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KCSL Celebrates Anniversary in 2013

The Kansas Children's Service League (KCSL) will commemorate 120 years serving Kansas children and families in 2013. "It's a tremendous accomplishment to be able to continue to serve Kansas kids after so many years, and we think it's cause to celebrate," said Dona Booe, President/CEO.

As part of the anniversary celebration, KCSL will feature a special commemorative logo, which will be used on many of KCSL's marketing materials in 2013. In addition, anniversary parties and other

exciting events will happen across the state.

Since 1893, we have worked to protect and promote the well-being of children whether it's finding a healthy and safe home for a child to live or teaching their parents how to be better mommies and daddies.

Today we have evolved into a nationally recognized child abuse prevention agency and serve as a model for other states across the country. Our services

have become more comprehensive and extensive helping Kansas families more than ever before. We are proud of who we were and what we have become. Our mission remains the same 120 years later, but our reach is much greater thanks to those who have supported us over the years.

Join us in celebrating 120 years! Here are a few ways you can be a part of the fun. Come to an Anniversary celebration in your local community. We will keep you informed on when and where via facebook and in our e-newsletter KidsView Online. Join us through social media at www.facebook.com/mykcsl or on Twitter @kcsl and watch for stories from the past 120 years. Consider a gift of \$120 to ensure that we are still around 120 years from now! You can give online at www.kcsl.org or by mail with the enclosed envelope. Thank you in advance for your support in the past and in the future!

Kansas Children's Service League

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From the President's Desk



The story of Christmas unfolds into a miracle that has given hope and promise to humankind for thousands of years. Built on faith alone this

story of love endures through generations. It is at this time of year at the Kansas Children's Service League (KCSL) that we remind ourselves that despite all odds, it is our faith in those we serve that most often unfold into miracles each day before us.

In the Christmas story, Mary never lost her faith that she had been chosen for change. We must never lose sight of how one person's faith can find a way for change. The work we do today at KCSL to prevent child abuse is based on research and a body of evidence ensuring integrity and accountability to those who support us and carry responsibility to see before they believe. And yet time and time again, when nearly all hope is lost for a particular child or family and the service model does not seem to be effective, it is the faith in the strength of family demonstrated by that one home visitor, social worker or therapist that results in a story of change that can only be defined as miraculous.

The stories of our family's success are no less valuable than those of the gift bearers in the story of Christmas. They are treasures that give hope to others, create passion for our mission and create a lasting legacy for our organization. As you read KidsView this month, you will see such stories being shared including the story of our own Board Chair, Brad Heyen, and how his sharing of his personal KCSL story made a difference. Those we serve overcome challenges in their lives and create positive change that will be felt for generations in their families and brings hope to those whose lives they touch.

As you enjoy this Christmas season and the miracles of the all the holidays told in so many ancient stories of faith, remember those who believe in KCSL to help them grow stronger and create change that keep children safe and their families together. Please consider a gift to KCSL this holiday season to support the important work we do that creates miracles in the lives of Kansas children and families every day. All of us at KCSL wish you the happiest of holiday seasons and may you experience the miracle of Christmas in your own life.

Merry Christmas,

Dona Booe, President/CEO

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Stay it Forward



Book your next hotel stay at www.charitablehotels.org and donate the commission to KCSL. Receive the same prices as Expedia, Travelocity or Priceline, but the commission goes to a good cause!

KCSL Receives National Award

Bank of the West awarded \$210,000 in cash grants during its third annual Philanthropy Awards program that took place in San Francisco on November 13.

KCSL was nominated by KCSL Board Chairman, Brad Heyen, who is also a Vice President for Bank of the West in Wichita, KS. "I nominated KCSL because I'm proud of the prevention work they do for kids," Heyen said. "I was adopted through KCSL in 1965, and the impact they have had on me and countless other children and families for nearly 120 years is tremendous."

