

Organizational History and Timeline

1997

Four co-workers -- **Carolyn Whitelaw-Whitney, Kimberly Phillips, Debbie Clark-Beecham and Sheryl Fleming**-- came together by the leading of the Spirit through Carolyn Whitelaw-Whitney to start praying together in each other's homes.



2017

Through a property donation, Sisters In Christ was given the opportunity to rehab and **opened its first sober living house in the Kansas City, MO urban core.**



2019

Through a partnership with **Jackson County COMBAT**, Sisters in Christ opened the **Safe Zone Neighborhood Hub**, "a one-stop shop" located in Raytown where individuals and families at-risk for violent lifestyles can receive **case management and care coordination.**



2021

Sisters In Christ launched **Youth Life Link**, a subprogram of its Safe Zone Neighborhood Hub to provide at-risk youth with **team-building activities** which build camaraderie and enhance their academic achievement, community involvement, financial outlook, and **resiliency against crime and violence.**



2014

Sisters In Christ was formally **established as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit** organization and opened its **administrative office in Raytown, MO.**



2018

Sisters In Christ launched its **Dahomey Training Center**, a hands-on entrepreneurship education and **job training program** designed for women with histories of substance abuse, experiencing housing and employment struggles, and transitioning from correctional facilities.



2020

Through funding provided by **The Health Forward Foundation** and **The Black Community Fund**, Sisters In Christ scaled its Mental Health Services Program which provides trauma- focused, and culturally sensitive **therapeutic interventions to women, youth and children impacted by trauma and abuse.** Through the additional grant funding, Sisters In Christ was able to increase provider choice by partnering with four Black-led and minority-serving clinical therapists/counselors.



2022

Sisters In Christ established **three satellite Safe Zone offices** within the Raytown C-2 School District's three middle schools so that even more uninsured and underinsured youth and their families would be connected to services and wraparound supports to **maintain healthy and violence-free lives.**

