DO NOT PUT OFF UNTIL TOMORROW, THE GOOD YOU CAN DO TODAY. - ST. JOHN BOSCO
This report reflects the outcomes of our July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019 fiscal year.

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Cultivating Self-Sufficient Neighbors for a Stronger Community
OUR MISSION:
Don Bosco positions our ethnically diverse population, of all ages across metropolitan Kansas City, to be self-sufficient and contributing members of this great community.

In the late 1930’s, residents of the Columbus Park neighborhood decided to invest in, and forever change, the Northeast Kansas City community. After completing construction of a Community Center at 526 Campbell, the neighbors named the center after St. John Bosco, a 19th century Italian priest, known for his caring spirit and dedication to children. During the 1940’s and 1950’s, the Center became a staple of Columbus Park for its varied community programming.

As Columbus Park changed in the mid-century, so did The Don Bosco Centers. Large numbers of immigrant and refugee groups moved into the Northeast and Don Bosco responded by opening an English as a Second Language (ESL) School. In 1986, the community expressed a need for senior services—shortly after, a capital campaign commenced and by 1990, the current Senior Center opened.

As The Don Bosco Centers look forward to celebrating 80 years of service, we will continue striving to meet the needs of our neighborhood. Today, Don Bosco proudly stands as a beacon of hope for the senior, disabled, immigrant, and refugee communities in the Kansas City metro area.
ABOUT US:
The Don Bosco Senior Center aims to promote healthy lifestyles and independent living among its clients through providing meals, transportation, fellowship, and activities. Designated by Mid-America Regional Council as the largest and most comprehensive Senior Center in Kansas City, the center serves vulnerable seniors age 60 and older as well as adults with disabilities age 18-59. Our clients are at high risk of institutionalization due to frail health, low-income status, and limited resources—but with Don Bosco’s help, they have hope for continued independence.

PROGRAMS:

Onsite Meals
"Meals on Wheels"
Weekend Meals
An average of 426 seniors and adults with disabilities eat a hot, nutritious lunch onsite at the Senior Center and partner sites on weekdays, while more than 325 homebound seniors receive hot, nutritious meals delivered to their home Monday through Friday. To help close the weekend hunger gap when the center is closed, an average of 165 seniors receive a supplemental meal package with their Friday hot meal delivery.

Health & Wellness
Congregate seniors use exercise equipment within the Senior Center, participate in Yoga or Zumba classes, and receive weekly health screenings and educational offerings from trained health professionals. Social activities like BINGO, pool, and arts/crafts are popular.

Transportation
Don Bosco provides free, ADA-compliant rides to and from the Senior Center so seniors can overcome the costly hurdles of transportation. Additionally, Don Bosco provides periodic field trips and trips to the grocery store.

Emergency Assistance
Acting as a safety net for seniors, Don Bosco provides assistance in over 40 various categories of monetary or material assistance, including utility bill assistance, emergency house repair, supplemental food, and financial counseling.
IMPACT

WHAT PEOPLE SAY:

“I enjoy the food, playing Bingo, and [attending] the classes the Senior Center offers—especially the aerobics class. I also appreciate the ride [to the Center] I receive each day; it means I don’t have to stay home.”

—Barbara, age 72, Senior Center client

“This is a good program—there’s not a lot like it in this area. Seniors don’t like being stuck at home and coming here gives them some independence. I volunteer here because I believe it’s important to give back...invest in my community. I want to be a role model for my kids.”

—Tonya, dedicated Senior Center volunteer

OUTCOMES & ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- 93% of seniors reported an improved quality of life and the ability to remain independent in their homes.
- Decreased feelings of isolation, depression, and personal challenges faced by individuals, through providing a safe opportunity for our clients to connect with our staff and find assistance.
- Remedied issues of hunger, malnutrition, poor hygiene, and lack of adequate clothing.

8,528 Weekend Meals delivered
16,653 rides given
5,441 units of emergency assistance given
ENGLISH AS A SECOND
ABOUT US:
The Don Bosco Center English School provides free educational opportunities to adult immigrants and refugees. Our English as a Second Language (ESL) Program, through a valuable partnership with the Independence School District, has grown to be the largest in Missouri. Headquartered in the Northeast with five satellite locations strategically planted around Kansas City, 60 Missouri state-certified Adult Education and Literacy instructors provide quality education to adult immigrants and refugees.

PROGRAMS:

English Education
Over 400 adult immigrants and refugees utilize Don Bosco’s English instruction Monday through Friday, in an effort to improve their literacy and education. Students learn the essentials of reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills through a life skills-based curriculum.

Workforce Development
Students create a career pathway through post-secondary and certification training opportunities. Don Bosco has collaborated with local job centers and businesses to provide discounted or free programs to eligible students.

Health & Wellness
Students actively utilize the Truman Medical Centers Wellness Connection space inside our school, which provides health education and resources to students. This Center also offers exercise equipment, regular health screenings, and free vaccinations. As an attendance incentive, Don Bosco offers free healthy food vouchers to the bimonthly "Healthy Harvest Mobile Market".

High School Equivalency & Citizenship
Students take High School Equivalency (formerly GED) preparation and Citizenship classes, tailored to teach English learners the vocabulary and skills associated with these challenging tests.

1,028 students from over 75 different countries
164 Workforce Development students
LANGUAGE SCHOOL

WHAT PEOPLE SAY:

“I want to improve my English, because I want to be a translator and help other people someday. Don Bosco is helping me do that.”
—Griselda, ESL school student originally from Mexico

“We started contributing to Don Bosco ESL because we recognized the value a diverse population brings to the area and Susan and I wanted to help in the transition for non-English speakers. We continue to contribute because we enjoy interacting with motivated, intelligent and interesting people from around the world who I think teach us more than we teach them most nights.”
—Susan and Bill Ford, ESL School volunteer teachers

COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN:

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:

- CNA Certifications through Assumpta Health
- Construction trades via YouthBuild and Job Corps
- Sewing certifications via The Sewing Labs
- Forklift and OSHA certifications via Shoppe Toyota
- Hospitality Instruction via ServSafe

98% of students are low-income
63% students progressed one or more English levels
COMMUNITY CENTER RENOVATION UPDATE:

After successfully completing a $3.3 million Capital Campaign to renovate our original 1940s building, we are under construction and anticipate a March 2020 ribbon-cutting!

Neighbors are anxiously awaiting a renovated basketball court/event space, updated classrooms for community education, reinstated youth programs, and a full-service kitchen for meal programs.

Don Bosco has secured a partnership with "The Sewing Labs," a local non-profit, as an anchor tenant in the building for its program and office.

Drive by 526 Campbell in Columbus Park and check out the progress!

OUR VISION:
Although we deeply appreciate our individual contributions and in-kind gifts, they are not included in this report in an effort to maintain confidentiality.
### Income

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Other Income: $22,776.86
Other Expense: $8,315.48
Net Other income: $14,461.38

### Net Income:

**$491,084.12**

*Includes Capital Campaign Figures*
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ESL SCHOOL
309 Benton Blvd
Kansas City, MO 64124
(816) 231-2700

Class Times:
9:00–11:30 am | 12:00–2:30 pm
6:00–9:00 pm
Monday–Thursday

SENIOR CENTER
580 Campbell Street
Kansas City, MO 64106
(816) 691-2900

Hours:
8:30 am–4:30 pm
Monday–Friday
Lunch: 11:30 am–1:00 pm

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