There were 300 nominations submitted. Out of the nominees, nine finalists were selected including KCSL. Each finalist had a video produced about the work that they do in their respective communities. Visit www.youtube.com/kcsl100 to watch the video about KCSL.

One laureate and two finalists were named in three different categories: Innovation in Philanthropy, Community Impact and Team Member Commitment. KCSL was the recipient of the Team Member Commitment award and received a cash grant of \$50,000.

The Team Member Commitment award recognizes a nonprofit in honor of a Bank of the West team member whose leadership has significantly advanced the organization's mission and in-

spired fellow team members. "We are truly honored to receive this prestigious award," said Dona Booe, KCSL President/CEO. "We strive to make a difference in our communities everyday through the work that we do, and the support we've received from this award will allow us to continue to effectively serve Kansas children and families."

The Philanthropy Awards program represents one component of Bank of the West's dedication to engaging its financial and human resources to improve its communities. Nominations for the Team Member Commitment Awards were submitted by Bank of the West employees. The winners and finalists were chosen by an independent committee of the bank's foundation leaders.

A BIG thank you to our Board Chairman, Brad Heyen for nominating KCSL for this award. It was a great surprise to be honored nationally for our work!



KCSL CENTER FOR RESTORATIVE EDUCATION SHOWING GREAT SUCCESSES

The Center for Restorative Education in Topeka is designed specifically for students that are at-risk and suspended/expelled in Shawnee County. They must be referred from a participating school due to a long term suspension or other reason as determined by the school. The goal of CRE is to increase and promote students' school attendance, academic progress, graduation rate and socio-emotional well-being. Results from a recent evaluation of the Center revealed that it is doing just that, not only in the day to day successes but in the overall statistics.

- CRE students improved their GPAs by 43% from a "D" average to a "B" during program enrollment. This improvement was 73% higher than a similar cohort of students.
- CRE students earned 74% of the credits they needed to progress to the next grade level.
- CRE students (boys in particular) increased their behavioral and emotional strengths including improved affect, school functioning and inter-intrapersonal support and abilities.
- CRE students were four times less likely to be suspended again compared to a similar cohort of students.



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Hurry! Winner will be announced on Dec. 17th



Tune In For Kids

Meet great kids needing adoption on these stations:

In Northeast Kansas, "Wednesday's Child" with Lori Hutchinson on WIBW TV-13

In Southeast Kansas, "Monday's Child" with Lisa Oligis on KOAM TV-7

In South Central and Western Kansas, "Susan's Kids" with Susan Peters on KAKE TV-10

Did You Know?

Head Start to Early Head Start Conversion

KCSL's application for Head Start to Early Head Start conversion was approved. This allows KCSL to serve an additional 44 families in Western Kansas - 8 in Finney County, 16 in Seward County and 10 in Grant County. Head Start staff is extremely excited and ready to make a difference for more families!

KCSL Staff Make Presentations at the Prevent Child Abuse America National Conference

KCSL staff made three national presentations at the Prevent Child Abuse America National conference in Jacksonville, Florida on October 13-14. BJ Gore, Parent Leadership Supervisor, Teri Klaus, Healthy Families Supervisor and Travis Alexander, Fatherhood Coordinator presented on "Engaging Dads in Home Visiting: Approaches from New York and Kansas." Vicky Roper, Director of Education and Awareness and Prevent Child Abuse Kansas, presented on "Implementing SBS/AHT Prevention Statewide: Successful Strategies and Common Pitfalls" and "And Now For Our Top Story. Messaging and Fund-raising in the Wake of Tragedy." What a great opportunity to be selected on a national level to share our expertise!

Fatherhood Retreat

In August, the Southeast Kansas Fatherhood Advisory Council gathered at a fun-filled Fatherhood Retreat for the purpose of defining the strategic plans for the Council. The Council did a wonderful job creating a true community empowerment model for Southeast Kansas with a vision of "a community where every child has a healthy and positive relationship with a father," and a mission "to inspire and empower men to engage in positive and healthy fathering roles."

