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"Standing in the GAP, Caring for the Community"

Grandview Assistance Program (GAP) 2017 Annual Report

Grandview Assistance Program is 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.



Many thanks to our generous GAP partners

71 Individual donors gifted \$10,085.

Dawn Aburr, Dr. Eugene & Jeanne Anderson, Anonymous, Don & Wendy Armacost, Jr., Susan Avec, Jim & Edith Blankenship, Ina Bryan, Yolonda Bush, Chris Chiodini, Edith Coleman, Ann Cook, Jim Crain, Kim Curtis, Ken Davis, Ashley Durkee, Sharon Dye, Bryan & Tamara Elrichs, Patricia Faction, Robert Faulkner, Richard Fisher, Jason & Christine George, Charlesine Guy, Beverly Hatley, Ann Hauschild, Monica Hawkins, Richard & Joanna Hayslett, Ann Heinzler, Stephen Hickerson, Bob & Bonnie Hines, Roger Hochstetler, Eric Hodges, Ron & Joanie Hoffman, Brenda Holbrook, Brent Husher, Helen Jamison, Leonard & Michelle Jones, Ann Juarez, Don & Sandy Kessinger, Jackie Knabe, Milda Laudenslager, Mary Liston, Frank Livingston, Steve Lung, Barbara Lusk, Dr. John & Mary Martin, Gary & Jan Martinette, Gwen Maxwell, Elizabeth Means, Bill & Patricia Meyer, Chester Neumann, Lorada Perry, Marquida Raine, Lynn Rimmer, Sharon Robertson, Ashley Rupp, Ruth Russell, Barbara Schwartz, Linda Siewert, Amy Smith, Cory Smith, William & Virginia Snipes, Kenneth Stevenson, Clifford & Bettie Tanquary, Janet Thomason, Linda Thornsberry, Annette Turnbaugh, Bob & Susan Ward, John & Letha Ware, Belinda Wilkerson, Marjorie Wilson, William & Sue Yerkes.

14 Churches gave \$9,263.

Central Free Will Baptist Church, Cordie Thimble Circle (Grandview United Methodist Church), First Baptist Church, First Baptist Church Sunday School, Grandview Community of Christ, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Holy Trinity Lutheran Sunday School Class, Memorial Church International, Red Bridge United Methodist Church, Red Bridge UMC Laff, Serenity Memorial Chapel, Southview Christian Church, St. Mary Magdalene, St. Matthew Presbyterian Church

9 Civic Organizations granted \$3,425.

Amazon Smiles, Elks Lodge #2088, Grandview Lions Club, Grandview Study Club, H & R Block Matching Contribution, KC South Rotary, Meadowmere PTA, Grandview Memorial VFW Post 8100, Grandview Memorial VFW Post 8100 Ladies Auxiliary

34 Corporations donated \$41,365.

Acosta Chiropractic, Advertising Arts & Signs, American Family Insurance, Mary Everitt Agency, Bank Midwest, Bank of Blue Valley, Burger & Brown Engineering, Cartwright Tree Care, City of Grandview, Crest Animal Hospital, Crews Jewelry, Curves, Farmers Agency, Yolonda Bush, Grandview Family Dental, Freedom Cycle, Gate's & Sons BBQ, Heartland Soccer Association, J.M. Fahey Construction, Joe's Town, Jump City, KCPL, Levic Plastics, Main Street Properties, Morgan Miller Plumbing, NASB, Paul W. Schwartz, CPA, Peterson Manufacturing, Polaris Industries, Premier Eyecare, Red Bridge Pet Resort, Residential Sewage, Richard's Collision Shop, State Farm, John Williams, State Farm, Larry Langford, Truist, McYano Management



11 Grants bestowed \$97,118.

CAAGKC, EFSP, Flo Harris Trust, Greater Kansas City Community Foundation, Heartland Combined Federal Campaign, Judge Moulton Fund, KC Medicine Cabinet, Jane & Jack Strandberg Grant, Target, United Way and Walmart

Winter Coat & Accessory Donors

Acosta Chiropractic & Acupuncture, Rodney Baldwin, Beta Sigma Phi, Cub Scout Pack 4364, GFWC Homemakers of Hickman Mills, Grandview Fire Department, MAJ-R Thrift & Discount Store, NASB, Shirley Perry, Pyramid Pipe & Supply, Quester's Club and Cathy Schneider.

