

# Annual Report 2025

FLINT HILLS VOLUNTEER CENTER



**AmeriCorps**  
Seniors



2025 was another successful year for the Flint Hills Volunteer Center. I am honored to be the Executive Director of the Flint Hills Volunteer Center and the AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP program. It was a busy, and often-times-challenging year that saw our core programs grow in terms of the number of volunteers and the number of requests for volunteers.

2025 also brought changes and challenges. The government shut down, and the Continuing Resolution until January 30, 2026, left us with a little uncertainty. The good news is that our federal grant was approved through March 31, 2026. We will be working to continue the grant process to keep our RSVP of Riley County a vital part of our communities. One major change was relocating our office to the Manhattan Town Center, which has been a huge success. We've enrolled new volunteers by walking and seeing our signs.

Grants and Fundraising are the key to our program's success. Eighty-seven percent of our funding comes from the generous support of our grant funders. These include AmeriCorps/Corporation for National and Community Service, Riley County Council on Aging, Greater Manhattan Community Foundation, YES! Fund, and the College Avenue United Methodist Church.

Twelve percent of our funding comes from the generous support of our Home for the Holidays, 9/11 Day of Remembrance, Santa City, and Donations. We hosted our Home for the Holidays and auction at the Manhattan Country Club. We were delighted to have Steel & Pipe Supply and DeHart Plumbing as our major sponsors this year. Our total income from fundraising was \$63,801.

We hosted two events for our 9/11 Day of Remembrance. Family Event & Picnic on September 7th allowed our first responders to give a pair of free shoes to elementary school children. This year we donated remaining shoes to the FIT Closet, Salvation Army, Center for Hope Ministries, and the IGNITE homeschool. 9/11 Day of Remembrance Breakfast on September 11th was a huge success. We had nearly 70 invited guests in attendance and the guest speaker, Wabaunsee County Sheriff Eric Kirsch, provided an excellent presentation.

Our AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP (55 and older) program has been a long-standing volunteer program within Riley County. The program began in 1974, and our volunteers ranged in age from 55 – 100.

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 Kansas State University students and Corporate Volunteers.

With a current database of 1,247 volunteers, we will begin 2026 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.

I am excited to continue working with my staff and board members to achieve our mission – “Inspiring volunteers and efficiently connecting them with the needs of our community”.

**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.

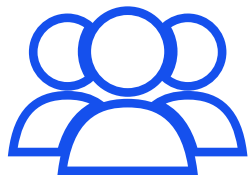
Our Core Programs are:

- **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.



**31,000**

Hours  
Served



**1,253**

Volunteers & Groups  
Enrolled



**340**

Students  
Enrolled



**79**

Opportunities  
Served

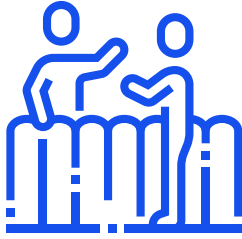


**956,660**

Monetary Value of  
Service

# 2025 Highlights

*Numbers for all volunteers with FHVC*



## Neighbor to Neighbor

**6** Volunteers  
**37** Neighbors helped  
**189** hours served



## Cookie Brigade

**29** Volunteers / Groups  
**163** hours served  
**2,207** cookies donated



## Tax Assistance

**15** Volunteers  
**1,411** hours served  
**1,089** federal returns prepared  
**\$1,620,037** total value of refunds



## Food Distributions:

Harvesters, Pantries, &  
Community Meals  
**117** Volunteers  
**2,602** hours served



## 9/11

**15** Volunteers / Groups  
**51** hours served



## Community-Supported Thrift Stores

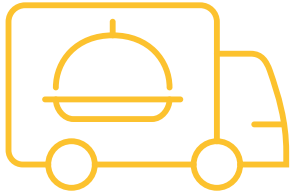
**87** Volunteers  
**7,383** hours served



# AmeriCorps Seniors Volunteer Impact

*Program for volunteers aged 55 and older*

**321** active AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers  
**29,245** hours served in **79** different opportunities



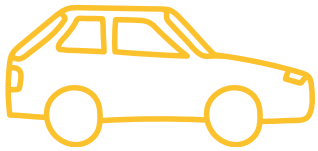
Friendship Meal Delivery

**75** Volunteers  
**3,048** hours served



Elder Justice

**36** Volunteers  
**274** hours served



Medical Transportation

**9** Volunteers  
**344** hours served  
**30** clients  
**194** rides  
**1,244** miles driven



Companionship

**24** Volunteers  
**1,173** hours served



Most hours served by one  
RSVP Volunteer **2,470**



Average number of Hours  
served by RSVP Volunteer  
**91** hours



**51** Number of current  
RSVP Veterans





# Connecting Students to Communities

Program for volunteers aged 25 and younger



## 9/11 Day of Remembrance for Families & Picnic

Our event to commemorate the first responders who protect our community was a huge hit, and our volunteers were able to give away **500** pairs of shoes to elementary children and to multiple local non-profits. Our **CSC volunteers** had a blast interacting with every child who attended.



## Teacher Appreciation

As the Fall 2025 school semester started up, the **Delta Chi Fraternity**, one of the groups in our CSC organization, had the joy of putting together **teacher appreciation boxes** for Susan B. Anthony Middle School, Lee Elementary School, Dwight D. Eisenhower Middle School, and Northview Elementary School.



