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OF NORTHEAST KANSAS

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Services Keep Rolling with New Resource Bus

Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas was among the five nonprofit organizations awarded a State Giving Grant from Walmart and the Walmart Foundation during a celebratory "Day of Giving." The agency received \$40,770 to replace one of its two Mobile Resource Buses, which was beyond repair.

"At Walmart, we understand the importance of championing community organizations in any way we can," said Annmarie Browning, Walmart Vice President and Regional General Manager. "Through our partnerships with these five nonprofit organizations, we are able to support programs that address the important issue of hunger relief and assist Kansans in need across the state."



Rep. Sean Tarwater joined Walmart executives and associates as they recognized Catholic Charities for its positive impact on Kansas residents.

Midwest Bus Sales owner, Don Kincaid, stepped up to help Catholic Charities purchase an affordable bus based on the generous grant funding. The interior of the new Mobile Resource Bus will be altered, allowing for greater storage and distribution of food, including fresh vegetables.

There will also be a larger area for a clothing closet featuring gently used children and adult wear.

"The new bus, with its spacious, more efficient design, will help us serve more people in outlying communities where emergency assistance is in great demand, but not easily accessible," says Denise Ogilvie, Vice President, Outreach and Grants Management.

In addition to food and clothing, a case manager is on board each Mobile Resource Bus providing services such as budget coaching, employment counseling, referrals or help filling out paperwork for other existing programs. Some direct financial assistance is available to help with rent, utility and medication costs.

Last fiscal year, Catholic Charities provided emergency assistance to families living in rural communities through its Mobile Resource Bus 4,403 times. Of those receiving services, 43 percent were children.



Join us on **January 20th** for the 44th Annual Snow Ball! **Registration** is now open!

The 5th Annual Gathering Garners Record Support

Five years ago a group of women with a passion for helping refugees in the community came together with a plan. From that meeting, "The Gathering" was born.

The Gathering is a ladies event held each Fall to celebrate the New Roots for Refugees farmers and their season's harvest.

More than 130 guests attended The Gathering held on September 26.



The Gathering Committee and event host.

The evening consisted of a short, informative program followed by delectable catered dishes utilizing produce provided by the New Roots for Refugees farmers. Guests also took the opportunity to shop the farmer's market set up in the host's courtyard.

This year's Gathering had record-breaking success, raising over \$24,000! All proceeds support the New Roots for Refugees program, a ministry of Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas.



Visit our website for more information on [The Gathering](#) and [The New Roots for Refugees](#) program.



Baubles & Books

Add a little sparkle to your wardrobe - and an interesting new read to your book shelf!

TurnStyles thrift store is hosting two BIG sales on **Monday, October 30th** from **10 am - 5 pm** at its **Overland Park** location.

Shop the fall Jewelry Sale featuring gently used sterling silver pieces, as well as trendy costume jewelry including necklaces, earrings, bracelets and rings. But wait, there's more. The store is also having a half-price book sale. This is a great chance for avid readers to pick up a fresh novel or two. Best of all, proceeds from the jewelry and book sale purchases help support neighbors in need served by Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas.

Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth Mark Anniversary with Food Donation

In celebration of the 400th anniversary of the

Vincentian charism, the Employee Mission Team with the Sisters of Charity in Leavenworth set out to collect 400 non-perishable food items for Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas' Leavenworth food pantry. They surpassed that goal - collecting 971 items!



Vincentian charism refers to the teachings of St. Vincent de Paul, the 17th century priest who lived and served in France. The 400th anniversary observance commemorates two encounters of St. Vincent de Paul in 1617 as the beginning of the Vincentian charism or spirit. A dying man and a family in need touched Vincent's heart and led him to redirect his life toward charity and concern for the poor. The Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth are among the religious communities and lay organizations that trace their roots to St. Vincent de Paul.

Thank you to the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth Employee Mission Team for helping feed the hungry. It is a fitting tribute to St. Vincent de Paul's life of service to the poor.

Shopping Through Amazon Smiles

Ways to Make a Difference

Did you know you can support Catholic Charities while you shop? Every time you buy something on Amazon, a portion is donated back to Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas.

It doesn't cost you anything extra but it quickly adds up to help the people we serve. In fact, you have helped donate over \$1,800 just by choosing Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas as the recipient when purchasing from Amazon.

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YOU CAN GIVE HOPE

You can provide a one-time or recurring gift to Catholic Charities. Your generosity allows us to continue our shared mission of stabilizing and strengthening families across the 21 counties of Northeast Kansas.

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