

Annual Report 2022

FLINT HILLS VOLUNTER CENTER



AmeriCorps
Seniors

The Flint Hills Volunteer Center recorded another successful year. We began by relocating our office to the downtown area. It was a successful move for us as we were able to have a separate conference room for meetings and projects.

Grants and Fundraising are the key to our program success. Eighty-three percent of our funding comes from the generous support of our grant funders. These include AmeriCorps/Corporation for National and Community Service, Greater Manhattan Community Foundation, YES! Fund, Deihl Community Grant, College Avenue United Methodist Church, and the Kansas Volunteer Commission.



Seventeen percent of our funding comes from the generous support of our Festival of Trees, Father Daughter Sweetheart Dance, 9/11 Day of Remembrance, and Donations. We hosted our Festival of Trees and auction at the Manhattan Town Center. We were delighted to have Steel & Pipe Supply as our major sponsor again this year. It was our most successful auction to date with an income of \$41,350.

On September 11th, the Flint Hills Volunteer Center hosted the annual 9/11 Day of Remembrance that brought our community together for a solemn event. Governor Laura Kelly joined our community members in placing a flag in remembrance of the 2,977 lives lost on September 11, 2001.

We created a new name and brand to educate the community on Suicide Awareness. Our FHVC P.A.C.T. (Prevention, Awareness, Compassion, Training) program hosted 17 podcasts that had a reach of over 3,000 each.

Our AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP (55 and older) program has been a long-standing volunteer program within the flint hills. The program began in 1974 and our volunteer's range in age from 55 – 98. Eleven volunteers have been AmeriCorps Seniors/RSVP volunteers for over 20 years!

Our CSC (Connecting Students to Communities) continued to provide opportunities for our teenagers and college students to give back to our community through a variety of service projects. Our 54 and under population saw a big increase in group volunteering and service projects with our soldiers from Fort Riley.

The Flint Hills Volunteer Center became the caretaker of the AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP program for the Kansas City metro area. We will be working with a new staff to re-introduce the RSVP program to their communities.

With a current database of 1,463 volunteers, we will begin 2023 ready to meet the needs of our communities. Volunteers are the heart and soul of our organization and community. We are grateful for their support and on-going dedication.

Lori Bishop
Executive Director

Program Impact

The Flint Hills Volunteer Center is driven by its mission of connecting volunteers to the needs of our community. As our community grows rapidly, we face an increased need to provide resources for unmet basic human needs.

Our Core Programs are:

- **AmeriCorps Seniors** is one of the largest volunteer networks in the nation for people 55 and over. Volunteers use the skills and talents they've learned over the years, or they develop new ones while serving in a variety of volunteer activities within our community.
- **Connecting Students to Communities** provides volunteer opportunities for students as a conduit to teach workplace readiness skills, enhance academic performance, inspire a lifetime commitment to service, and address the needs of recipient nonprofit organizations. Recruitment targets middle school, high school, and college students.
- **Suicide Prevention** utilizes trained volunteers to educate the community on risk factors for suicide, along with the interventions available for help.
- **Elder Justice** utilizes volunteers to educate the community on elder abuse, neglect and financial fraud and scams that target our nation's seniors.
- **Neighbor to Neighbor** is a volunteer program in the city of Manhattan that helps elderly residents remain in their home. This program connects volunteers, volunteer groups, and organizations with Manhattan residents who need assistance. Volunteers help with snow removal and basic yard work.
- **Medical Transportation** utilizes volunteers to provide Manhattan senior residents without reliable transportation with safe rides to medical appointments within the Manhattan community. Approximately 36 seniors benefit from this program each year.



36,394

Hours
Served



1,463

Volunteers & Groups
Enrolled



141

Students
Enrolled



69

Opportunities
Served



\$1,090,000

Monetary Value of
Service



2022 Highlights



Valor Honey
22 Volunteers
4,722 hours served



9/11
50 Volunteers / Groups
251 hours served



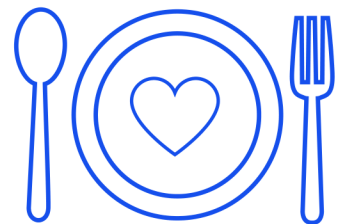
Suicide Prevention
32 Volunteers
165 hours served



Hospital & Clinical Care
19 Volunteers
1,486 hours served



Cookie Brigade
38 Volunteers
542 hours served
9,096 cookies baked



Food Distributions
134 Volunteers/ Groups
8,760 hours served



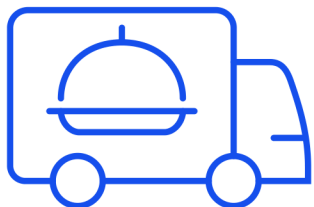
Tax Assistance
10 Volunteers
948 hours served