Food Donors

Individuals: *Frank Arceo, Cindy Bastian, Dee Bayne, Judy Beeves, Erick & Kim Brake, Karla Brandolese, Elaine Brewer, Gail Cole, Frank & Linda Colton, Juan Cordova, Sue Cornforth, Jim Crain, Phillip Dawson, Juliet Dunteran, Chris Foresee, Marvin & LaVonne Hanson, Nicole Harris, Jean Kenham, Herb & Mary Mathews, Janet Morris, Ed & Debbie Peoples, Terri Richardson, Cathy Schneider, Thomas Rousey, Roger & Cheryl Shelton, Tonya Smith, Annie Stadler, Bob Stewart, Mark Summers, Jay & Marsha Tarr, Grace Ward, Adriene Washington, Matt Watson, Earl Williams*

Groups: *Acosta Chiropractic & Acupuncture, Veita Anderson, DDS, Belvidere Elementary, Beta Sigma Phi, Bethel Academy, Cartwright Companies, CenturyLink, City of Grandview, Conn-West Elementary, Federal Express, First Baptist Church, Fountain Lake HOA, Freedom Cycles, Grace Ward, Grand Summit Apartments, Grandview Church of the Nazarene, Grandview Community of Christ Church, Grandview Fire Department, Grandview High School, Grandview Mid-Continent Public Library, Grandview United Methodist Church, Grandview Memorial VFW Post 8100, Grandview Memorial VFW Post 8100 Ladies Auxiliary, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Kansas City Community Gardens, Longview Funeral Home & Cemetery, Meadowmere Elementary, Oldham Agency, Panera Bread Company, Pyramid Pipe & Supply, Quester's Club, Red Bridge United Methodist Church, Rod-Tiques Club, Silgan Dispensing Company, Smithfield Packaged Meats, South Kansas City Rotary, Southview Christian Church, Three Trails Heating & Cooling, Walgreens, and US Toy Company*

Hygiene Donors

Individuals: *Elaine Brewer, Sue Cornforth, James & Mary Sue Glidewell, Herb & Mary Mathews, Cathy Schneider, Annie Stadler, Jay & Marsha Tarr, Grace Ward.*

Groups: *Acosta Chiropractic & Acupuncture, Beta Sigma Chi, Boy Scout Troop 531, Grandview Community of Christ Church, Federal Express, GFWC Homemakers of Hickman Mills, Grandview High School, Grandview Memorial VFW Post 8100 Ladies Auxiliary, Meadowmere Elementary, Rod-Tiques Club,*



School Supply Donors

Individuals: John Aarandale, Dorothy Allen, Stephanie Davis, Ron & Joanie Hoffman, Frank Livingston, Liz Ogle, Terri Richardson, Cathy Schneider, Elder Valle Morales, Grace Ward

Groups: Acosta Chiropractic & Acupuncture, Bank Midwest, Beta Sigma Phi, Burger & Brown Engineering, Commerce Bank, The Cocoa Exchange, E & K Company, Five Below, GFWC Homemakers, Grandview Elks Lodge #2088, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Toy Donors

Individuals: Don & Wendy Armacost, Jr., Cindy Bastian, Elaine Brewer, Jack & Joyce Burkhart, Yolonda Bush, Frank & Linda Colton, Sue Cornforth, Herb & Mary Mathews, Shirley Perry, Terri Richardson, Cathy Schneider, Grace Ward

Groups: Acosta Chiropractic & Acupuncture, Applebees, Bank Midwest, Bevlidere Elementary Beta Sigma Chi, Burger & Brown Engineering, Cartwright Tree Care, Commerce Bank, Federal Express, First Baptist Church, Five Below, GFWC Homemakers, Grand Summit Apartments, Grandview Community of Christ Church, Grandview Fire Department, Grandview Mid-Continent Public Library, Grandview Middle School, Grandview Parks & Rec, Grandview United Methodist Church, Overland Park Rotary, Prier Products, Pyramid Pipe & Supply, Quester's Club, Red Bridge United Methodist Church, Rod-Tiques Club, South Kansas City Shotokan, US Toy Company

Volunteer Hours

229 people volunteered at GAP for a total of 2,157 hours.