## IGNITE Projects

The IGNITE homeschool group who are a part of our CSC program have been busy this year making **birdhouses** and **fall-themed door decorations** to hang up in the nursing homes in the Flint Hills area.



## Santa City

Many different CSC and group volunteers joined together to dedicate numerous hours assisting with the creation, sorting, organization, and overall support of our Santa City event this year. Between packaging presents, dressing up as elves, guiding children and parents in where each to go, and so much else behind the scenes, all of our volunteers did everything with a loving and cheerful Christmas spirit.

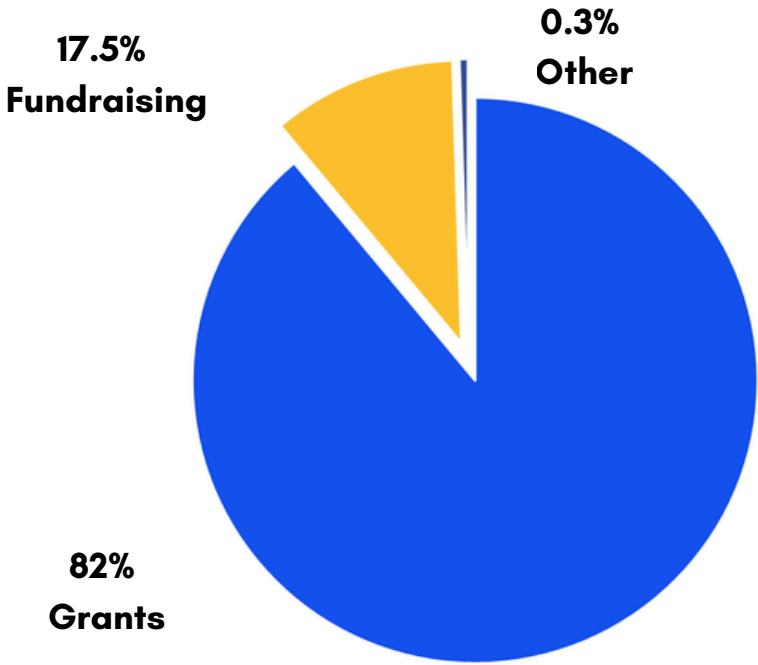


## Rock Painting

In September, **4** different groups helped us paint **100** rocks for our 9/11 Day of Remembrance for Families & Picnic.

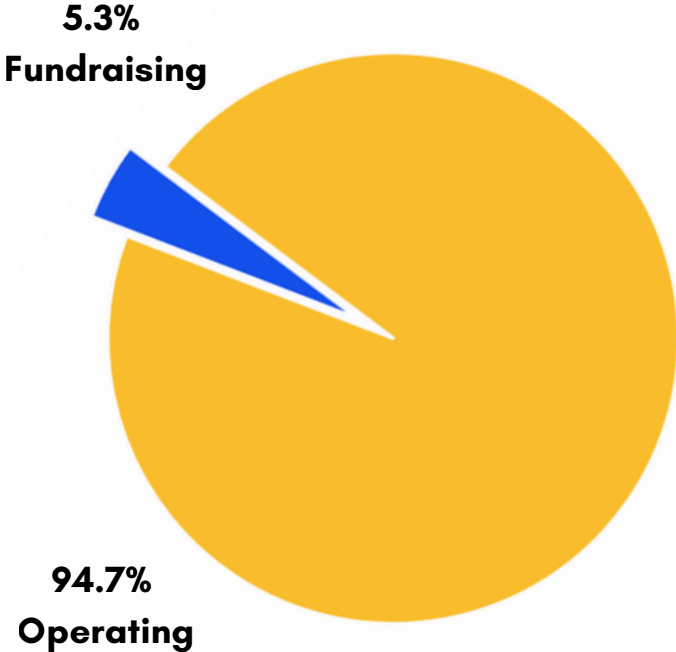
# Financial Report

## Income



**Grants:** \$299,673.79  
**Fundraising:** \$63,801.23  
**Other:** \$1,047.52  
**\$364,522.24**

## Expenses



**Operating:** \$320,354.26  
**Fundraising:** \$17,832.55  
**\$338,186.81**

# Board of Directors

**Lindy Lindquist | President**

K-State Research & Extension; Retired

**Sue Simmons | Vice President**

Retired Federal Civilian (Army)

**Jennifer Wilson | Secretary**

K-State Research & Extension

**Jacob Kujath | Treasurer**

James Gordon & Associates CPA

**Ronnie Grice | Immediate Past President**

K-State Police Department

**Rob Hart | Education Services Officer; Ft. Riley**

**Roger Lanksbury | Nuclear Engineer; Retired**

**Jennifer Shelton | K-State Credit Union**

**Lucy Straily | Your Medicare Simplified**

## FHVC Staff

**Lori Bishop | Executive Director**

**Meghan Loverude | Program Services Coordinator**

**Hannah May | Volunteer Coordinator**

## Program Funding Provided By

**AmeriCorps / Corporation for National & Community Service**

**College Avenue United Methodist Church Youth**

**Greater Manhattan Community Foundation**

**Riley County Council on Aging**