



December 2021



Happy holidays from our family to yours!

As 2021 comes to close, I am grateful for our amazing staff, wonderful volunteers and supportive Board of Directors, who made it possible for us to continue to share love and compassion with our neighbors, particularly the working poor, immigrants, refugees and those on fixed incomes. This has been another challenging year with the ongoing pandemic and our construction project, but though it all, our doors and hearts remained open.

Thank you all for your continued support! I wish for you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas as we look forward to another year full of possibilities.

Pastor Sylvia Romero
Executive Director

“There is always something happening”

Special events

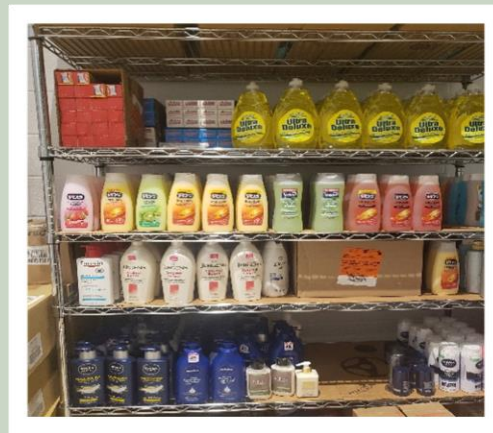
- COVID19 Vaccination
- Hygiene Items Distribution
- Upgraded Medical Closet
- Construction First Phase Ended
- New Technology Center Upcoming



COVID Vaccination Events

We are living in unprecedented times due to the COVID19 virus. In an effort to help out and protect our community, the Center of Grace partnered with Olathe Health and Heart to Heart International and held several vaccination events. Together we provided COVID vaccines for 590 people, 77% of them minorities, including Hispanics, African Americans and Asians.

We greatly appreciate the response from the Olathe community for their cooperation to participate on these events.



Hygiene Products

A year ago, and due to the global crisis caused by the pandemic, we decided to start the hygiene products distribution program. It has been successfully growing and we have a storage area exclusively to keep those items. Our program follows an easy system where families sign up and receive a card to get the items once a month. So far, during 2021 we have around 200 families registered.

We are thankful for all the donors and partnering organizations who make this program possible.



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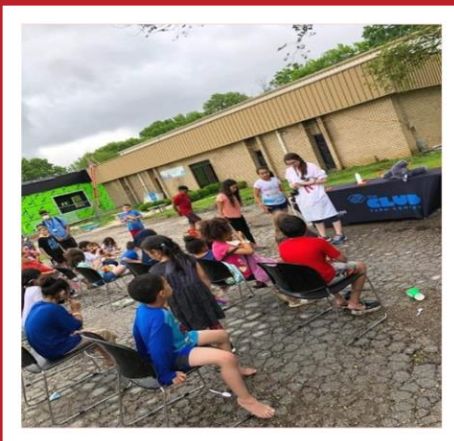
We shared free clothing with 3,103 people through the Clothing Closet



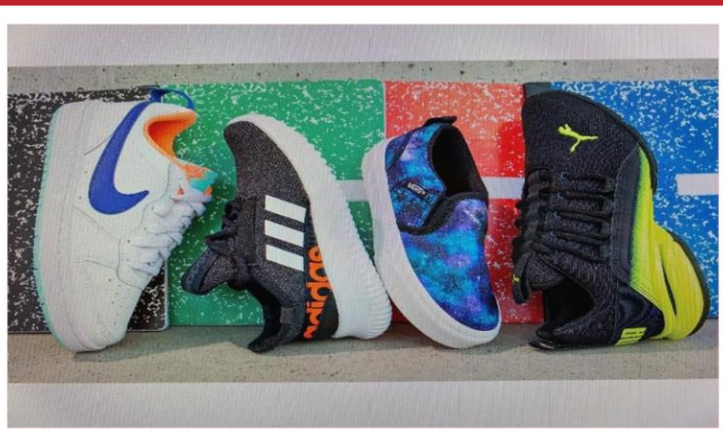
We distributed more than 18,200 to-go meals



We supplied 936 hygiene kits



100 K-12 students participated in the
Boys and Girls Club Olathe Unit



We provided 844 new pair of shoes and socks to Olathe Children
410 kids received new backpacks full of school supplies



Upgraded Medical Closet



As part of the renovating process, we had the opportunity to upgrade the Medical Equipment Closet with a more spacious room to accommodate from crutches and wheelchairs to hospital beds. Patients from Olathe and the Metro Area come to borrow items from the closet. We are also partnering with Health Partnership Clinic to provide Blood Pressure Monitors, free of charge, to patients referred by the clinic.

Boys and Girls Club Olathe Unit New Building Ribbon Cutting



In September we completed the first phase of our construction project adding new space for the Boys and Girls Club, to accommodate an additional 175 students. We held a well attended ribbon cutting ceremony and community open house to tour the new classrooms, offices and restrooms. They gym was upgraded by the Leadership Olathe class. The second phase will be completed in the Spring 2022 and includes the renovation of the existing building, bringing it up to code and installing new HVAC, electrical panel, thermal windows and restrooms.

Upcoming Technology Center

With the pandemic and the no contact routines, technology became the most usual tool for communication all around the world. Unfortunately, there are many people with no experience to the new wave of apps and emails. We applied and received a grant from the Kansas Health Foundation to open a Technology Center, where we can teach people basic technology and computer skills, so they can be more self-reliant in accessing the information and resources they need. We are looking forward to have the Center running in 2022!



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