



CORNERSTONES
OF CARE
FOUNDATION

Impact
Report

2025

To our family of generous donors,

Welcome to the 2025 Cornerstones of Care Foundation Impact Report. Because of the generosity and commitment of donors like you, we continue building long-term support that strengthens outcomes for children, youth, and families across Kansas, Missouri, and beyond.

This report highlights a transformational initiative: the Cornerstones of Care Education Campus at the former Archbishop O'Hara High School. The campus will house a first-of-its-kind K-12 therapeutic education environment through the Cornerstones of Care Learning Academy, where therapy and academics work hand in hand to support student success.

The Education Campus will include 22 classrooms, five therapy rooms, a resource room, and dedicated space for programs including BIST, Build Trybe, and Collaborative Learning. Together, these programs represent a bold investment in prevention, education, workforce development, and whole-child wellbeing.

Many of you have already supported our Bridging the Future Capital Campaign, which funds the Education Campus and renovations to the Ozanam Campus. As part of this strategy, Cornerstones of Care will relocate its headquarters to Ozanam and sunset operations at the Gillis Campus at the end of 2026.

We are excited for the Education Campus opening in 2026, but also recognize the significance of closing the historic Gillis Campus. With roots stretching back over 150 years, the Gillis Home stands prominently in our story.

Founded in 1870 by Mary Gillis Troost through the Women's Christian Association, the original Gillis Home served widows and orphans impacted by the Civil War and later evolved into one of Kansas City's most recognized centers of care for children and families. In 1926, the organization moved to its present location at 81st and Wornall Road, where it continued to expand its residential and educational services for generations.

The Gillis Campus holds an enduring place not only in the history of Cornerstones of Care, but in the history of Kansas City itself. We remain profoundly grateful for the generations of donors, advocates, staff, and supporters who helped shape its legacy.

As we prepare to honor and celebrate Gillis throughout 2026, we also look ahead with clarity and conviction. The Gillis Campus taught us that places matter, but people and purpose matter even more. We invite you to continue believing in what comes next as we build the future of care together.



Merideth Rose, President & CEO

The Foundation's 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 from 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.

Foundation Board of Directors:

The following community members served as members of the Foundation's Board of Directors in 2025. We appreciate their volunteer leadership and commitment to advancing our mission.

Brian Stewart, Board Chair

Kansas City Orthopedic Alliance

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Community Volunteer

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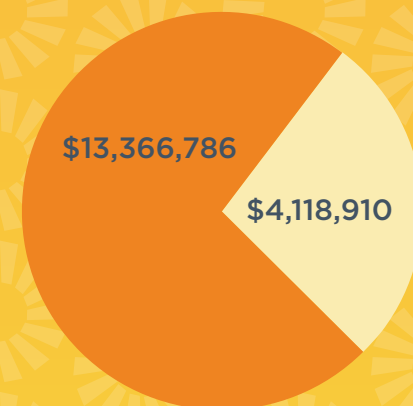
Hardwick Law

Kim Wisdom

Community Volunteer

Composition Of Foundation Net Assets

Total=\$17,485,696



■ Unrestricted
■ Restricted

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At the end of 2025, the Foundation’s assets exceeded \$17 million. Each year, as investments grow, an approved spending allowance is provided to Cornerstones of Care. This funding supports programs and projects that advance our mission to help children and families.

Last year, the Cornerstones of Care Foundation distributed \$581,552 to support Cornerstones of Care. These funds enhanced residential and education services, program staffing and administration, transitional living services, therapeutic opportunities, and other special initiatives. Endowments continued to support youth activities in horticulture, expressive arts, spiritual life, recreation, and more.

Foundation resources are essential to meeting our programmatic needs and funding special projects that make a significant impact on those we serve. In 2025, Foundation grants supported the following:

DISTRIBUTION BY PURPOSE	
Residential Staff Training	\$20,000
Expressive Therapy	\$15,000
Horticulture Therapy	\$15,000
Recreation Therapy	\$15,000
Business Development	\$159,000
Staff & Admin Support	\$221,110
Behavior Intervention Support Team (BIST)	\$25,600
Welcoming, Diverse, Inclusive, Equitable (WIDE) Initiative	\$50,000
Build Trybe	\$30,000
Team Member Assistance	\$15,842
Pathways Transitional Living Program	\$15,000
TOTAL	\$581,552



Involvement

A total of 32 donors contributed \$95,053.80 to the Foundation in 2025 by making honor or memorial gifts, estate gifts, and more.

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.

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Donors to
the Foundation

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People Honored or
Remembered via Tribute Gifts

42

Tribute
Gifts



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

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Full Circle: How Firsthand Experience Fueled a Lifetime of Giving

When Tom Gleitsman arrived at Ozanam in May 1965, he was a struggling teenager in need of guidance, structure, and support. He stayed just over a year, but the staff's positive influence set the trajectory for the rest of his life.

Returning to Chicago in 1966, Tom finished high school and began delivering milk for his brother. The long hours taught him the value of hard work and positive customer relationships. A decade later, he seized a bold opportunity to purchase a single gas and convenience store. That single storefront became the launchpad for Texor Petroleum Company. Under Tom's leadership as Chairman and CEO, Texor grew into one of the Midwest's largest petroleum marketers.

As Tom's business empire expanded, he never forgot the people he met or the lessons he learned as a young boy at Ozanam. Over the decades, Tom helped fund critical, transformational projects to benefit other children and families served by Ozanam and Cornerstones of Care. Whether he was contributing lead gifts for capital campaigns or bringing his actual race cars to campus to inspire the youth, Tom remained deeply committed to our cause. He even joined the Foundation Board of Directors, serving for years as a trusted advisor and major contributor to multiple endowments. In 2005, a building located on our Ozanam Campus was named in his honor.

Today, Tom's giving has come full circle. He has always been highly invested in supporting residential programming on the Ozanam Campus. More recently, Tom also showed incredible generosity and flexibility by greenlighting key funds to support youth transportation costs for our Build Trybe program that serves youth on campus and throughout the community. This vital program teaches vocational trades and life skills to young people preparing for independence—mirroring the very work ethic that propelled Tom to success.

Through his firsthand experiences and lifelong philanthropy, Tom remains a true ambassador of our mission. He proves that investing in a young person's life can change a community forever. We are grateful to Tom for his inspiring support through the years!



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.



Youth & Family Support

We equip youth with essential life skills and social support to help them build independence, while empowering families with the tools and resources they need to thrive and stay together.



Foster & Adoption

We bring families together, whether through reunification or adoption, while providing unwavering support to foster parents and youth. Our dedicated efforts ensure children have the stability, love, and care they deserve.



Education & Trainings

We empower students to succeed academically, equip educators with tools to foster safe and supportive learning environments, and provide innovative opportunities that strengthen skills and knowledge across 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.

