



WHO

Junior Board of Catholic Charities of Kansas City-St. Joseph "Hope for Kids" Fund

Catholic Charities helps people in need during their most challenging moments, assisting people of all ages and from all walks of life. Children are the largest share of more than 200,000 people served each year at Catholic Charities. The Junior Board is committed to giving these at-risk kids the care and resources they need to live strong, healthy and hope-filled lives!

HOW

"*Hope for Kids*" benefits the Catholic Charities of Kansas City – St. Joseph Children and Family Services programs. Through no fault of their own, many children have experienced abuse and/or neglect by a parent or caregiver. Also, a truly alarming number of children continue to live within the devastating confines of poverty. The existence of such events and circumstances has a profound impact on the young bodies, minds, and spirits of the children in our community. Their stories are heartbreaking, but their recoveries are filled with hope.

Catholic Charities Children and Family Services programs work tirelessly to bring dignity and care to children and their families. "*Hope for Kids*" give resources to at-risk children, as well as their families and caretakers whom are providing the much needed love and care that the children deserve. Whether its resources to ensure a pregnant mother is able to provide a safe, healthy environment for a child to develop and thrive, or resources to ensure that an abused child has access to specialized treatments to help him or her overcome their trauma, "*Hope for Kids*" truly provides 'hope' for children and families in their time of need.

The impact of abuse, neglect, and poverty can create very difficult and confusing experiences for children. Children in these situations often times find themselves living with different caretakers and moving from system to system and place to place. Educating and assisting children and families in this intrinsically perplexing time is dependent upon Catholic Charities' ability to adequately provide essential resources to its staff, programs, and clients. "*Hope for Kids*" gives Catholic Charities the resources to do this.

