

2023 JCCB

# ANNUAL REPORT

Providing warmth & support for over 60 years

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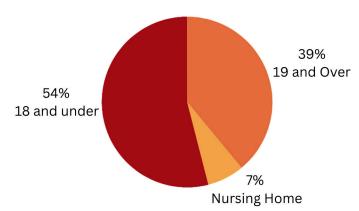
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- Provide warmth and support, during the winter holiday season to lowincome Johnson County, Kansas families.
- Increase awareness and understanding of poverty in Johnson County, Kansas; and
- Give neighbors an outlet to help neighbors.

## 13,389 Served in 9 day Holiday Shop!



## Snap Shot of 2023 Holiday Shop



37 TONS OF GROCERIES



7,177 COATS



41,672 PERSONAL CARE ITEMS



48,397 BOOKS



40+ PALLETS OF TOYS The Johnson County Christmas Bureau is a non-profit organization dedicated to assisting low-income families in Johnson County, Kansas, during the holiday season. We provide a range of gifts and necessities to our Holiday Shop Guests to ensure they have a brighter and more joyful holiday experience. Johnson County Christmas Bureau collects donations throughout the year and sets up a store where guests can choose items that best suit their family's needs and preferences.

For 63 years, Johnson County Christmas Bureau has served low-income and below poverty level families through our Annual Holiday Shop. This initiative allows families in need to "shop" for children's & teen coats, toys & gifts, clothing, personal care items, hats & gloves, books as well as groceries, all at no cost. Through these various departments at the JCCB Holiday Shop, the Johnson County Christmas Bureau plays a crucial role in supporting and uplifting the community during a time of need.



## Recipient Testimonial

This was my first time, and I had no idea what to expect. This was amazing! The organization helped immensely, as I have severe anxiety. The book selection was better than a library, and I love libraries. I felt welcomed and I felt no judgements for my needing these services. That's not always the case with some organizations. Thank you so very much for a wonderful Christmas shopping experience. -Holiday Shop Guest

## The Impact of Poverty

Poverty in Johnson County, Kansas is a significant issue that often goes unnoticed due to the area's reputation for affluence. While Johnson County is one of the wealthiest counties in Kansas, with a high median household income, there are still pockets of poverty that exist. The total number of people living in low-income housing is 90,341 or approximately 15% of the Johnson County population. Factors contributing to poverty in the area include high housing costs, lack of affordable healthcare, and limited access to quality education for all residents.

Despite the overall prosperity of Johnson County, there are individuals and families struggling to make ends meet. Many residents face challenges such as food insecurity, inadequate housing, and limited job opportunities.

Nonprofit organizations, local government initiatives, and community outreach programs play a crucial role in providing support and resources to those in need. By raising awareness and understanding along with giving neighbors an outlet to help other neighbors, Johnson County Christmas Bureau continues to provide warmth and support during the winter holiday season.

Poverty Ra

150%

Johnson County Christmas Bureau serves those living 150% and below poverty level.

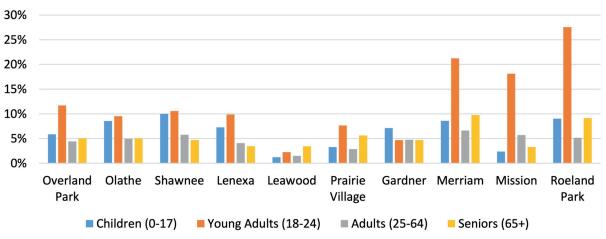
#### Impact of Poverty in the Community

Families without adequate income face daily hardships including hunger, poor housing conditions, lack of health care, forgone doctor visits, and more. Poverty statistically lowers student achievement and workforce readiness, leads to higher health insurance premiums for everyone and to increased crime and rising costs of criminal justice.

36,000

Over 36,000 residents of Johnson County live below the poverty level... Thousands more are 150% and below

Poverty Rate by Age Group 10 Largest Cities



Johnson County Christmas Bureau provides warmth & support to the low-income and poverty families of Johnson County, Kansas.

## More than 125 neighbors serve year-round on committees another 3,100 fill volunteer positions during November and December.



