

CREATIVE INNOVATIVE STATISTICS OF 2023

IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE SERVING OUR
BLACK, BROWN, LOW IN POVERTY
COMMUNITY AND THOSE FACING
HARDSHIP CIRCUMSTANCES THIS YEAR.



Thank you for another year with Creative Innovative in 2023. You as community members **supported** our work. In 2023, your support has increased our capacity on serving those of the disadvantage, vulnerable, less fortunate, and at-risk. We appreciate our solid collaborative community partners:

- Metro Lutheran Ministries,
- Ches Inc.,
- Mattie Rhodes
- A Variety Property Management Firms

It would not be possible without the passionate collaboration of those understanding humanitarian health crisis in our community. The greatest hardship is affordable housing in many municipalities we serve on a daily.



HOUSING



Creative Innovative of Kansas City (CIKC) dedicates their time to assist the many single men, women, & families that are unsheltered, sleeping in cars, encampments, etc. Even during extreme seasons like the summer and winter. Our staff works diligently with partners and housing providers to ensure a smooth newly housing process

CIKC has collaborated with **Metro Lutheran Ministries, Ches Inc, Mattie Rhodes, UHBH, Property Management Company, SpireEnergy (Liheap)** to line up housing and utility support for multiple individuals and families throughout the metro.

We also connect with **grassroots org like KC Heroes** who supplies furnishings, home goods, and other household products to our newly housed population to ensure comfortability.

Our **Community Engagement Coordinator/Sanitation Manager Jimmy Williams** and **Street Outreach Coordinator Deshaun Lewis** stays in contact with the single men, women, and families that find it difficult to transition back into housing stability during their first 180 days back into housing. Thus, giving a line of support after they move into their new home.

Our primary goal is to case manage and peer support to those who will struggle during those 180-day period.

CREATIVE INNOVATIVE HOUSING DATA BREAK DOWN OF 2023 FROM JANUARY TO DECEMBER

Welcome to our PSH, PH, Sober Living, and AHM housing component for our unhoused population. As we have partnered with (7) Property Management Company's and real estate agencies. We were able to house our most vulnerable population by having these uncomfortable conversations.

- **Families: 42 Households**
- **Single Family households: 9**
- **Single Women: 16**
- **Single Men: 24**
- **Gay Couples: 6 (Total 12)**
- **Single Gay Men: 6**
- **Single Gay Female: 0**
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- **73 – Housed in the year 2023 through PH and other AHM**
- **36 – Housed through the Clean Up KC/Litter Abatement Pilot Program**
- **109 - Street Outreach Wraparound Services Provided**

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How many people received employment?

