



"Standing in the GAP, Caring for the Community"

Grandview Assistance Program (GAP) 2016 Annual Report

We are a United Way agency with a 501(c)(3) status. Contributions to Grandview Assistance Program are tax deductible.

Our Mission

Our mission is to assist in a dignified manner, families and individuals in Grandview and the Grandview School District, with emergency assistance and guidance toward ultimate self-sufficiency.

Our Vision

Our vision is to initiate and implement a variety of programs and services which meet our clients' immediate and long-range needs. We realize that this is possible only through the financial support and the volunteer services provided by the community.

GAP Policies and Guidelines

GAP's policies that are currently in place are Accessibility, Client Grievance, Client/Donor Privacy, Clothing, Code of Ethics, Conflict of Interest, Document Control and Retention & Destruction, Financial, Food Pantry Assistance, General Assistance, Housing (Rent/Mortgage) Assistance, Nondiscrimination, Utilities Assistance and Whistleblower. Guidelines are in place for Christmas Store and School Supply Distribution.

Services GAP provided in 2016:

Included in services that GAP provided was help for clients with rent/mortgage assistance, utility assistance (gas, electric and Jackson County water) and food assistance. GAP also received USDA Commodities through Harvesters. GAP has a MOU with Kansas City Medicine Cabinet to help with various medical needs. GAP served 1,455 individuals (unduplicated total).

More than 1,300 phone/walk-in referrals were made for a variety of services not provided by GAP. Numerous referrals were made to other service providers including but not limited to Advocacy for Employment, Employment Programs, ECIP (Energy Crisis Assistance Program), LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program), ERPP (Economic Relief Pilot Program), Department of Family Services, Food Stamps Assistance, Pemberton Park for Grandfamilies, Truman Medical Center, ReDiscover, Medina Clinic, VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance), WIC (Women, Infant & Children), Social Security Office and United Way's 211.

Ongoing Programs:



Pets Helping People – 2016 was the fourteenth year for this event sponsored by the City of Grandview's Neighborhood Services. Grandview Animal Hospital's vet and staff donated their time to participate in this event where pet owners were able to bring their cats and dogs for rabies shots for three canned good items and \$7. All money collected from the rabies shots and canned goods were donated to GAP. A total of \$4,848.75 (\$2,500 sponsorship; \$40.60 donation jar and \$2,308.15 the City's check for shots) benefited GAP. Also that day micro chipping was available, along with sign-ups for spaying and neutering. Lunch was provided for the volunteers. Flyers were donated by Neal/Settle Printing and T-shirts were donated by Heartland Sales Promo. Sponsorships were sold to businesses for \$100 each, sponsorship included logo on the logo board display, t-shirt ad and business website listing on GAP's website.



School Supplies – Just over 250 children received school supplies to start the 2016 – 2017 school years. We continued to support clients throughout the year with replenishment and/or new school supplies when requests are made. This year GAP added a two day open house for teachers in the district to tour GAP and receive school supplies.

Fill the GAP 5K – This was the first annual "Fill the GAP 5K" fund raiser held in October. It was a great success that raised around \$11,000. We appreciate the great community support we received and are looking forward to the second annual "Fill the GAP 5K."

Mitzvah Garden And Southview Christian Church – supplied Grandview Assistance Program with much needed fresh produce in the summer months.

The Christmas Store – The Christmas Store consisted of two days of appointments for families without children; three and one-half days for families with children. Winter wear, clothing, blankets, toys, food, hygiene items and monetary donations were received from the community. Families/individuals without children were presented with a Target bag filled with a scarf, pair of gloves, hat, fleece, throw, a bag of candy and various hygiene items. Families with children were able to personally pick toys and other items for each child in their household and each family received wrapping paper, tape and bows. Due to a generous donation from North American Savings Bank coats were available for children. Volunteers helped to set-up and man the distribution. All families and individuals received a large box of food with all the fixings for a traditional Christmas dinner, as well as everyday items like peanut butter, jelly, beef stew, chili and macaroni and cheese. GAP was able to purchase an extremely limited amount of chickens and turkeys from Harvesters. Additional turkeys were donated by WestRock and a generous donation of hams was received from Farmland.

Community Support – Many Grandview area businesses, churches, individuals, organizations and schools continue to support GAP through various fund/food drives, monetary donations and volunteer efforts. In an effort to foster community partnership and outreach Grandview Assistance Program networks with other area agencies and organizations.

Volunteers enable all of these services to be successful by assisting in the food pantry, organizing and distributing school supplies, shopping for items of distribution, picking up donations, setting up and helping at the Christmas Store and other projects. GAP's services could not be as efficiently provided without the efforts of these faithful supporters. In 2016 volunteers logged more than 1780 hours in volunteer services.

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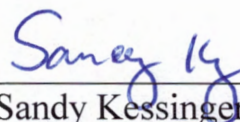
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