

KidsTLC (formerly TLC for Children and Families)

KidsTLC serves youth in crisis, especially those in need of comprehensive mental health services. The therapeutic treatment process includes the need for recreational outlets as part of the youth's educational, physical, and emotional experience. This helps stabilize their progression to a less restrictive environment and helps them achieve self control and improved relational skills.

Olathe Special Olympics

Olathe Special Olympics is adding an Equestrian Sports program for therapeutic purposes for youth with physical challenges that prevent participation in other recreational activities. This program will broaden the scope of activities available for special needs youth.

SAFEHOME

The SAFEHOME Children's Program provides activities for growth, development of healthy behaviors, and therapy. Essential car seats, baby baths, and monitors for infants, as well as school supplies for older children, will be distributed as needed, helping to enhance and strengthen services to children residing in a SAFEHOME shelter.

Salvation Army

The Salvation Army addresses the needs of children returning to school each fall by providing backpacks to the most needy in our community. In 2010, they reached out to more than 850 families who lacked the financial resources needed for supplies for school.

Sunflower House

Sunflower House provides education about childhood safety through the P.S. Happy Bear Program for children ages 4-7. This program teaches strategies to lessen a child's susceptibility to abuse and increase awareness about personal safety and abuse prevention. Educational materials need to be provided in English and Spanish to meet the needs of our diverse population.

How you can help:

Businesses or individual donors are invited to participate at \$250, \$100, \$50 or other giving levels.

Corporate sponsors are invited to participate at the Platinum Level: \$5,000, Gold Level: \$2,500, Silver Level: \$1,000, Bronze Level: \$500, or Partner Level: \$250.

Checks should be made payable to the Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund, and donations can be mailed to:

City of Olathe, Office of the Mayor, City Hall, P.O. Box 768, Olathe, Kansas 66051-0768. Donors may also use the on-line donation option located at www.olatheks.org.

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Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund

Since 2007, the Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund Board has been committed to helping children who are served by our local charities. Our community has repeatedly helped us reach our goal, and we are again asking for your support to help reach the \$80,000 goal set by the Board for 2011. We sincerely thank all who have contributed and look forward to your continued support and assistance. Our 2011 beneficiaries will be: The Center of Grace Children's Shoe Fund; Catholic Charities Northeast Kansas; The Salvation Army; KidsTLC; CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates); Kansas Children's Service League; KVC Behavioral HealthCare; Cypress Recovery; Kansas Foster and Adoptive Children; Olathe Special Olympics; SAFEHOME; Sunflower House; Johnson County Interfaith Hospitality Network; and the Health Partnership Clinic of Johnson County.

Your generosity will help benefit our children. You are truly a caring community!

A Message from Mayor Copeland

The Olathe Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund is not only a shining symbol of hope and help for those in need, but a symbol of the caring and compassionate spirit of our community. Because of your great generosity and concern for your neighbors, Christmas joy flows throughout the year in Olathe!

Your donation this year will help us meet the many needs described in this brochure. We know that the needs are greater than ever, but with your support, we can meet our goal.

Thank you for caring about our children and families. Your help will allow us to touch more lives than ever before!

Mayor Michael Copeland, Honorary Chairman
Olathe Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates)

CASA volunteers provide a Child Enrichment Program for children living away from home. Backpacks get kids ready for school, birthday boxes delivered to the home provide an "instant" birthday party and gift, and a holiday party with appropriate gifts helps children know they are cared for.

Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas

Catholic Charities helps homeless children reconnect with their community through positive, community-based recreational activities by absorbing the costs for participation.

Center of Grace Children's Shoe Fund

The Children's Shoe Fund provides over 900 children with a pair of new shoes for school. Referrals come from social workers, nurses, teachers and others across the community, and the need continues to increase annually.

Cypress Recovery, Inc.

Cypress Recovery supports teens in our community who are battling the impact of substance abuse. Last year, 120 youth ages 13-18 were assisted with educational materials and services to help them overcome the cycle of substance abuse.

Health Partnership Clinic

The Health Partnership Clinic is the only provider of free health care to the low income and uninsured in our community. By providing eye exams as a component of their health care services, they help children stay healthy and able to come to school ready to learn.

Johnson County Interfaith Hospitality Network

The Johnson County Interfaith Hospitality Network helps an average of 60 homeless individuals each year, two-thirds of whom are children. They come with few personal possessions

and need assistance with clothing for school. Gift cards for clothing help meet this critical need.

Kansas Children's Service League

The Kansas Children's Service League will launch a "Health and Safety" project through their Healthy Families Program, providing education related to home and personal safety. They provide essential safety equipment, such as carbon monoxide detectors, fire extinguishers, first-aid kits, thermometers, baby safety locks, electrical outlet covers, and safety gates. Educational materials on "What To Do if You Are Sick" address how to administer care outside a visit to a physician's office or hospital.

Kansas Foster and Adoptive Children

Kansas Foster and Adoptive Children assists families in meeting unforeseen costs that may arise when caring for foster children, including athletics, lessons, prom, uniforms, and competitions. They also provide summer camp opportunities for kids in foster care, some of whom are able to reconnect with siblings who may be placed separately. The Resource Center provides items needed to raise foster children from birth to teen years, including new or gently used clothing, toys, and equipment.

KVC Behavioral HealthCare

KVC's Every Kid Counts Program allows 150 kids to participate in nurturing activities with peers to help strengthen their sense of belonging and self esteem. KVC provides educational assistance and support for sports and activity fees, cultural events, graduation and prom attire, uniforms, athletic gear, and other needs.

*With our Heartfelt Thanks and
Best Wishes for the New Year!*