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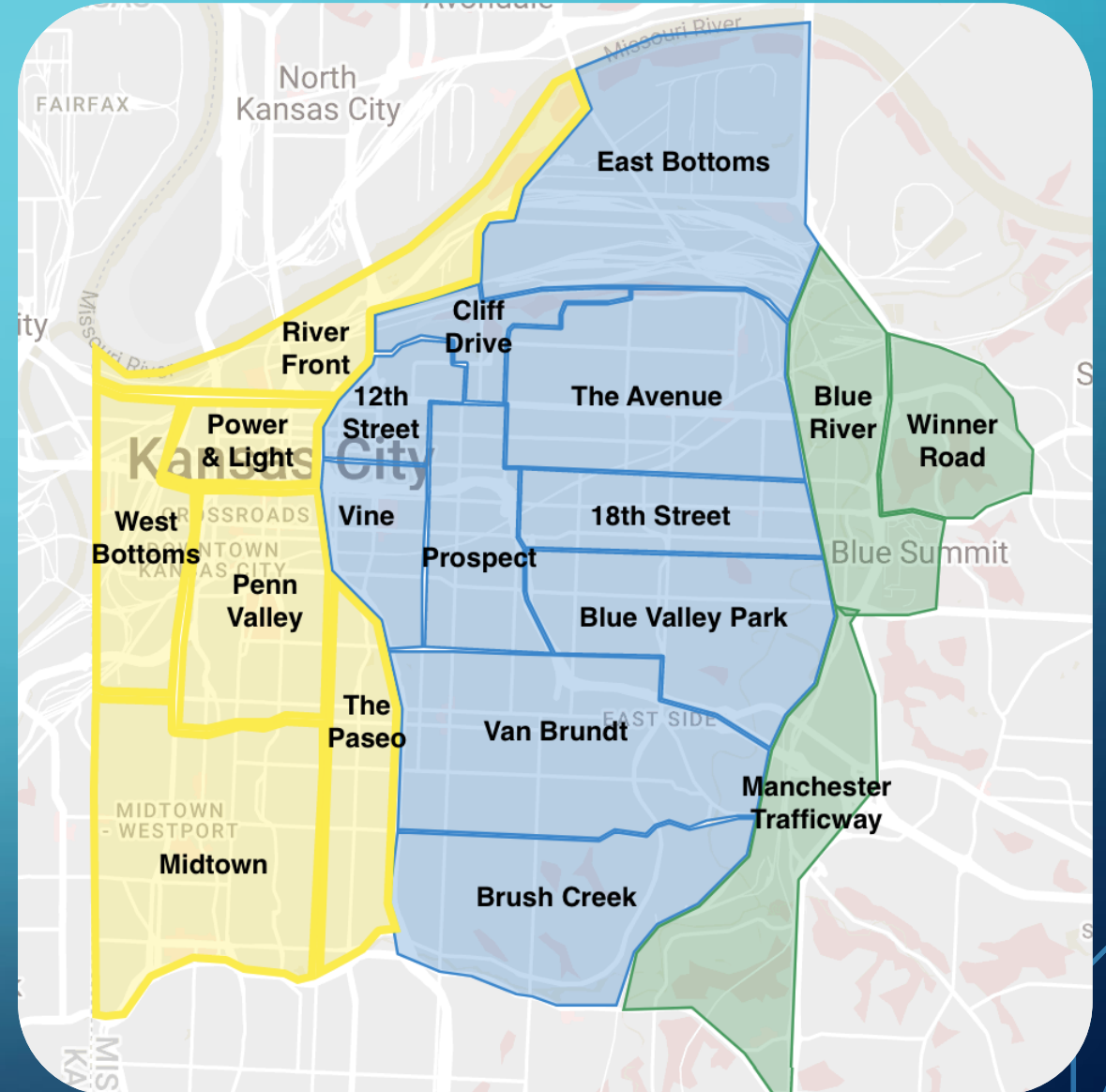
36 Participants employed through the Clean UP KC Program

- **CS - 6**
- **USH – 11**
- **TH – 1**
- **SL – 1**
- **ULS - 73**
- **couch serving**
- **unsheltered**
- **transitional housing**
- **sober living**
- **unidentified living situation**

SERVING LOCATIONS

During May thru September, our team (Jimmy, Malcolm, Yoshi, Jimmy, Daron, Jeri, and Myself) has collaborated with other grass rooted orgs to execute services in these area locations within our community. Such as,

- ❖ HYDRO PACKETS
- ❖ MEALS
- ❖ WATER
- ❖ TRANSPORTATION
- ❖ MEDICAL SUPPLIES
- ❖ ASSESSMENTS
- ❖ ORGANIZATIONAL CONNECTION
- ❖ AND OTHER SERVICES





SERVICE ENCOUNTERS CONT. HOW OFTEN, AND WHAT THE COMMON NEEDS ARE BETWEEN AREAS. SEE RESULTS:

