

**Financial Assistance** – Through a partnership with Community Actions (Topeka) we have been able to assist families with financial assistance for rent or utilities. In addition to financial assistance, this partnership has also provided diapers, gift cards for groceries, Thinx Period Panties, and more. These items have been shared with other agencies and the school district.

From January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, to August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025

- Numbers Served – 28 families (80 individuals)
- Water bills – 5
- Electricity – 11
- KS Gas – 3
- Rent – 9
- Total funds - \$8,985.25

### **Stuff the Bus 2025: A Community Coming Together for Students**

This year's Stuff the Bus was an incredible success, and it's all thanks to our community of donors, volunteers, businesses, and partners who stepped up in a big way for local students.

Because of your generosity and dedication, we were able to:

- Collected **over 6,000 school supply items**, ensuring classrooms and students are equipped for the year ahead.
- Reached **25 schools** across Geary County and surrounding areas, extending support to every corner of our community.
- Gave **103 students** brand-new Adopt-A-Backpacks, each filled with the tools they need to thrive.
- Logged **more than 250 volunteer hours**, from sorting and organizing supplies to delivering them where they were needed most.

This effort isn't just about pencils, notebooks, and backpacks. It's about giving every child the confidence and opportunity to walk into school ready to learn. It's about neighbors supporting neighbors, and showing our youngest community members that they are seen, valued, and supported.

We are deeply grateful to everyone who made this possible—our volunteers who gave their time, our donors who gave their resources, and our partners who opened their doors and hearts. Together, we've lifted a burden for countless families and ensured that students can focus on what matters most: learning and growing.

**Thank you for living UNITED and making Stuff the Bus 2025 a true community celebration of generosity, hope, and possibility.**

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**211** – This a free information service that is operated by United Ways across the United States. This service can be accessed via text, online, mobile app, or calling. This program provides each local United Way with a quarterly report to show the services requested. Met Needs mean that they were able to connect with an organization that was able to assist.

KS / Geary		2025 Q2	
Needs - Met	# Needs	Needs - Not Met	# Needs
Aging and Disability Resource Centers	1	Hoarding Counseling Programs	1
Assessment for Substance Use Disorders	1	Hoarding Support Groups	1
At Risk/Homeless Housing Related Assistance Programs	3	Homeless Shelter	1
Case/Care Management	1	Housekeeping Assistance	1
Child Passenger Safety Seats	1	Motel Bill Payment Assistance	2
Comprehensive Information and Referral	1	Rent Payment Assistance	2
Consumer Complaints	1	Rental Deposit Assistance	1
Consumer Protection Agencies	1	Transportation Expense Assistance	3
Dental Care Expense Assistance	1	Transportation Passes	1
Diapers	1	Utility Assistance	4
Directory Assistance	3		
Domestic Animal Services	1		
Domestic Violence Hotlines	1		
Domestic Violence Shelters	1		
Food Pantries	4		
Food Stamps/SNAP	3		
Homeless Drop In Centers	1		
Homeless Shelter	11		
Household Goods	1		
Housing Authorities	1		
Low Income/Subsidized Rental Housing	3		
Medicaid	1		
Personal Health Care Advocate Services	1		
Prescription Expense Assistance	1		
Rent Payment Assistance	28		
Senior Housing Information and Referral	1		
State Court of Claims	1		
State Trial Courts	1		
Utility Assistance	149		
<b>Total</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>

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### **CASA 8<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL**

CASA of the 8th – September Update

Our fall training sessions kick off tonight and will continue throughout the month of September. This is an exciting time as we welcome and prepare a new group of advocates to serve children in need across our communities.

We recently wrapped up our *Throw for CASA* disc golf tournament, and we are thrilled to share that it was a great success with a strong turnout. Thank you to everyone who came out to support CASA and help make the event meaningful and fun.

While we do not have any workshops scheduled for September, CASA of the 8th will be active in the community at the Kansas State Fair. We are proud to participate in the CASA information booth for two weekends in a row, spreading awareness about our mission and sharing how others can get involved.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to make sure every child has a voice in court and in life.

### **CRISIS CENTER**

### **FOOD PANTRY OF GEARY COUNTY**

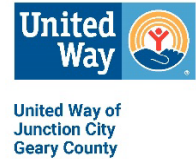
### **GIRL SCOUTS OF NE-KS & NW-MO**

### **JUNCTION CITY FAMILY YMCA**

### **KANAS LEGAL SERVICES**

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## **PAWNEE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

### **FRESH START EMERGENCY SHELTER**

Here is our 2nd Quarter Report for Fresh Start: April, May & June numbers.

- Persons served: 85 total individuals which includes two children. 27 individuals had not received services at Fresh Start, or it had been longer than one year.
- Meals given out: 312
- Showers taken: 82
- Laundry done: 41
- Clothing given out: 45 (not necessarily per piece, but could be multiple items per person)
- Toiletries/Hygiene items requested: 17
- 34 uses of phone or computer for business purposes or applying for employment
- There were 17 instances of Case Management work to include transportation to appointments; obtaining medication; receiving money for gasoline to get to more permanent housing; assistance with applying for SSI/SSDI, SNAP benefits, Vocational Rehabilitation.

We assisted one of our very chronic homeless individuals appeal his disability from SSA, and he now receives benefits.

With the City as our Local Unit of Government, we submitted the ESG grant to KHRC out of Topeka. If awarded, this would allow us to open to 24/7 service. We should know the outcome at the end of July or beginning of August.

We held our first Community Awareness Event at the Shelter in April, and we had over 30 people in attendance, including Cloud County's Chorale Group who performed. Two City Commissioners were in attendance as well.

We've assisted one individual find an apartment, and one into a motel until we can find more permanent housing. A few of our most recent clients have found jobs just shortly after receiving services. Even though we are not open overnight, most clients return first thing in the morning for meals, showers or to schedule laundry. They are hopeful that we will be able to return to 24/7 service.

### **GEARY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

The Geary County Historical Society hosted two STEAM Saturday events in April, May, and June. Our April STEAM Saturday was hosted at our Spring Valley Historic Site for History Alive! reenactment weekend. Our June STEAM Saturday was a Victorian open house at our Starcke House next door to the museum. April was a pioneer reenactment weekend including hands-on activities, historical objects, reenactors, and historic buildings open to tour. We provided crocheting and weaving, rag doll and whirly gig making, laundry and chopping, and schoolhouse assignments. We hosted both students from JC Middle School, St. Xaviers, and the

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Apostolic Academy on Friday, and open to the public on Saturday. We pause our STEAM Saturday programming for May due to the number of events from graduation, Mother's day, and the start of summer making attendance and scheduling difficult. This also gives our team an opportunity to plan for the upcoming events. June was an open house at Starcke House next door to the museum with Victorian inspired activities such as Victorian folded fan paper craft, lawn games, and flower pens.

- Numbers served: Approx. 930
  - o Under 18 years of age: approximately 670
  - o Over 18 years of age: approximately 260
- Services provided: STEAM Saturday programs the third Saturday of each month
- Volunteer hours – 17 hours

### **JC PACESETTERS/SPECIAL OLYMPICS**

### **4:10 IRISH DEN**