#### Volunteers are the Lifeblood of JCCB

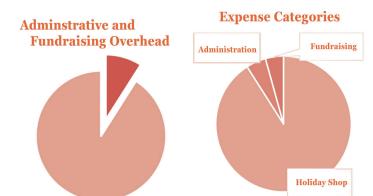
We are women and men of all ages. We are the heart and soul of the Christmas Bureau. More than 125 serve year-round on committees another 3,100 fill volunteer positions during November and December. We serve 10,000 - 14,000 of our lowincome neighbors. We strive to enhance the overall quality of life in our region. We offer opportunities for community service, increasing awareness of poverty in our community and providing an avenue to help our neighbors in need. We dedicate many hours ensuring that our community families can obtain at no cost: groceries, winter coats, personal care items (including but not limited to soap, feminine care products, hygiene products, household, and cleaning products), toys, children's clothing, gifts, books and more. Our nursing home program distributes various items such as lap quilts, slippers, socks, pajamas and more.

We have even introduced a delivery program for seniors and disabled who are not able to attend. We remain the only countywide agency that provides emergency holiday assistance from newborn to nursing home across multiple product lines. We provide SAFETY NET SERVICES, filling a gap that other agencies are unable to fill to provide a more complete basket of services. By providing items of sustenance and warmth to children in our community, we strive to provide social and emotional support for both families and children as well as seniors.



"I have been to the JCCB shop the last few years and each time I leave in tears with how amazing the people make me feel, I don't feel judged by the number of children I have and they make me feel like the best parent ever. I am so grateful for JCCB shop. I haven't left from shopping ever, without a hug from the people helping me shop and that means a lot to me. I hope to get in a position to give back and help others one day as well."

-Holiday Shop Guest



When applying to corporations and organizations for grants to benefit our neighbors in need we highlight our low Administrative and Fundraising overhead. This assures our donors funding goes directly to our recipients each year at the Holiday Shop.

## **Neighbors Helping Neighbors**





**Volunteer Appreciation & Awards** 

## Recipient Testimonials

My wife and I had enough time to shop around.

Very nice people and kind, helping from entering the building to where you get the stuff outside.

Thank you so much for giving a little happiness to my family in these times of need.

-Holiday Shop Guest

"The gentleman who walked me through couldn't have been more helpful. The whole experience was very pleasant. I felt very lucky to have been a part of such a charitable organizations event. The handmade hats and gloves were beautiful. What hard work must've gone into them. Such a selfless, wonderful thing to do for strangers. Bless everyone's hearts that helped make it such a great experience."

-Holiday Shop Guest

"I had a wonderful lady that escorted me around. She made me feel very comfortable. I couldn't believe all the stuff I received. This was my first year being in this situation, not having income due to a stroke last year. This is an amazing thing that you do. All the items I received were needed and used! Thank you very much." -Holiday Shop Guest

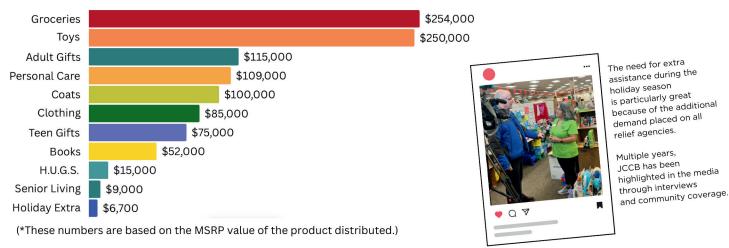
"Without the Christmas shop we could not have a good Christmas." -Holiday Shop Guest

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## 2023 JCCB HOLIDAY SHOP provided assistance to nearly 14,000 individuals

## Over \$1 Million in merchandise distributed to low-income families in 9 days!



#### JCCB's volunteers know how to bargain shop!

They stretch their budget of \$173,000 across all departments and together with thousands of in-kind donations were able to distribute around \$1 Million worth of product to our neighbors during the holiday shop!

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## Your contribution is important!

Due to inflation and the increasing cost of merchandise, JCCB will need to raise more funds in 2024. If you are interested in helping to impact our community, please contact us at 913-341-3442 or www.jccb.org/donate.

## **2024 DATES TO SAVE:**







:9-Bay Holiday Shop

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