

Thank You!

While last year marked a year of transition and change for the agency at large, CrossWinds continued to enjoy the incredibly generous support of our many community advocates. Longtime donors, first-time givers, and several like-minded organizations combined to fill gaps, drive improvements, and open the door for new and exciting opportunities:

General Gifts- In 2021, CrossWinds received more than \$65,000 in pledge payments, sponsorships, event donations, and

one-time gifts. (And that doesn't even cover funds promised in the form of long-term pledges!) These contributions were used for the general support of the agency's Adult Community Support Services, Children's Community-based Services and other Emergency Service offerings, but also combined to uplift individual clients. Your financial assistance improved the quality of life for those in need by providing haircuts, hygiene products, kitchen supplies, shoes, socks, and documents needed to

gain stable employment and self-sufficiency such as birth certificates and driver's licenses.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Community Mental Health Center Grant-

This two-year, \$2.4 million block grant will fund a major portion of the agency's ongoing "Expanding Services; Strengthening Communities" initiative. The project will be used to better address the needs of those who suffer from serious mental illness, serious » »

"The year 2022 is going to be an exciting one for CrossWinds! The grants and support we received will be instrumental to some key changes moving forward, including the opening of our Hispanic Services Clinic, which will feature Spanish-speaking providers and staff. New positions will include a Criminal Justice/Mental Health Coordinator that will work closely with local law enforcement and jails to reduce reentry into the criminal justice system and increase collaboration between agencies. Our team will also benefit from the hiring of a Wellness Coordinator, helping staff gain affordable access to exercise equipment and other health-based activities.

Beyond new clinics and staff, the agency will be implementing open access for first-time appointments along with other needed changes to our service delivery required to move into the state's upcoming Certified Community Behavioral Health Center model of care. The theme of the next 12 months will be one of transition as we continue to prepare for our relocation, which will most likely occur in 2023."



Amanda Cunningham

emotional disturbance, or co-occurring substance use disorders while also improving access to treatment for underserved Hispanic and agricultural populations throughout CrossWinds' seven-county coverage area.

Blue Cross Blue Shield

Foundation- As in years past, Blue Cross Blue Shield provided \$2,000 for the general support of the agency's uninsured clients.

ChildCare Aware of Kansas-

Two separate grants from ChildCare Aware of Kansas provided a total of \$20,000 to the agency's Therapeutic Preschool. The money covered rent payments, an electrostatic spray cleaner, general classroom supplies, toys, and the purchase of a tower garden to be used as a component of the school's social-emotional curriculum.

City of Emporia- This past summer, the City of Emporia approved a \$15,000 appropriation request from the agency. The funds will be used to support CrossWinds' Dual Recovery Anonymous program, purchase needed curriculum concerning substance abuse, and book educational speakers at local schools throughout 2022.

Emporia Community Foundation (ECF) General

Fund- The ECF provided \$6,000 in agency-matched funding for general renovations – including the purchase

of new furniture and mattresses – at our Evergreen Residential Home. The home has served a total of 15 adult residents over the past 11 months.

Kansas Leadership Center (KLC) Leadership

Transformation Grant- The KLC will be sponsoring the cost for 60 CrossWinds employees to attend its 2022 slate of leadership courses. These intensive workshops promote the idea that anyone can be a leader, anytime or anywhere.

Sadie Jones Fund- The Sadie Jones fund provided CrossWinds with two donations for 2021, covering the cost for four staff members as they became certified CPR trainers in the spring and providing a separate \$5,000 for interior renovations to the agency's Children's Crisis House in the fall.

Stormont Vail Foundation-

A \$6,000 donation from Stormont Vail helped CrossWinds set up virtual classrooms for Severely Emotionally Disturbed (SED) students in Lyon County. This grant provided a safe classroom space for students to connect with psychosocial supports despite the added complications of COVID-19.

United Way of the Flint Hills (UWFH) Community Partner

Grant- The UWFH provided \$15,725 for the hiring of new staff and expansion of services at the

agency's Therapeutic Preschool. In 2021, the preschool was able to serve a total of 23 children between the ages of 3 and 5.

Walter S. and Evan C. Jones

Testamentary Trust- The Jones Trust awarded CrossWinds a total of \$75,000 for the ongoing support of the agency's children's programming. The donation included funds for psychosocial group staffing, tech purchases, and required staff training.

“There is always a beautiful balance that has to happen for community nonprofits to find success, and CrossWinds is blessed to have such strong supporters both in individuals and foundations. As we each experience daily change, and as stressors come and go, I am passionate about mental health services taking a priority in all of our lives. The agency had such wonderful support in 2021, and we continue to look forward to a lot of positive changes coming in 2022 that will strengthen relationships and support growing needs in our seven-county service area.”

-Lucas Moody, Development Director