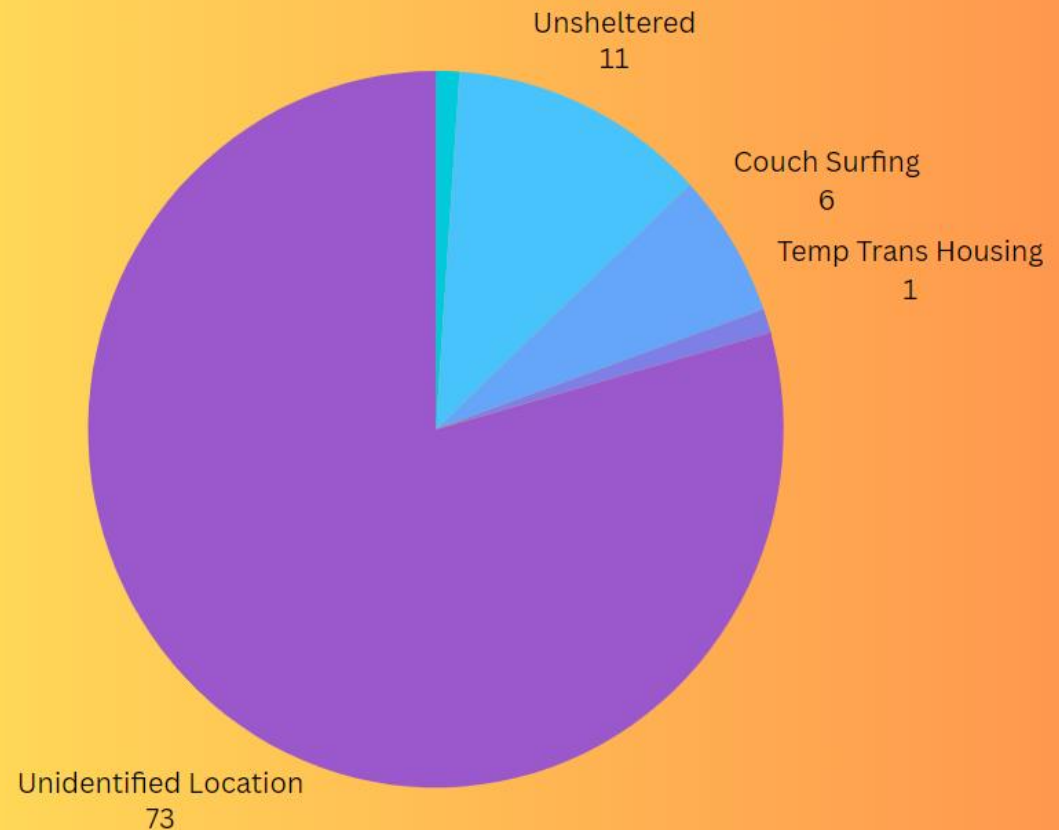
- Our Street Outreach Team services 25 camps multiple times a week
- Needing medical supplies, Narcan, food, vitamins, water, etc.
- Shelters are an option, but the restriction (pets) and barriers prevents sheltering
- WE provide single women with the necessary feminine products
- Men that are RSO that can not find placement
- Servicing 4 camps 5x a week – 350 individuals; another 10 camps on weekly basis
- 15 people have been guided to housing (which is an increase than the last report)
- 13 ppl have been connected to vouchers
- The Increasing number in the unhoused persons that get housed with there SSI, employment through the **Clean Up KC Program, or through other employment opportunities** earn income to sustain there living arrangements.
- Several times a week one of our Street Outreach Members service 5+camps on a weekly basis – 100 people total.
- There are 9 camps that are visited 3x a week with the estimation of about 168 people now (which is an increase than the last report)

HOUSING DATA

CIKC objective is to restore and reintegrate those who are unhoused back under sustainable housing. Our unhoused populations disparities are the underlying issues that come from not have financial stability/sustainable housing.

Even though mental health also play a very significant role in the involvement with those who are facing mental health issues, we have other agencies who can assist within our community to take that lead.