A summary of some services GAP provided in 2017:

Housing – Rent/Mortgage - 75 Households \$23,901 (\$19,972 - 2016)
Medical/Eyeglasses/Supplies - 36 HH, 42 services, \$12,393 (\$8,224 - 2016)
Utility - 237 HH, 241 services \$40,020.58 Electric \$35,068 (\$53,301 - 2016)
Food Pantry 342 HH, 1,646 individuals, 634 services, 18,889 items given \$48,386
Hygiene Items - 234 HH, 1,154 individuals, 633 services, 6,229 items given \$12,467
(combined Food pantry & hygiene 2016 \$64,744)
Misc. Services - 60 Households, 69 services, \$807.50

GAP also received USDA Commodities through Harvesters. GAP distributed a value of \$30,640 (\$29,049 - 2016) through this program.

All food, hygiene and commodities items are assigned a value of \$2 each.



We served 545 Households, 1,449 individuals, with 4,231 services and gave 42,165 items for a total value of \$255,589.

1,056 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, Job Training/Employment Programs, ECIP (Energy Crisis Assistance Program), LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance 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. There were 445 people ineligible for assistance who contacted us.

GAP Programs

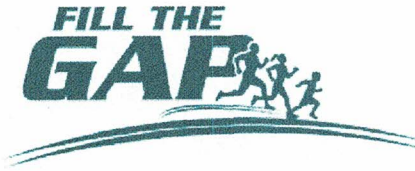


Pets Helping People - 2017 was the 15th year for this event which is sponsored by the City of Grandview Neighborhood Services. Grandview Animal Hospital vet and staff donated their time to participate in this event where pet owners were able to bring their cats and dogs for rabies shots for three canned food items and \$7. All money collected from the rabies shots and canned goods were

donated to GAP. A total of \$4,807 and 975 pounds of food benefited GAP. In addition, microchipping was available, along with signups 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 & Promotion. Advertising Arts Sign Co provided two large banners for outside advertising display. Sponsorships were sold to local businesses for \$125 each, and included logo on the logo board display, t-shirt and business website listing on GAP website. 58 individuals volunteered for this event.

Financial Sponsors: Don & Wendy Armacost, Jr, Acosta Chiropractic & Acupuncture, Bank Midwest, Cartwright Tree Care, CD Arts, Central Free Will Baptist Church, Crest Animal Clinic, Crew's Jewelry, Gates & Son BBQ, Greater Kansas City Community Foundation, Grandview Hickman Mills Elks Lodge #2088, Larry Langford, McDonald's of Grandview, Memorial Church International, Morgan Miller Plumbing, Premier Eyecare and Eyewear, Prier Products, Red Bridge Winding River Pet Village, Richard's Collision Center, St. Mary Magdalene Church, and Serenity Memorial Chapel.

In-Kind Donors: Aaron's Family Fun Center, Advertising Arts Sign Co, Geno's Shoe Service, Grandview Animal Hospital, Grandview Chamber of Commerce, Grandview C4, Heartland Sales & Promotion, Hot 103 Jams & Gospel 1590 KPRT, Jackson County Advocate, Martin City Golf Center, Neal/Settle Printing, Quik Trip, Stivers Staffing, SStreetwise, Inc., and Walmart of Raymore.

