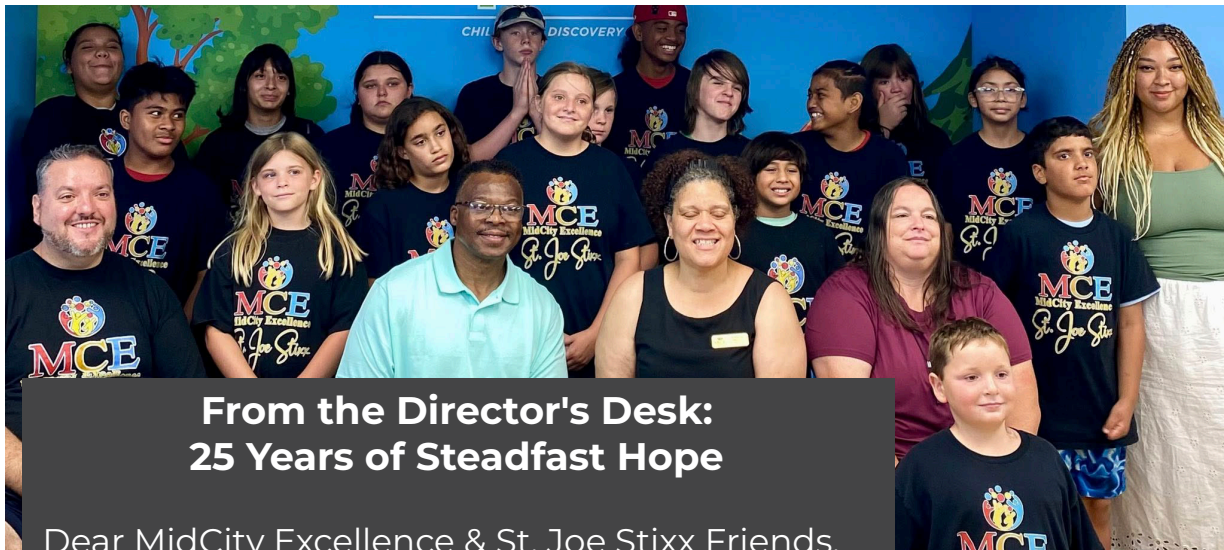


NEWSLETTER



From the Director's Desk: 25 Years of Steadfast Hope

Dear MidCity Excellence & St. Joe Stixx Friends,

2025 has been a strength-building year. Over 100 youth have grown in courage, leadership, and creativity through our drumline, choir, and Kidz Biz Enrichment classes. They explored entrepreneurship, built reading skills, and even tackled a tough series to counteract and prevent opioid addictions through a Drug Prevention Art Contest (*special thanks to the City of St. Joseph Health Department and the Buchanan County Commissioners*).

But we need your help.

We're fundraising to keep these life-changing programs free and fully staffed in 2025. Your gift provides meals, mentoring, transportation for youth from over 13 schools, mental health support, and a safe place to grow.

Let's make our **25th year** in 2026 unforgettable.

Donate today. Show up. Cheer them on.

Thank you for believing in the power of youth!

- CEO/Founder,
Kimberly Warren



Save the Dates!

Christmas Joy Showcase

Dec 18 at 5:15 PM – Featuring the KC Chiefs Rumble Drummers, choir, dance & more!

MLK "Solutions Summit" Brunch

Jan 19 at 11 AM (doors open 10:30)

Heritage Fest: Unity in the Community

Feb 22 at 4 PM



Rev. Robert R. & Kimberly Warren

MidCity Updates & Highlights

This year, MidCity Excellence has seen meaningful growth, with our students thriving as leaders through enrichment, performing arts, and community service. We launched a youth-driven YouTube show, giving teens a platform to share their voices. With new partnerships, expanded academic support, and over 100 youth engaged in our programs, MCE continues to move forward with strength and purpose.



Opioid Prevention YouTube Show



This year, our MCE students shone in our **"Youth City"** multimedia program, learning journalism and videography skills. Through the opioid prevention segment, they created episodes to educate their peers on making healthy choices. Their first broadcasts showcase their professionalism and courage. This project empowers youth to protect their community and inspire the next generation of journalists and advocates.



As we wrap up another meaningful year, we're deeply grateful for everyone who makes our mission possible. Your generosity strengthens families, builds confidence, and opens doors to brighter futures for our youth. Because of supporters like you, students feel seen, supported, and inspired to lead—but there is still more work to be done.

We invite you to continue investing in our community so we can make an even greater impact together in the year ahead.

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