

Dear Friends, Advocates, and Supporters,

With the end of the year bringing a time to reflect on our lives and the blessings we have, most of us can point to a wealth of friends, family members, neighbors, and other loved ones that lift us up in times of struggle. But for a significant portion of the clients CrossWinds serves, our staff and programs are the only support system.

In January, CrossWinds will expand its substance use disorder (SUD) programming through a merger with Corner House, a longtime pillar of recovery in the Emporia community. While the familiar Corner House name and location will remain the same, we'll be uplifting the program by increasing staff, resources, and partnerships with referral agencies to provide the best quality of care for both new and existing clients. Our vision also includes the addition of new, youth-focused SUD support systems to better address local gaps and oversights in care.

This move comes as a direct response to the

growing need for affordable, comprehensive SUD services we have seen in our area. Just last year, 72% of Corner House clients reported an income below \$10,000, and only 13% were able to self-pay. The reality is that most clients battling with addiction experience significant financial barriers when seeking help. Yet, with the support of community members like you, we can break those barriers and make life-saving services accessible to everyone, regardless of income.

If we at CrossWinds have learned anything over the past three years, it's that growth often brings new challenges and increasing needs. As our services and programs expand, so too does our responsibility to ensure that no one slips through the cracks. That's why we've set an ambitious goal of raising \$10,000 by year-end to support our expanding SUD programming. Every dollar you give will go directly into providing critical care for individuals and families struggling with

addiction—helping them find hope, healing, and a path forward.

Whether it's a generous, one-time gift or a small, recurring donation, your contributions allow us to create meaningful change for our clients. With your help, we can continue to provide a lifeline for those in need. Please join us in making a difference. Every contribution, no matter the size, is a way to be there for those who might otherwise feel alone in their struggle.

With gratitude,



Amanda Cunningham

CEO, CrossWinds Counseling & Wellness



Those wishing to donate in support of CrossWinds' growing Substance Use Disorder programming can cut off and mail the attached form to **1519 MERCHANT STREET** in Emporia. To learn more about CrossWinds' SUD services and our upcoming merger with Corner House, contact us at development@crosswindssk.org



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 Phone Number: () _____
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I would like to become a member of the CrossWinds Wellness Foundation

Partner \$1000 per year for 5 years Visionary \$10,000 per year for 5 years
 Leader \$5000 per year for 5 years

I would like to make a 1-time Donation \$ _____

I would like to make my payment as follows:

Bill me with mailed invoice
 I will attach a check for \$ _____
 Monthly bank draft (form will be mailed)
 Charge my card
 Contact me about a different form of payment

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Signature _____
Thank you for supporting CrossWinds

County Update

Since earning the official designation in June, CrossWinds' status as a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) has paved the way for growth throughout our seven-county service area. New programs and services, increased access to care, and a more visible presence in our communities has allowed us to reach more clients. While much growth has come as a direct result of our new mental health campus in Emporia, a significant portion has also occurred outside of Lyon County. Below is a snapshot of where this rural growth will be driving our focus as we head into 2025.



Morris County

With a youth summer group already in place, staff in Morris County are looking to grow an afterschool program to provide the area's working families with an additional source of childcare.

Programming introduced by

CCBHC is also driving the need for new adult programs. CrossWinds has begun the search for spaces in the area, hoping to grow these offerings as well as introduce new resources to combat homelessness.

Coffey County – To address a local increase in both staff and clients, CrossWinds will soon begin renovating a recently purchased building in New Strawn. These new offices will provide a much-needed space for Coffey County's new adult support and SUD groups, growing med clinic, and children's after-school and summer programming. The centrally located building will also serve as a convenient floating office for mobile staff throughout CrossWinds' service area.



Osage County

In just the past year, Osage County has gone from supporting one full-time therapist to three full-time therapists, a part-time therapist, and a therapist intern. An additional case manager, new attendant care positions, new adult/SUD support groups, and an

increase in attendance for the county's child-based programming have made the need for more space a top priority! CrossWinds is currently in discussions to purchase a new property in Osage City.



Wabaunsee County – Even with the recent grand opening of a new office space in downtown Eskridge, staff in Wabaunsee County continue to balance a need for increased space with the introduction of new programming. A remodel of a rental space is planned to add space for both new and existing group services, some of which have had to move offsite due to increased attendance.



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