

Oct. 5, 2019

# CARING ABOUT COMMUNITY

# Gala



Twenty years ago Marquita needed help and CAC was able to provide it. When Marquita turned 50, she decided to give 50 blessings back to her community - starting with CAC. Today Marquita is a CAC donor, volunteer and former client!



Isabella came to CAC for diapers and food when she was between jobs. The single mom is back to work now, but it's still not always enough to make ends meet. She said food, diapers and clothing for her kids, especially in the winter months, help them become stable again. Now, Isabella donates food and clothing back to CAC if she can to, as she said, "Help other families in need like it helped me. CAC is a great resource."



Sherry is a grandmother raising grandkids and helping other family members. When she needed help herself, CAC was there to provide food, clothing and diapers. But Sherry says she also appreciates that when she comes in to CAC she is coming to see people who care about her.





Dear Community Supporter,

In south Kansas City, in an unassuming building on the grounds of Ruskin High School, Community Assistance Council (CAC) provides essential food, clothing and shelter, and much more, for families striving to become stabilized and self-sufficient.

Sherry, Isabella and Marquita on the cover are just a few whose lives were changed for the better because CAC was there with critical help when needed.

October 5, 2019, at More Hall, Saint Thomas More Church, you are invited to be a part CAC's Caring About Community Annual Gala and be a part of this crucial work in our community.

CAC provides about 14 different services to individuals and families in south Kansas City, Mo.— including Hickman Mills and Center School Districts and all or part of 12 ZIP codes. Last year CAC served nearly 3,400 people, most with multiple services. But the need is still much greater than our resources. CAC receives about 25 calls a day from people who we could help if we had the funds. According to Census data, 4,332 families in the Hickman Mills District, and 1,369 families in Center would qualify for CAC assistance (falling within 150% of federal poverty guidelines). Your support, with your attendance, sponsorship, auction item or other contribution, will help provide a more stable and healthier community for all.

Funds raised at the Gala supports client services such as rent for a family facing eviction, funds to pay a utility about to be shut off or holiday meals, or administrative costs not covered by grants. As a sponsor, you allow even more of the dollars raised to be used for direct assistance to our struggling neighbors right here in south Kansas City.

As business and community leaders in this area, we have a vested interest in promoting the stability of families who live in south Kansas City. We ask you to seriously consider offering your financial or in-kind support with one of the options in the packet. We look forward to calling your office to follow up on this request within the next few weeks and appreciate your consideration.

Please contact Executive Director Rachel Casey at 816-763-3277 x. 103 or [rachel.casey@cackc.org](mailto:rachel.casey@cackc.org) with questions.

Thank you for your support,

John Sharp, President  
Retired KCMO City Council

Ronna Holloman-Hughes, Vice President  
Assistant Federal Defender

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# Annual Caring About Community Gala

5:30 pm Social Hour, 7 pm Dinner and Program ● Saturday October 5, 2019  
More Hall ● Saint Thomas More ● 11822 Holmes Rd. ● Kansas City, MO

## Sponsorship Levels

### Bronze Sponsor — \$250

Social media recognition  
Recognition in dinner program  
Logo in PowerPoint ● Two dinner tickets

### Silver Sponsor — \$500

Bronze sponsor benefits  
PLUS Four total dinner tickets

### Gold Sponsor — \$1,000

Silver sponsor benefits  
PLUS Logo on event signage  
Six total dinner tickets

### Platinum Sponsor — \$2,500

Gold sponsor benefits  
PLUS Your flyer/handout for attendees  
Reserved table for eight

### Presenting Sponsor — \$5,000

Platinum sponsor benefits  
PLUS Prominent name/logo on materials  
Reserved table for eight, with logo

### Table Sponsor (table of eight) - \$350

Individual ticket - \$50

### Silent Auction

Donate an item, or \$50 and we'll create a silent auction basket in your name.

Sponsor commitments must be received by Sept. 23, 2019.

# I would like to support Community Assistance Council with:

## Gala sponsor

Level \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I will be using my seats.

Names of those at table:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

No, I will not be using my/all of my seats. Please offer \_\_\_\_\_ seats to CAC clients or volunteers.

## Table sponsor

Table host \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Names of those at table:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Gala Auction Item

(Item) \_\_\_\_\_ or  \$50 and CAC will make up a basket

## Payment

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Invoice me for my payment.

I've enclosed a check made payable to CAC.

Apply my credit card. # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_ CVV \_\_\_\_\_

Billing address (with ZIP code) \_\_\_\_\_

I'd like someone from CAC to call me about opportunities.

CAC is a 501(c)3 nonprofit, tax ID # 23-7439079,

## Return to

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# Why CAC matters

- The only agency providing this range of services in South Kansas City.
- Covers all or part of 12 ZIP codes, with a population of more than 85,000.
- In CAC's three primary ZIP codes, more than 60% of households earn less than \$25,000.
- One in five kids in the KC Metro area does not know where their next meal is coming from.
- CAC receives an average of about 25 calls a day for services we could provide if funds were available.
- In the Hickman Mills School District 100% of students qualify for the free- and reduced-lunch program and there are an estimated 300 homeless or near homeless (McKinney-Vento) students.
- In the Center School District 73% qualify for free- and reduced-lunches and there are an estimated 100 homeless or near homeless students.
- According to Census data, 4,332 families in the Hickman Mills District, and 1,369 families in Center would qualify for CAC assistance (falling within 150% of federal poverty guidelines).

## What CAC Provides to the Community

- Client Choice Food Pantry ~ Harvesters Healthy Pantry partner
- Rent assistance when an eviction notice has been received
- Utility assistance when a shut-off or disconnect notice has been received
- Referrals to help clients access community services and remove barriers to self-sufficiency
- Clothing closet
- Holiday Store for gifts for families
- Holiday meals for Christmas and Thanksgiving
- Winter wear such as coats, mittens and blankets
- Computers for job searches and resume writing
- Diapers and pullups ~ Happy Bottoms partner
- Hygiene items ~ Giving the Basics partner
- Medicines and medical supplies ~ Kansas City Medicine Cabinet partner
- Partner with Impact Hickman Mills and Impact Center to reduce student homelessness
- Other services as needed and identified

## Our Partners



Giving the Basics





# In 2018

CAC served nearly 1,000 households representing 3,379 individuals - many with multiple services valued at \$343,379.

## OUR CLIENTS

60% of heads of households are female - many single mothers  
40% of clients are children under 18  
17% are 55 and older  
62% are African-American  
28% are Caucasian  
2% are Hispanic

## FOOD PANTRY

Provided 91,182 items  
Valued at \$135,492  
For 3,031 clients  
From 463 households

## EMERGENCY RENT ASSISTANCE/ TEMPORARY EMERGENCY SHELTER

Valued at \$28,038  
For 125 individuals  
From 44 households

## CLOTHES CLOSET

Provided 11,960 items  
Valued at \$32,756  
For 1998 clients  
From 276 households

## EMERGENCY UTILITIES ASSISTANCE

Valued at \$46,780  
For 407 individuals  
From 140 households

## CHRISTMAS and THANKSGIVING MEALS

Valued at \$11,800  
For 717 individuals  
From 233 households

## MEDICINES and MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

Valued at \$43,129  
For 190 individuals

## HOLIDAY STORE

Valued at \$7,690  
For 431 individuals  
From 136 households

## DIAPERS and PULLUPS

Provided 3,010 packs of  
diapers and pullups  
Valued at \$9,885  
For 242 households

