – who has served youth at our Ozanam Campus for over 50 years. Foundation funds have supported his work in

recreational programming and activities for decades. His story is a reflection of how philanthropy makes our work possible by supporting our caring team members. We hope you will [consider a tribute gift to the Foundation](#), to help honor Coach Smith’s retirement and support the continued recreational programming we provide. Coach Smith will be missed as a member of our healing team and we wish him well in retirement!

Last year was significant for the Foundation, with increased funding for our board-designated capital improvement fund from past property sales. This fund will support the agency’s Bridge Plan, aimed at enhancing the Ozanam Campus, and is part of our strategic plan, Bridging Forward.

In 2025, we will focus on expanding our WIDE initiative to promote inclusivity and conduct a research study on our Behavior Intervention Support Team for peer-reviewed publications.

Your generous gifts make it possible for us to serve 16,000 children and families as we provide youth and family support, foster care and adoption services, and education and training. Your gifts, as tributes or a planned future gift, make a difference and we thank you. If you’d like to learn more about how a gift can support the Foundation, please contact us to discuss your plans.

With gratitude,

Chad E. Harris, Ed.D, CAE
Chief Advancement Officer

Purpose



Thanks to the generosity of generations of donors, the Cornerstones of Care Foundation exists to strengthen programs and services at Cornerstones of Care for years to come. It is comprised of contributions community members like you made in the form of cash, investment funds, property, or other assets to benefit the organization now and in the future.

Within the Foundation, restricted funds are designated for a specific purpose, and unrestricted funds support the entire organization. A formal policy provides guidelines for all investment activities with oversight provided by the Foundation’s Board of Directors.



2024 Foundation Board of Directors:

The following community members served as members of the Foundation’s Board of Directors in 2024. We appreciate their volunteer leadership and commitment to advancing our mission.

Kathleen Jackson (Board Chair)
MarksNelson Advisors

Jon Appleby
Community Volunteer

Jim Hogan
Community Volunteer

Christine Leyva
Infinitas, LLC

Ryan Miller
The Miller Group

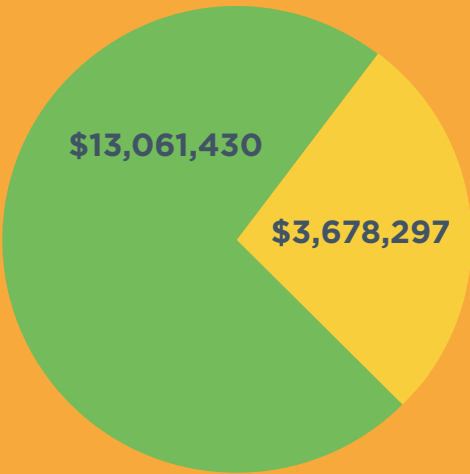
Marceda Starks
Hardwick Law

Brian Stewart
Kansas City Orthopedic Alliance

Composition Of Foundation Net Assets

Total=\$16,739,727

-  Unrestricted
-  Restricted



Impact

At the end of 2024, assets within the Foundation totaled more than \$16.7 million. Each year, while investments grow an approved spending allowance is released to Cornerstones of Care, which supports programs and projects that amplify our mission to aid children and families. Last year, the Cornerstones of Care Foundation supported residential services, education services, and program administration through the distribution of \$372,135.

In 2024, Foundation grants supported the following:

- 166 students from 40 school districts received education in our Gillis Campus and Ozanam Campus day treatment schools.
- 77 youth received trauma-informed care from our residential treatment team.
- 30 students achieved education goals through the Youth Education Success (YES!) program.
- Behavior Intervention Support Team (BIST) provided professional development training to 2,578 educators from 300 schools across 10 states!

Endowments continue to benefit youth activities like those related to horticulture, expressive arts, spiritual life, and recreation. Funds from the Foundation are integral to the organization's ability to meet evolving programmatic needs and fund special projects that have a priceless impact on those we serve.

The Foundation received \$4,028,719 in total contributions in 2024, from tribute gifts, estate gifts, land sale proceed transfers, and more.



