



KCAPS' NEWSLETTER

SOME COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

KCAPS has been blessed these past several years to join in healthy partnerships with our local school districts.

COVID related government grant moneys sent to the schools allow for partnerships with non-profit organizations to facilitate wellness within our community. This opens a whole scope of opportunities for collaboration.



Although a good relationship has been there for many years, we have been able to enter a new phase with Kingsburg Elementary Charter School District (KESD). KESD has been offering a program to parents called Highly Capable Kids. KCAPS has come alongside to provide snacks, gift certificates, and other awards and incentives to participants. While this program is formally classified as a parenting class, in reality it becomes a parent support group where parents can connect and bring mutual support to one another; all while learning different skills to bring health to their families.

When it becomes apparent that additional help is needed, KESD is able to refer families to KCAPS for extremely low cost or free professional counseling services. Various grant funds have enabled KCAPS to provide these services for several years now and the positive impact on families has been at times profound.

KCAPS Staff took some training and offered Highly Capable Kids in Traver, which was very well received. Good ideas don't need to remain in isolation – but can spread the good around. That is what having good partnerships is all about.



After a break of several years, KESD is again hosting a Spring Food Drive for KCAPS. Officially the dates are March 12 – 19th. If you miss these dates, you can still donate! KCAPS is happy to receive food donations year-round. You can call our office for specific needs and information on where to drop off your donation. We are seeing up to 20 families per day asking for food assistance. That amounts to a LOT of food. Your donations help a bunch in allowing us to fulfill those requests.

We have previously mentioned our partnership with Kingsburg High School (KHS). This began in September 2021 and has provided over \$163,000.00 worth of aid to our community through setting up Tutoring Centers in Kingsburg and Traver. This included some furniture and computers we can continue to use into the future for tutoring purposes. It also helped us establish a Counseling Center (rather than having people tucked into corners at our main office); and has paid for group counseling and mentoring services not paid through other grant funds. Payroll for our tutors as well as tutoring supplies and snacks for the kids were also covered by these funds. This grant will end shortly as the funding expires. What will not end however is a great spirit of working cooperatively to help the students of KHS and their families.



Some of our staff remembers a time, about 30 years ago, when KCAPS didn't have even a single bean or grain of rice on our shelves. Counseling was done by two staff members who also managed all of the Emergency Services requests, paid all the bills, answered the phones, did a lot of the janitorial work, and most anything else that didn't have to do with the store. There was one paid staff person that managed the store. There were volunteers for the store (only one location at that time), and a few for the food bank. We did a lot of praying for current needs to be met, and for what



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the future could hold. Never in our wildest imaginings would we have thought that KCAPS would grow to become what it is currently. God has richly blessed us. Our community has also blessed us, and we are grateful to be serving in partnership with our donors and community partners. Together we are making a positive difference in peoples' lives.

MOTHER'S DAY

Mother's Day is just around the corner and events in Kingsburg, London, and Traver are already in the planning stages.



The first Mother's Day event was held in Traver over a decade ago. Our Director, Aida Rushing, had realized that most of the women in that community had never had the opportunity to attend a special women's conference or to even be privileged to hear guest speakers bringing to them a message speaking of hope and value into their lives.

Each year our message to the women attending is basically the same. They are loved, they are valued, their lives matter. No matter who they are, no matter where they come from, no matter what they have done – Jesus loves them. Each and every year we find women weeping who have never before heard this message – or thought it didn't apply to them. It does apply to them. It also applies to you. If you have questions or would like to attend one of these events, please let us know!

Kingsburg - May 7th 11:00 – 1:00

London – May 9th 5:00 – 7:00

Traver - May 10th 5:00 – 7:00

Please contact our office for further information. 897-7961



Please join us in praying for the family and friends of Shelly Borges. Shelly went to Heaven Wednesday, February 28th after a long and difficult illness. She was our co-worker and friend. We will remember her for her kindness, honesty, and as someone who made us laugh with her goofy sense of humor. Please especially pray for the grandchildren she loves so dearly.

Peace to her memory.

PRAYER REQUESTS

~Please be in prayer for another staff member who just recently lost a close family member. ~Please pray for our staff and volunteers working through various health concerns. ~For successful upcoming Mother's Day Events. ~For all the people struggling to pay for food and other necessities. ~For our tutors and their students as they see the end of school in sight. ~For the many people being seen by our counselors. Some of these people have significant trauma to overcome. ~Praise for the generosity of our donors – both financial and to the store. ~That we daily remember who we serve and why we do what we do.