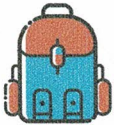


Fill The Gap - 2017 brought in the 2nd annual 5k race and fun walk for GAP. Race day was cold and rainy, but we still had a wonderful event. Sponsorships were sold to area businesses. The mayor opened the race with prayer, and the Grandview Middle School Cheerleaders and a special dinosaur were on hand to cheer our race participants out of the gate, as well as at the finish line.

Boy Scout Troop 531 provided a pancake breakfast to participants and meals were available for \$5 for those who came to watch or volunteer. Fill The GAP had a profit of \$7,090. We had 82 registered participants, and 40 volunteers assisted with this event for 57.5 hours.

Financial Sponsors: Acosta Chiropractic & Acupuncture, Bank of Blue Valley, Blankenship Family, Chiodini Family, Yolonda Bush Farmers Agency, Grandview Family Dental, Heartland Soccer Association, Joe's Town, Jump City, LeVic Plastics, Mayor & Mrs. Jones, NASB, John Williams State Farm Agency, Larry Langford State Farm Agency.

In-Kind Donors: Boy Scout Troop 531, Cartwright Tree Care, Dean's Trophies, Forerunner Signs, Grandview Chamber of Commerce, Grandview Parks & REc, Grandview School District, KC Disposal, Kripsy Kreme Donuts, Lion's Club, McDonalds, Morgan Miller Plumbing, RT's Awards, and UPS.



School Supplies & Teacher Appreciation - 248 children received all the school supplies they needed except for headphones for the 2017-2018 school year. These items were valued at \$17,635. In addition, we hosted the second annual Teacher Appreciation Open House and were able to provide 68 Grandview C4 School District educators with supplies for their classrooms. We continue to support clients and educators throughout the school year with new supplies when requested. Mary Sylvestri hosts both these events and has received much praise from all levels of the District for her efforts.



Community Garden - In 2017, GAP partnered with 2 community gardens. One hosted by Southview Christian Church and led by Thomas Rousey, and the other was with Roger Shelton who provided produce from multiple gardens. Together, GAP received close to 1,000 pounds of fresh produce and we were able to serve 174 families with 307 individuals.



The Christmas Store - The Christmas Store ran for 5 full days. This year family appointments were scheduled 10 minutes apart instead of the 15 minutes in past years, which enabled us to assist additional families with Christmas needs. Two full days were for food and gift appointments for adults without children and three full days were for families.

Adults were provided with winter coats & accessories, blankets, hygiene items, and new socks and were able to shop for 3 gifts each.

Each family was provided with a family game, bedding, wrapping paper, bows, and tape. Christmas trees were available for families who needed them. Parents were able to shop for each of their children and were able to pick out 3-4 toys per child, stockings and stocking stuffers, books, holiday books, and new winter coats, along with gloves, scarves and a hat were given to each family member. In addition, 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 & cheese.

153 Households with 402 people received food for a Christmas meal and additional food for a value of \$14,810. 64 Individuals without children received gifts from GAP for a value of \$2,240. 96 Families with 244 children received toys, books, coats, games, etc., from GAP for a value of \$40,015.

The community rallied to provide books (68 cases from the Overland Park Rotary) winter coats, blankets, hats, gloves, scarves, food, hygiene items, toys, and monetary donations. Due to a generous donation from North American Savings Bank, over 351 winter coats were distributed with a value of \$7,079.. Toys for Tots donation was received for distribution as well.

25 businesses, 22 civic organizations, and 30 individuals donated items to GAP for Christmas, and 65 volunteers gave 311 hours of help to set-up and man the distribution. Mary and Mario Sylvestri completed all the shopping, and oversaw all the work and operations for the Holiday Store.




Board of Directors as of December 31, 2017

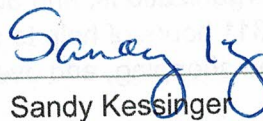
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Meeting Agenda

The Executive Committee meets monthly on the third Monday from 4:00 - 5:30 pm. The Board of Directors meets quarterly at noon. The meetings are open to the public.


Jackie Knabe

Executive Director



Sandy Kessinger
Chairman, Board of Directors