16,000

children, youth, families and community members served in 2024



104

youth participated in Build Trybe expressive therapy programs and learned employable skills in seed-to-plate, conservation and build trades training



86

youth aging out of foster care were provided stable living environments in our Pathways Transitional Living Program.

Involvement

By supporting the Foundation, your donations make a difference in the lives of children and families—today and tomorrow! We hope you will continue to consider the many ways you can have an impact during your lifetime and beyond—by making honor or memorial gifts to recognize special people and events, multi-year pledges to grow specific endowments, IRA charitable gifts to leverage tax benefits, bequests to create lasting legacies—and so much more. Planned gifts and contributions of any size are collectively invested and leveraged within the Foundation to have a profound effect for years to come.

For questions, contact Laurie Minx, planned giving specialist, at laurie.minx@cornerstonesofcare.org.

*A total of 26 donors contributed **\$33,347** to the Foundation in 2024 by making honor or memorial gifts, estate gifts, and more.*



Several donors have completed planned giving intent forms to express their commitment to name our organization as a beneficiary in their wills.

Contact us to receive a copy and learn more!

2024 FOUNDATION GIVING BY THE NUMBERS

26

Donors to the Foundation

14

People Honored or Remembered via Tribute Gifts

20

Tribute Gifts

Randy Smith: Crossing the Finish Line

This summer, Randy Smith retired as athletic director and coach of the Running Club after an impressive 51 years with Ozanam athletics.

Randy began his career at Ozanam in 1974 as a PE teacher and leader of recreational activities, positively impacting countless youngsters throughout the years.

Randy's deep connection to Ozanam is evident, as he was married to his wife Jan at the Ozanam chapel in 1987. This retirement marks his second, as he previously stepped down as a full-time instructor in 2016 but continued to lead as athletic director and Running Club coach. He organized events, managed statistics, and served as commissioner of the Great Plains Athletic Conference.

Randy's support of Ozanam athletics began with dormitories competing as intramural teams and ends with youth growing through various Ozanam Campus sports to value fair play, working with coaches, and working toward personal bests. Randy established the Ozanam Eagles basketball program, competing against other schools and agencies, with support from the Recreation Endowment within the Cornerstones of Care Foundation.

In 1977, he co-founded the KCI Relays, which grew to include 500 participants from 16 schools. Willie Hutson, a former coach at Ozanam, praised Randy's

organization and dedication, noting that he built the athletic program from the ground up, ensuring every child had the opportunity to participate.

The Running Club, a staple at Ozanam for over 40 years, trains youth in the spring and fall, preparing them for several races each season. Members are expected to demonstrate good behavior and commitment. Ozanam runners have seen great success in races, often earning medals and achieving personal bests.



Randy Smith's legacy at Ozanam will resonate for years to come. You can honor Randy's legacy of more than 50 years of service with a [tribute gift](#) to the Cornerstones of Care Foundation.

[To read the full story visit the Cornerstones of Care blog.](#)

Cornerstones of Care Mission

Cornerstones of Care's mission is to partner for safe and healthy communities.

We believe children belong in families and families belong in strong communities. Every day, our dedicated staff works with hundreds of children and families to ensure they have the prevention, treatment, and support services they need to heal and become more resilient for the future.

We support children and families within communities in three key areas:



Youth & Family Support services help youth with resources, education, and skill development, while empowering families to be safe and successful now and in the future. These efforts are supported by our certification from the Sanctuary Institute, which guides our team in providing trauma-informed and trauma-responsive care.



Foster Care & Adoption services aid youth and their foster parents, relative/kinship providers, and treatment team members through coordination, support, and comprehensive case management. These efforts strive to safely reunify and unite families who have been separated, or find permanency for children through another timely, safe option like adoption.



Education & Training provides training to individuals, groups, and organizations. Clients include students in our day treatment program, families who are fostering, individuals through relationship education, apprentices through vocational training, people working in the social sector through a variety of continuing education topics, educators and administrators in schools, and companies through subjects that impact their work and the community.

When you support Cornerstones of Care, you are positively impacting thousands of lives by helping keep children safe, families strong, and communities healthy.