When People Started Services

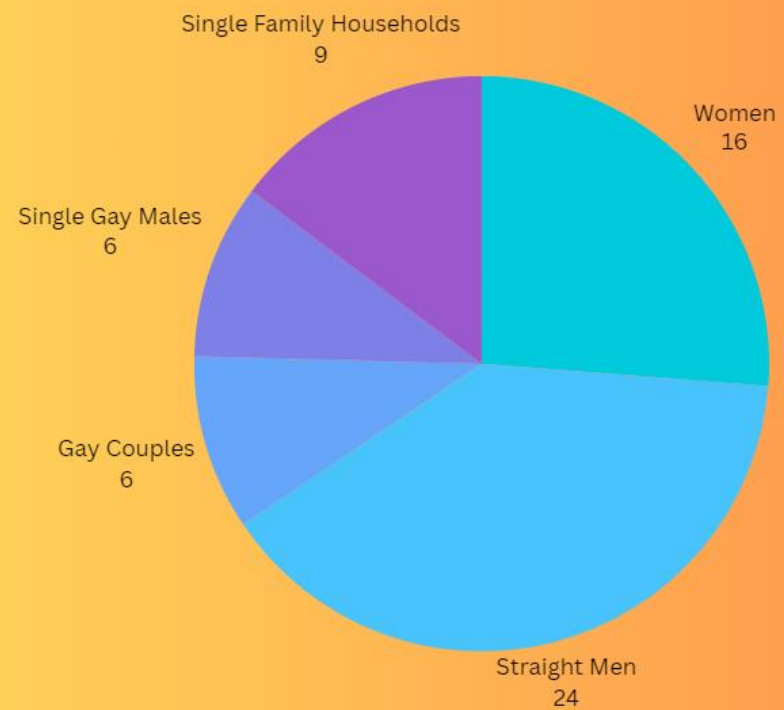


Unidentified Location
73

HOUSING FAMILIES...



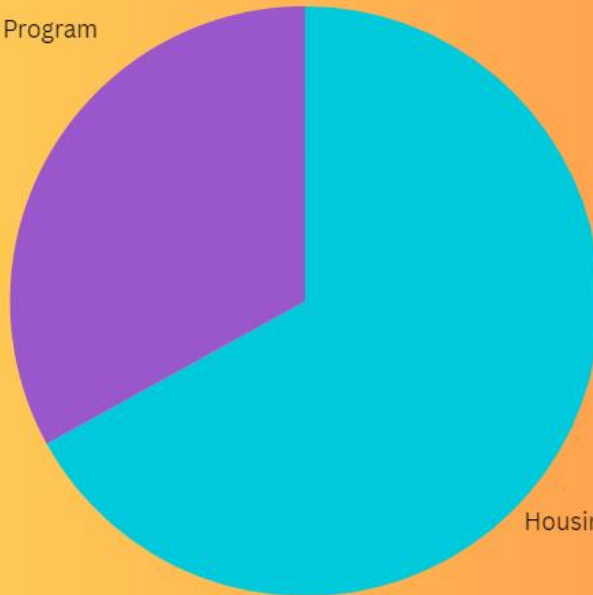
People Assisted by Family Type



LIFE CHANGING RESULTS...

109 Total People Housed

Clean Up KC/Litter Abatement Program
36



Housing Ready Through Outreach
73

As we all work together to decrease the number of unhoused circumstances, unsheltering situations, and hardships in Kansas City, we value our unhoused population and those at-risk within our community.

As we work to house those facing financial hardships, we work diligently and tirelessly to connect them to reputable services that will end their unhoused or hardship situations

SUMMER MONTHS

For so many of us, it truly is a golden season. A time for vacations. A time to spend wonderfully lazy, relaxing afternoons with friends and family on the beach or at the lake.

