



# OUR FUTURE BEGINS WITH THE CHILD.....

2019 ANNUAL REPORT



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## NOTE FROM THE CEO:

2019 has been a year filled with defining and significant moments for Ballard. A year in which we have renewed our community's confidence in our ability to provide services that strengthen families and create lasting change. The staff and board's dedication and hard work to build a firm foundation has paid off - our foundation is now rock solid ensuring that Ballard is here for generations! Our community has recognized our hard work and supported us in building this foundation.

- With the support of our City, we now have staff with the experience and passion to increase community outreach. This has resulted in many random acts of kindness enabling us to keep our pantry stocked. It reminds me why I love our community, a community where kind souls see a need and quietly step in to help, expecting nothing in return.
- Generous assistance from the Kriz Foundation keeps our 105-year-old building in good repair, serving the next generation of Ballard children with early childhood education.
- Our local United Way and Rice Foundation validated the importance of not only taking care of the children but also supporting parents. We are connecting parents to safety-net services, creating a more stable family life where children can feel safe.
- Recognizing that supporting staff is vital to our success, the Douglas County Community Foundation provided trainings and the tools for our staff to combat the traumatic stress arising from daily exposure of working with children and families with chaotic lives.

When I started this journey, I never anticipated the ups and downs I would encounter. I also did not anticipate the abundant number of lives I would be blessed to play a small part in changing.

With Gratitude,

Becky Price, CEO

## NOTE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR:

Being a part of the Ballard Center's Board of Directors is truly a rewarding experience. The stories that unfold everyday at Ballard reflect the care and compassion that volunteers and staff feel for struggling families, and the action they take to help individuals overcome their unique challenges.

The Ballard Center has served the community for over 50 years, changing the lives of children and families through a variety of programs and services that help families become more self-sufficient. I encourage everyone to support our mission, and see what you can provide to ensure that children and families have what they need to succeed now and in the future.

Warmly,

David Moore, Board of Directors



**Becky Price**  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



**David Moore**  
CHAIR, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OUR FUTURE

# BEGINS WITH EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION.



Household members impacted  
by the Ballard Center's Early  
Childhood Education Program

## EILEEN'S STORY:

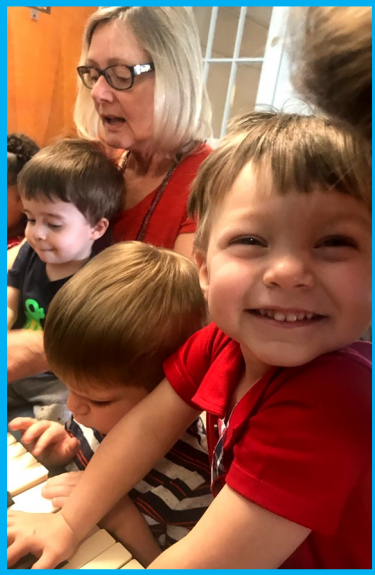
My wife and I are foster parents of three and four-year-old brothers, Liam and Ethan. Both boys were diagnosed with autism and removed from their biological home due to serious neglect. They didn't talk or engage, and Liam had outbursts that resulted in bruises and broken items.

We were turned down by three other preschools once they became aware of the situation. As it turns out, we were lucky! When it was time for our Ballard home visit, we were terrified Liam's behaviors would scare them away. But instead, Rebecca held my hand when I cried and comforted me. Thankfully, the Ballard Center accepted our kids!

Drop-offs were hard the first month, but Mitra let Liam and I cry while she reassured me. He is now in Rachael's class, and she is magical with him. Davi is wonderful with Ethan, and he can't wait to see her when he gets to school. Jori and Xavier are so amazing that we poached them to be our babysitters.

Liam and Ethan are different kids in less than one year. Both are incredibly smart and talking so much. Liam has worked hard to control his outbursts.

None of this would have been possible without the love and support from Ballard. They even connected us to an attorney to help in court. We are so lucky to have everyone in our lives, and they have truly become our family.



## EARLY EDUCATION

The Ballard Center provides a quality, developmental, and age-appropriate learning environment for children ranging from two to five years old. We provide a holistic approach that is nurturing, creative, and therapeutic to assure every child has the skills to thrive in kindergarten.

