Home is where we start and end our day. In my time with Kansas Housing Resources Corporation, I’ve come to realize that home is much more than four walls and a roof. In my travels to the communities that KHRC serves, I’m always struck by the impact that safe, affordable housing creates. The effects of stable housing radiate beyond the families served; they are felt throughout neighborhoods and strengthen communities.

This has been a memorable year for KHRC. In 2019 we renewed focus on our mission and created changes to better serve Kansas communities. Our new, simplified mission states: We help Kansans access the safe, affordable housing they need and the dignity they deserve. The words have changed, but the heart of our organization has not. The employees of KHRC find solutions to help Kansas address its housing needs.

We will continue our work to remove the barriers to safe, affordable housing and never forget that while we provide housing, we serve people.
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Housing is a silent crisis that affects Kansas and our nation as a whole. Creating solutions for safe, affordable housing requires understanding the many factors that contribute to the need. The housing shortage prevents the growth and development of rural Kansas, where quality, affordable homes are in short supply.

Average fair-market rent for a two-bedroom apartment in Kansas is $828 per month.

At the state’s minimum wage, an individual would need to work 88 hours a week to afford a two-bedroom apartment.
2,126 Kansans experienced homelessness in 2018

12.8% of Kansans live at or below the Federal Poverty Level

44% of single mothers with children under the age of five live at or below the Federal Poverty Level

25.5% of Kansans earning less than $25,000 annually own their own home
Unlocking Home

The security that comes from stable housing sends a ripple through communities. A house can change a neighborhood, a neighborhood can change a community, and a strong community can change anything.
KANSAS HOUSING SERVES:

- Homeowners
- Renters
- Developers
- Property managers
- Emergency housing providers
- Housing advocacy groups
- Community service organizations
- Local communities
- Kansans experiencing homelessness
- Community partners and stakeholders

OUR PROGRAMS:

- First Time Homebuyer
- Weatherization Assistance
- Tenant Based Rental Assistance
- Emergency Solutions Grant
- HOME Rental Development
- Low Income Housing Tax Credits
- Private Activity Bond Allocation
- Housing Trust Fund
- Moderate Income Housing
- Manufactured Housing
- Housing Compliance
- Contract Administration
- Community Services Block Grant
At the end of each of these statistics is a person. People from your community, teachers that serve your children, nurses that help your family feel well, the barista that serves your coffee, and so many others. The services provided by Kansas Housing help these individuals. We are helping Kansans.
For every $1 of CSBG funding, Community Action Agencies in Kansas leveraged an additional $5.94 to assist individuals and families in the fight against poverty.

- **600** Kansans received financial management assistance, including budgeting, credit management, and credit counseling.
- **20** Community Services Block Grant awards provided services to over 3,000 households.
- **17,000** individuals and families including employment, education, housing, and health and social services received support.
- **3,000** Kansas students attended educational programs.
- **828** households received Tenant Based Rental Assistance to provide stability.
- **1,214** individuals & families received support.
58 households were able to purchase their first home through the First Time Homebuyer Program.

52 manufactured home installers licensed.

7 Moderate Income Housing awards totaling $2,230,000 for 130 units.

515 attendees at the annual housing conference.

HOW WE HELP

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

HOMEOWNERSHIP

KANSAS HOUSING
**ENERGY EFFICIENCY**

- 996 homes weatherized
- 9,639 LED light bulbs installed
- 502,215 square feet of attic insulation installed (almost 9 football fields)
- 28.14% average improvement of air infiltration reduction in weatherized homes

**COMPLIANCE**

- 199 physical inspections completed of LIHTC, HOME and HTF funded properties
- 232 contracts managed
- 11,059 affordable housing units monitored
- 258 tenant concerns handled
- 592 annual reports reviewed, including tenant data, compliance certifications, financials, and budget
Dear KHRC,

I am writing this to tell you what my experience was as a guest (homeless) at Butler Homeless Initiative.

I credit my being homeless to years—a lifetime—of abuse. I had been in a 20-year relationship with a man whose abusive tactics were like those of my mom. Both very skilled at verbal abuse. I chose to be homeless for fear if I didn’t leave I was near a mental breakdown.

I left in my old car with few possessions. I had no friends and chose to avoid my abusive family. I was alone except for the stalking, threatening and so on from my ex. My thoughts were on a job and an apartment. After 1 week in my care, I went to BHI.

I wasn’t around people much and I didn’t hope for much. I thought I’d find more abuse. I was there 2 weeks when I left to move into a studio apartment. I also had a job. I could not have done it without so much help from the BHI staff and advice from other guests. But this is not what I think of when I look back on being at BHI.

First I found safety. Safety from abuse for doing nothing wrong. The various stressful feelings varied as much as the different tactics used against me. Fear doesn’t apply only to the threat of physical harm but knowing that as weak as one feels that more badgering, sarcasm,
threatening to destroy life even more. It took only a few days and I knew I was safe. I could talk freely to whomever. I didn’t have to prepare to answer and explain and be punished. I was safe because everyone treated and spoke with respect and a gentle nature to one another. I knew no one would betray my trust because they all shared freely with each other.

Soon after safety, the kindness was so powerful I couldn’t even hear what was being said to me. I didn’t remember what to do with kindness. I felt like the place in me where you save and keep kindness was empty. I remember telling people, “I love nice.”

When I went to bed I was so thankful to be there. To be safe, to tell people about me and learn about them. My first friends in years. In a way I never wanted it to end. It was the BHI staff and volunteers who showed by example how to be healthy for one another.

I know the other guests had suffered abuse. Without the example of BHI staff and volunteers, each guest would have drawn on the behavior that would “protect” them. That is what I thought I’d find from everyone. But with an example of kindness, gentleness, compassion, and service to others they gave all of us a place to …… it’s hard to explain.

I will forever be blessed when I remember the warmth. That’s what I needed. I chose to be homeless. To live in my car. To save myself.
HOUSING IN 2020
In the coming year, Kansas Housing will build upon our community-focused mission. These initiatives will allow us to identify the cause of and create solutions for the Kansas housing crisis.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
Elevate our brand identity and position Kansas Housing as the state’s housing thought leader by engaging stakeholders, partners, and community members.

CONTINUITY AND GROWTH
Explore new program opportunities and alternate funding sources to ensure our programs and services remain viable for years to come.

EMPLOYEES
Create a workplace environment and culture that generates excitement for our work and our mission.

TRAINING
Increase and expand training opportunities for employees and partners, as well as community members.

DATA ANALYTICS
Establish Kansas Housing as the state’s top resource for housing data and information.
YOU CAN BE A PART OF OUR SUCCESS!
HERE ARE SOME WAYS TO GET INVOLVED:

+ Attend the annual Kansas Housing Conference
  Aug. 26-28, 2020 Overland Park Convention Center, kshousingconference.org
+ Share this report with your network
+ Volunteer at your local shelter

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