KCSL Selected for Project with the CDC

KCSL was selected to be one of four pilots for a new Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Business Project with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Staff and consultants from the CDC attended the KCSL Board of Directors and Foundation Trustee Retreat on September 13-14 to give an overview of the project.

Bullying Prevention Hotline Materials Distributed

KCSL launched a 24-hour, statewide Bullying Prevention Hotline for those dealing with bullying situations earlier this year. Magnets and posters have been distributed to every Kansas high school and middle school. We aim to get the word out to every Kansas student, teacher and parent to prevent bullying and provide a resource to those who may need help.

Parent Leadership Conference

In October KCSL hosted the Parent Leadership Conference in Topeka, KS and it was a smashing success! Nearly 400 parents and children registered for the parent-led and parent-driven conference held October 5-6. Governor Sam Brownback and many members of his Cabinet welcomed attendees and announced a new Tech Campaign, which encourages Kansans to pursue technical school education. Parents had the opportunity to network with one another, interact with their children and learn new child advocacy and parenting skills. This was the first year KCSL, a sponsor since 2007, served as the administrative agent.

Community Council Focus: Emporia Chair, Teresa Maley

Community Leadership and Development Council (CLDC) members are KCSL's "local voice" in towns and cities across the state. They assist KCSL with fund raising events, community awareness activities, appreciation initiatives for foster parents and staff and creating connections and opportunities for the agency within their communities.

Why did you join the CLDC?

"As I was retiring, I spoke to friends and asked if they needed help with anything to let me know. Bev Long [Program Development Manager] asked if I wanted to join the council and I immediately said yes!

Having worked in the school setting for so many years, I only knew a fraction of all the things that KCSL does. I just admire what everyone does at KCSL because they're making big gains for kids across Kansas. I wanted to be a part of that."



What is the council working on now?

"We just had our first Red Stocking Breakfast! We were all a little nervous at first, since it was the first event like this we'd planned, but it turned out great!"

What have you learned about KCSL since you became a council member?

"I've noticed how many areas KCSL is addressing with Kansas children. There are so many programs helping kids in different situations like truancy prevention, adoptions and Healthy Families. I went to

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You & A Child



Patrick, Age 12

ID# 101439

Patrick is a creative young man who enjoys making things with his hands. His hobbies include making crafts and playing on the computer! Patrick needs a forever family who can care and love him unconditionally. He would also like his forever family to support and encourage his relationship with his brother. They are close, so they will need to continue regular visits with each other.



Tay'sia, Age 14

ID# 101225

Tay'sia would like a forever family home that includes some older siblings. Tay'sia enjoys playing on the computer and playing video games. Her other hobbies include reading, singing and gymnastics. Tay'sia will tell you her favorite class at school is English; she loves learning new things. Tay'sia says that when she grows up she would like to travel and be able to eat lunch in a tree house. Tay'sia would like her forever family to be patient, have lots of love, and be consistent.

To learn more about adoption visit www.adoptkaskids.org or call 877-457-5430. Connect with us! facebook.com/AdoptKansasKids and twitter.com/AdoptKSKids



Community Council Focus

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several events where past students of mine are now in Healthy Families. They are doing well and adjusting. It's a neat feeling. In education, we can't always meet all the needs of the students especially when they're young and having babies. KCSL is able to pick up where we left off."

Why is KCSL important to you?

"KCSL is important because so many children fall between the gaps. So many children need more than their families to function, to grow, to be the kind of children we want them to be. Whatever we can do whether they're infants or teenagers is so important, and I really have a *passion for that*."

What would you say to someone who is interested in the CLDC?

"That's an easy one. I would say, come with me to one of our meetings. See what we are doing at KCSL and see how we are impacting Kansas children. You will feel good about where we are at and where we are going. The passion that these workers have for children to improve their lives is just amazing."