## FAMILY CONNECTIONS

Our Family Connections program helps families access safety-net programs that support them during difficult periods. We work with families to meet needs that might impact children's health and development. Ballard's safety net services include food, clothing, diapers, and household goods, as well as rent and utility assistance.

## ON-SITE COUNSELING

Our counselor improves the mental, emotional, and social wellbeing of children enrolled at Ballard as well as their families. Additionally, our counselor addresses trauma and works with the child and parents to identify a plan to alleviate childhood stressors at school and at home.

*"As a Mom, I love bringing my daughter to Ballard because everyone who works here loves what they do and makes it their mission to teach each child something new every day."*

*Ballard Parent*



Children enrolled in Early  
Childhood Education 2019

OUR FUTURE

# BEGINS WITH HEALTH & FAMILY STABILIZATION.



543


Household members impacted  
by the Ballard Center's  
Emergency Services



- Noah\* is a happy two-year-old who has been attending the Ballard Center for six months. He has an infectious smile that lights up the room and loves big bear hugs.
- Until recently, Noah's home-life seemed to be a happy one with both his mom and grandmother living with him. Noah's teacher began noticing a change in his behavior a few weeks ago that concerned her. Before our therapist had a chance to schedule a meeting with Noah's mom, a DCF case manager arrived at Ballard to inform us that Noah's mother's rights had been taken away due to actions by her boyfriend. Because the mom was showing erratic behavior, we were not to allow her access to Noah and his grandmother would be picking him up from school. We later learned that Noah and his grandmother were temporarily staying in a hotel provided with DCF (Department of Children & Families) funds. By allowing Noah to attend Ballard free for two months, Noah's grandmother was able to secure the deposit for a stable home for herself and Noah.

*\*Names have been changed for confidentiality.*





**1068**  
Unduplicated number of clients visiting our pantries

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT & BASIC LIFE ASSISTANCE

### **Rent and Utility Assistance:**

Low-income community residents can access up to \$200 annually for utility or rent payments. Money is given in emergencies to avoid homelessness or utility disconnection.

### **Warm Hearts Heat Assistance:**

Provides up to \$300 in heat bill assistance from January through April. Over 1,000 community residents stay warm thanks to this program every winter.

### **Safety Net Services:**

These funds provided by United Way of Douglas County help stabilize clients facing emergency situations.

### **Legal Assistance:**

Offered to low-income families and individuals by Kansas Legal Services and local attorneys who provide pro-bono services.

### **Referrals:**

Ballard Center connects people to community resources such as primary health, dental and vision care, mental health care, food pantries, cooking classes, housing resources, employment resources and income tax assistance.

### **Holiday Bureau:**

Provides holiday gifts for families in need. Individuals and businesses within the community match with families and purchase gifts from the families' wish lists.

### **Food Pantry:**

This allows low-income community members to attain food security by selecting from nutritional options.

### **Mobile Food Pantry:**

Ballard facilitates a mobile food pantry in partnership with Harvesters twice a month at the Douglas County Fairgrounds.

### **Clothing and Personal Care Items:**

Over 2,000 low income clients gain free clothing security through the Ballard's clothing pantry annually, all coming from donations.

### **Work Wear Clothing:**

We improve access to employment by supporting low-income individuals with appropriate clothing for job interviews and work.

### **Personal Care and Diapers:**

Donated toiletries and diapers are available to hundreds of community members.

### **Basic Household Goods:**

We assist individuals in transition and in need of basic items to settle into a new home. All items are donated.



**4,272**

Household members impacted by Pantry Services

# OUR FUTURE BEGINS WITH COMMUNITY.



## VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

The Ballard Center, like most nonprofit organizations, depends on the goodwill and charitable contributions of the public to exist and thrive. Volunteer support is vital, and we are fortunate to have many loyal and consistent donors, including individuals and business partners, that provide year-round support for the committees and annual activities listed here.