- But for those experiencing homelessness, summer can be a time of true misery. The bitter cold of winter is often when society steps in to assist those experiencing homelessness because the season presents its own brutal threats. However, the sizzling heat and stifling humidity of summer create immense suffering as well.
- Below are some of the health dangers those experiencing homelessness often experience during the summer:
- **Dehydration.** With limited options for shelter from the summer sun and potentially limited access to water, those experiencing homelessness are especially vulnerable to becoming dehydrated, which can be characterized by fatigue, dizziness and confusion.
- **Respiratory distress.** Heat often triggers air pollution in many major cities. And that air pollution can exacerbate a person's existing asthma or emphysema. Breathing in all of that polluted air can also raise someone's risk of developing asthma, cardiovascular disease and lung cancer, among other health problems.
- **Heat exhaustion and stroke.** Being out in the sun for long periods of time can lead to heat exhaustion, whose symptoms include cramps, general weakness, heavy sweating, nausea and clammy skin. A heat stroke is similar but is considered more serious. It occurs when someone's body temperature gets above 103 degrees Fahrenheit.
- So how can we mitigate the suffering of our friends struggling through homelessness during the summer?
- For starters, donate needed supplies to homeless shelters. Items like bottled water, sunscreen, bug spray, hats and visors are always in demand and welcome. Additionally, don't be afraid to interact with those experiencing homelessness and give them these items directly.
- On a bigger-picture, longer-term level, it's important to reduce homelessness so that there are fewer people left to suffer during the summer months. For that to happen, it's important that the private sector play a major role in this issue. Private businesses can help by hiring ready-to-work homeless individuals – of which there are thousands upon thousands – and by helping them find places to live.
- **Summer** is coming, and that means being proactive and good times for so many of us. But don't forget about the most vulnerable in our community during these months. The need for helping hands is needed and will be strong as ever.

Water Outreach

The start of the Summer Extremities in July of 2023, Creative Innovative Street Outreach has issued 589 cases of 48 bottled water an equivalent of 28,272.

CIKC had the ability to distribute an excess amount of water to bus stops, community members, unhoused encampments allow us to offer services throughout the Jackson County while keeping those suffering hydrated.

Street Outreach Teams & volunteers were able to team up with KC Where You At LLC., Black led organization to distribute water throughout our Metropolitan Area in the smoldering heat with the distribution of food and other items.

FACTS ABOUT WATER

- composes 75% of your brain
- makes up 83% of your blood and carries nutrients and oxygen to your cells
- moistens oxygen for breathing and helps carry nutrients and oxygen to your cells
- helps convert food to energy and regulates body temperature
- removes waste and protects and cushions your vital organs
- cushions your joints
- composes 22% of your bones
- makes up 75% of your muscles

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WATER OUTREACH CONT.,



- During the Summer months self-care is very important. While conducting 2023 Street Outreach through out the year in our Winter and Summer months the usage of cold water to our unhoused with Electrolytes neighbor is a conversation opener. We encounter new camps, new houseless people and family's daily. During the heat advisories water is essential needed in the Eastern part of Jackson County (i.e., Northeast, Independence, etc.)
- Hydration packets are so important to distribute with cold water.
 - ❖ cold water (2)
 - ❖ sunscreen
 - ❖ wipes
 - ❖ body spray (optional)
 - ❖ electrolyte pack
 - ❖ small hand towel
 - ❖ ChapStick
 - ❖ cold pack





Our servitude on how our team addresses the houseless community, words are unmatched and indescribable. It is the immense number of hours performed.

Some members focus on concentrated areas, while others prefer to rotate throughout the city. The valuable relationships is a progressive engagement that builds a report. Which remains consistent and stable.

An unhoused person that we encounter across Kansas City, Mo old/new are valued, motivated, empowered, and given a since of HOPE.

“The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much; it is whether we provide enough for those who have too little.” — <https://www.compassion.com/poverty/famous-quotes-about-poverty.htm>



This Concludes Our Report for Jan – Dec 2023

“Whoever oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God. — Proverbs 14:31, NIV”