Memorial Gifts

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Large Turnout for Governor's Conference

The 36th Annual Governor's Conference for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect was held October 15-17, 2012 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Wichita, Kansas. With more than 550 participants in attendance, the conference consisted of six all-day institutes, two keynote speakers, 35 exhibitors and 40 workshops.

Board Member and Wichita Community Leadership and Development Council Chair, Liz McGinness welcomed participants Tuesday morning and introduced the keynote speaker, Lori Moriarty, Vice President, National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children.

Cindy Klose, News Anchor from KWCH Eyewitness News, served as the Mistress of Ceremonies for the Awards Luncheon. Recipients of

the Governor's Conference Award for exemplary service to children and families were former Regional Director for Social and Rehabilitation Services (now Department for Children and Families) Jean Hogan in the individual category and Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics in the organization category. Seven agencies also handed out recognition awards. Other luncheon guests included Secretary Robert Moser, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, and Deputy Secretary of SRS Anna Pilato.



Vicky Roper and Dale Dennis, recipient of the Kansas Children's Service League, Agency Award.

Jim Redmon, Executive Director of the Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund, introduced the Friday morning keynote speaker, Dr. Kristen Shook Slack.

Save the Date

The 37th Annual Governor's Conference will be held November 4-6, 2013 in Topeka, KS at the Capitol Plaza Hotel.



Click for Babies, Even Bigger This Year

KCSL, in partnership with the National Center on Shaken Baby Syndrome launched the "Click for Babies" campaign again this year. The purpose of "Click" is to give families of newborns an added bonus of a purple knit cap to serve as an additional reminder during the month of November that it is NEVER okay to shake an infant and crying is a normal part of infant development. This was the third year the campaign had been conducted in North America and the second year for Kansas. The campaign was a tremendous success and received a great deal of statewide media coverage. Local newspapers, hospital newsletters, church bulletins, radio and TV interviews and countless social media sites increased awareness for not only the need for the tiny purple caps but the message behind the caps.

KCSL sponsored a "Tag-In," where volunteers were asked to come put stickers (tags) onto the caps before distributing the caps to hospitals. A reporter from KSN News in Wichita was in attendance and aired a positive story about the campaign. The tags not only stated important information about PURPLE and general safety tips but also included the names of funders that have made the PURPLE program possible in Kansas.

When KCSL asked volunteers from across the state to knit or crochet purple baby caps to be distributed to families with the Period of PURPLE Crying DVD, we asked for 7,500 caps. Our volunteers are the best and KCSL received over 9,000 precious purple caps! The caps have been washed, tagged and distributed to the 69 participating birth-

ing hospitals in the state. We received so many caps that we are giving out caps not only in November but also in December.

During this campaign, KCSL is able to educate hundreds of volunteers across the state about the Period of PURPLE Crying. Groups like senior centers, knitting guilds, school age children and all ages in between participated in the campaign. These were target groups who couldn't be reached in the hospital but were successfully educated through the "Click" campaign while they in turn donated some absolutely adorable caps. The campaign far exceeded our expectations again this year and we will do it again next year. Because of the high volume of donations, we will continue to deliver caps until they are gone through the end of December and into the beginning of 2013.



Planning For The Future

Children are our future, and that's why at KCSL they are our top priority. When planning for the future distribution of assets, many people are surprised to learn there are a number of ways to provide charitable gifts to KCSL. In addition to remembering family, friends and other loved ones, consider including KCSL in your plans so we can ensure that the next generation of children and families thrive! Contact KCSL President/CEO, Dona Booe at dbooe@kcsl.org or (785) 274-3100 for more information.



Upcoming Events

Klicks for Kids

Dec 3 thru Jan 3 West Wyandotte Library
Kansas City, KS

Jan 21 thru Jan 31 Manhattan Town Center
Manhattan, KS

Feb 1 thru Feb 28 Towne East Square Mall
Wichita, KS

Kickstands for Kids

April 20 Heartland Park
Topeka, KS



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