

WE WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER THEM

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2022 ANNUAL REPORT

For the past nine years of providing our unique spectrum of services to families who have lost a loved one to homicide, Kansas City Mothers in Charge continued to offer comfort, empathy, resources and support to people during an unimaginable time in their lives. Here's how we helped.

# In 2022, 135 donors helped us...



92



# RESPONSES TO HOMICIDE SCENES

At any hour of the day or night, we are called by Kansas City police to come to a homicide scene to provide support and information for family members of the victim.

278 HOURS

Our volunteer team provided 278 hours of support to our community.

54 NEW CLIENTS ADDED

Family members can stay on our client list for as many weeks, months or years as they want and need our support, with 54 new members added this year.

18 SUPPORT GROUPS HELD



Our outreach continues for months after the homicide, with monthly support groups providing family members with opportunities for sharing, support, and learning about resources they may need.

**02** NEW HIRED STAFF MEMBERS

34 CLIENTS RECEIVED COUNSELING

Family members are offered free counseling sessions with a licenced grief counselor.

"We Will Always Remember Them" isn't just a slogan. We work with families to hold vigils to commemorate the lives of the loved one they lost in the months and years after their death.

# 2022 YEAR IN REVIEW







#### **Dear Community Partners and Friends,**

I am grateful and honored to be a part of the mission for KC Mothers in Charge - all made possible by YOU! Here are some highlights from 2022:

KC Mothers in Charge arrived at 92 homicides scenes to provide immediate support to family members. Support to family members continue in the months and years following the homicide of a loved one. Last year, for example, we provided twenty families with holiday gifts.

Our former Board President, Elizabeth Bordenave, completed her term as President with another impactful year. Under Elizabeth's leadership, we hired Christina Esteban as our new Managing Director and oversaw capacity building efforts with additional space at KC Mothers in Charge for counseling and other operations.

We treasure our volunteers who continued to bring light to so many individuals via regular phone check-ins, support group meetings, and events. Several of our community partners worked with us to bring more activities for families, such as Trunk or Treat and additional registrations for Pee Wee's Run. Volunteer and community partnerships, in turn, support our CORE Mother group and staff to be able to speak up against violence at prisons and in our community.

In gratitude,

Usha Rengachary 2023 Board President



# #WeWillAlwaysRememberThem















# THANKS TO OUR 2022 DONORS

WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!

FOUNDATION DONORS

Curry Family Foundation Health Forward Foundation REACH Foundation

**GOVERNMENT SUPPORTERS** 

Jackson County COMBAT KC Crime Commission VOCA

TOP INDIVIDUAL DONORS

Dylan Knaggs Barbara Mueth and Steve Rinne Usha Rengachary Palle and Dennis Rilinger LEADING BUSINESS DONORS

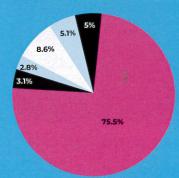
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## **OUR 2022 FINANCES**

#### 2022 FUNDING



Contracts 75.5%
Major Donors 8.6%
Individuals 5.1%
Special Events 5%
Corporate 3.1%
Appeal 2.8%

GRANTS, CORPORATIONS, AND YOU MADE IT POSSIBLE.



# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thanks to those who provided their leadership and dedication to KC MIC through their service on our Board of Directors in 2022:

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### HOW YOU CAN HELP

### CONSIDER BECOMING A DONOR!

A **one-time gift of \$50** provides journals for support group attendees. A **\$10 monthly gift** provides counseling sessions for a grieving parent. Your business is welcome to support one of our events as well - Pee Wee's Walk in April or the Unity Awards in the Fall.

You can send a check, payable to KC Mothers in Charge, to us at KC MIC, 3200 Wayne Ave., Ste. 124W, Kansas City, MO 64109 or donate securely online at

www.kcmothersincharge.org/take-action

#### **BE A VOLUNTEER**

I want to commit to end violence in 2023! **Sign up to volunteer** with QR Code or call the office, 816-912-2601.



Scan here to sign up!



3200 Wayne Ave., Suite 124W Kansas City, MO 64109

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED** 



Office 816-912-2601 kcmothersincharge.org

Crisis Line 816-606-8118 admin@kcmothersincharge.org

## **IMPACT STORY**





Jacob Payne

Cynthia Tucker, his mother

CORE Mothers meet monthly to support each other and learn ways to make impacts to decrease further tragedies. Ms. Tucker shares her experience with KC Mothers in Charge and now you:

"Jacob was murdered July 17th, 2022 and from that trauma, my purpose was birthed. I met Rosilyn Temple at the Longest Night event and knew instantly that I had to be a part of such a profound organization.

My hopes are to help other mothers dealing with this grief but to also provide healing for myself, my family, and others."

THANK YOU FOR REMEMBERING THEM



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