FIT Closet
37 Volunteers
1,454 hours served

AmeriCorps Seniors Volunteer Impact

Program for volunteers aged 55 and older



Friendship Meal Delivery

69 Volunteers

7,287 hours served



Elder Justice

46 Volunteers

880 hours served



Service to Veterans, Military
& Families

46 Volunteers

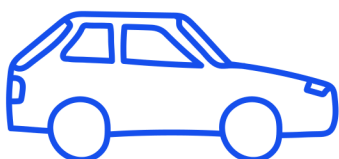
5,068 hours served



Suicide Prevention

25 Volunteers

135 hours served



Medical Transportation

12 Volunteers

607 hours served

36 clients

2,023 miles driven



Community-Supported
Thrift Stores

91 Volunteers

6,996 hours served



**AmeriCorps
Seniors**



Connecting Students to Communities

Program for volunteers aged 25 and younger



Spring 2022

47 CSC and group volunteers served **215** hours around the community.



Summer 2022

55 CSC volunteers served **444** hours on several projects for the community.



September 2022

125 CSC and group volunteers served **260** hours for Spring Clean Up at Sunset Zoo, rock painting project, and 9/11 event.



October 2022

52 CSC and group volunteers served **228** hours for group projects throughout Riley and Geary County.



November 2022

33 CSC volunteers served **148** hours while helping with Fresh Start Emergency Shelter, and Be Able Community Center.



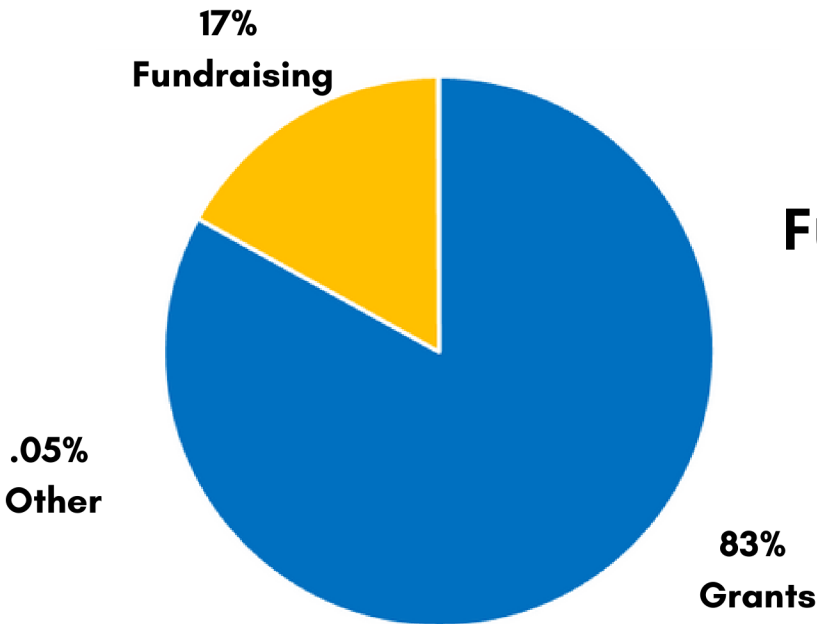
December 2022

469 CSC and group volunteers served **863** hours while helping with projects throughout Riley and Geary county.



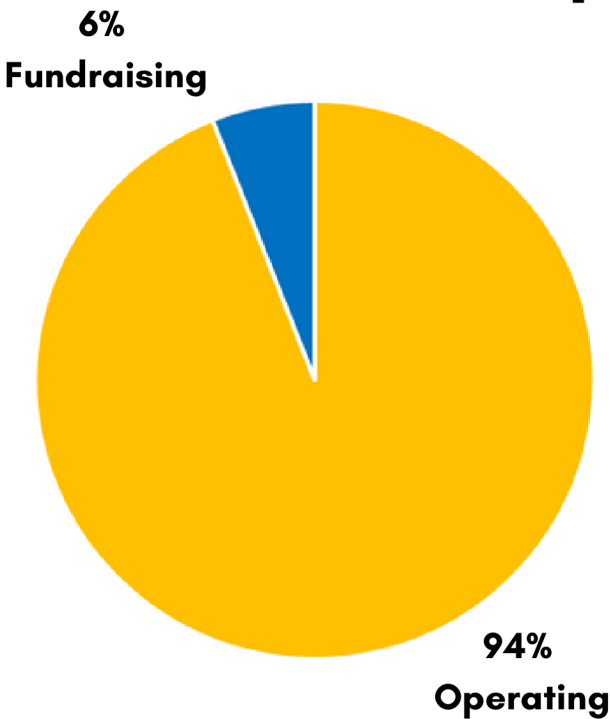
Financial Report

Income



Grants: \$241,150.75
Fundraising: \$49,130.72
Other: \$156.61
\$290,438.08

Expenses



Operating: \$291,048.54
Fundraising: \$18,403.71
\$309,452.25

Board of Directors

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Program Funding Provided By

AmeriCorps / Corporation for National & Community Service

Kansas Volunteer Commission

Yes! Fund

Greater Manhattan Community Foundation

Deihl Community Fund

Riley County Council on Aging

College Avenue United Methodist Church Youth