Building Maintenance | Education & Trauma-Informed Care  
Family Stabilization | Finance | Public Relations  
Year-Round Pantry Drives | Holiday Bureau | Rev It Up  
Changing Lives Gala | TOYS (Take Our Youth Shopping)

**Thank you volunteers!**

## HEROES AMONG US

Teresa Treanor 1956—2019



Teresa's contributions to Ballard were as generous as they were invaluable and numerous. No matter what problem arose, Teresa was always available to provide a solution. We are most grateful for her creation of the Magic Room, her support of implementing trauma-informed services for our staff, and many other gifts of kindness too numerous to mention. Teresa will be greatly missed.





**Clockwise from top left:** Bidders held their paddles high at the 2019 Changing Lives Gala; Rockhill Church volunteers helped clean up South Park after the Rev It Up event; Law enforcement officers treated Ballard students to a shopping trip for the annual TOYS (Take Our Youth Shopping) event; Rev It Up Hotrod Hullabaloo attracted hundreds of car fans of all ages.

## CHANGING LIVES GALA



Bob Davis, Ballard Volunteer and Changing

Over 340 guests convened June 7th at the Jayhawk Club to learn more about the services of the Ballard Center. They sang along with Ric Averill and the preschool children, applauded the success of a Ballard alum, cheered the victory of a current Ballard parent, and witnessed the gratitude of a Ballard grandmother. They were charmed by Hall of Fame Sportscaster Bob Davis, and inspired by the generous acts of

kindness in our community. In turn, the guests heard the call to change lives and responded with generous donations totaling over **\$110,000!**

Thank You to everyone who helped us change lives in our community. Special thanks to the Jayhawk Club for hosting the event, and the many individuals who donated special auction items.

## REV IT UP HOT ROD HULLABALOO

More than 285 vintage cars - including classic antiques, hot rods, imports and race cars - were on display for this fun event on Saturday, September 14. Hundreds of people attended this free event and enjoyed food, drink and great music. Best of all, the event raised **\$17,500** for the Ballard Center!

The Ballard Center is deeply indebted to Steve and Michelle Chronister for putting on this event each year. Not only do they donate their time, talent and resources to Rev It Up, they also graciously donate all proceeds from the event to the Ballard Center in support of our mission to help children and families in Douglas County. Thank you, Steve and Michelle!



# OUR FUTURE

# BEGINS WITH YOU.

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### Gifts of \$10,000+

Chuck & Dee Blaser  
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### Gifts of \$500+

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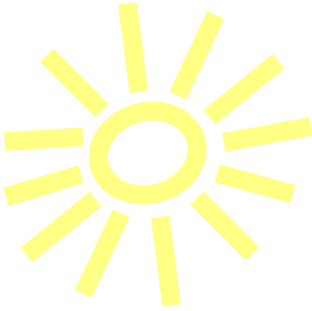
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FUNDRAISING GALA

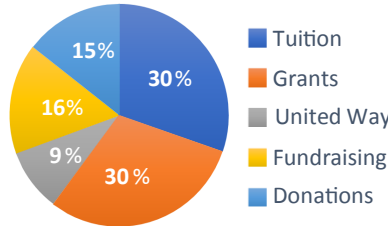


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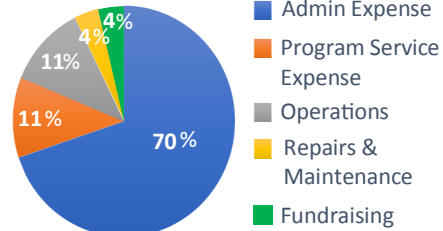


# FINANCIALS

2019 INCOME TOTAL  
\$813,926



2019 EXPENSES TOTAL  
\$690,195



	2018	2019
<b>INCOME:</b>		
Tuition	\$ 155,822	\$ 246,479
Grants	\$ 91,802	\$ 243,883
United Way	\$ 61,015	\$ 74,999
Fundraising Events	\$ 115,632	\$ 130,763
Donations	\$ 159,641	\$ 117,800
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 583,913</b>	<b>\$ 813,926</b>

TRULY NON-PROFIT:

**96%** Annual income spent on core mission services and support

**4%** Remaining income spent on fundraising initiatives

