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NEWSLETTER

WARMING HEARTS, SAVING LIVES

SALINA GRACE WINTER SHELTER OPENS FOR 8TH SEASON

The Salina Grace Winter Shelter opened on November 15th. As temperatures drop, this shelter, located at Grand Avenue United Methodist Church, provides a vital low-barrier refuge for our homeless neighbors during the coldest months. For many, it's not just a place to sleep—it's a lifeline, protecting them from the harsh and potentially deadly conditions of winter.



We expect this year's need to be even greater, as we've seen a troubling trend—the number of homeless individuals in our community continues to rise.

But we can't do this work alone. We need your help to ensure that we can continue saving lives this winter. Your financial support is crucial as we prepare to meet the rising demand.

Would you prayerfully consider making a donation to Salina Grace this season? Every dollar helps us continue this vital ministry to those who need it most. Thank you for your generosity and for standing with us as we care for our neighbors in need.

LAST YEAR SALINA GRACE WINTER SHELTER WELCOMED...

72 Men

53 Women

1 Child

Averaging 21-31 people per night

"There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore I command you to be openhanded toward your brothers and sisters who are poor and needy in your land." Deuteronomy 15:11

COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

785.833.2360
315 S. Broadway Blvd.
Salina, KS 67401

Monday - Thursday
7:30 AM - 4:00 PM
Friday
7:30 AM - 2:00 PM



www.salinagrace.org

WINTER SHELTER

785.819.5542

Grand Avenue
United Methodist Church
304 W. Grand Ave.
Salina, KS 67401

Open Nov 15th - March 15th



FROM STREETS TO STABILITY: BUILDING HOPE TOGETHER

This winter, we launched a campaign to raise **\$250,000 by December 31st** to make critical upgrades to our Community Resource Center and support essential services offered there. Imagine living without access to a shower, clean clothes, or a safe place to rest. *For many of our homeless neighbors, this is their daily reality.*

Salina Grace is raising funds to change that. With your support, we plan to build showers, install laundry facilities, and create a clothing room to restore dignity to those in need. Beyond these basics, we'll provide the resources to help our guests get back on their feet and move toward a brighter future. **We need your help today** to make this vision a reality.

Together, we can turn hardship into hope - one shower, one clean shirt, and one step at a time. Join us in this mission to make a lasting impact in our community. Your generosity will help build hope and transform lives at Salina Grace.



**DONATE
TODAY**

www.salinagrace.org/donate



As Central Kansas Mental Health Center (CKMHC) celebrates 60 years of providing behavioral health care to the community, we have been expanding partnerships to enhance access to services and reach individuals in need. Our goal is to offer "no-wrong-door" access to care, meeting people where they are and providing a variety of services. **One key partnership is with Salina Grace**, where CKMHC staff, including our Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) team, are on-site most mornings from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., with the long-term goal of having staff based there full time.

The ACT program supports individuals with Severe and Persistent Mental Illness who struggle to succeed with traditional therapy and case management. ACT focuses on helping those who have faced recent hospitalizations, homelessness, unstable living conditions, or legal issues related to their mental health. The program takes a "one-stop shop" approach, with a team that includes a psychiatric provider, nurse, therapist, substance use disorder (SUD) provider, employment specialist, housing specialist, and peer support specialist. Together, they collaborate to meet each person's unique needs, offering comprehensive, individualized care.

Our presence at Salina Grace allows us to reach individuals who may not otherwise access our services, particularly those experiencing homelessness or without insurance. By being on-site, we can provide consistent care, helping individuals stabilize and access essential services like housing and employment. This partnership is key to coordinating care with other organizations, ensuring that individuals receive not only behavioral health care but also physical healthcare and housing support. "Salina Grace helps us so much to find our people because they all go to Salina Grace," noted ACT Case Manager Pam McCaslin. "The collaboration has helped us to locate and pass along messages to those people."

About Central Kansas Mental Health Center

The mission of CKMHC is to make life better in our communities by providing excellent behavioral health services, education, and integrated care, which exceeds expectations. CKMHC is a nonprofit provider and delivers services based on medical necessity, regardless of age, race, color, national origin, place of residence, disability or ability to pay. In addition to the main campus in Salina, satellite offices are located in Abilene, Ellsworth, Lincoln, and Minneapolis.

More information about CKMHC and the services we provide at www.ckmhc.org or call 785-823-6322

CHANGING PERSPECTIVES

JOHN'S JOURNEY FROM HOMELESSNESS TO HOPE



The most enjoyable aspect of my role at Salina Grace is what our clients teach me every single day. One of the biggest lessons I've learned is that **perspective is everything**, especially in the face of adversity.

By Sarah Wendt, COO

How can someone make the best of their situation when they are homeless? That's where **the power of perspective** comes in.

Take John, for example. Homeless for nearly a year, he's a regular at our Resource Center. Drawing on the survival skills he learned during his years in combat, John has managed to navigate the challenges of homelessness with resilience. He's found purpose in transforming discarded items into treasures. Recently, he restored a broken ceramic church, which now sits proudly on a cabinet in the Resource Center - a beautiful symbol of resilience and transformation.

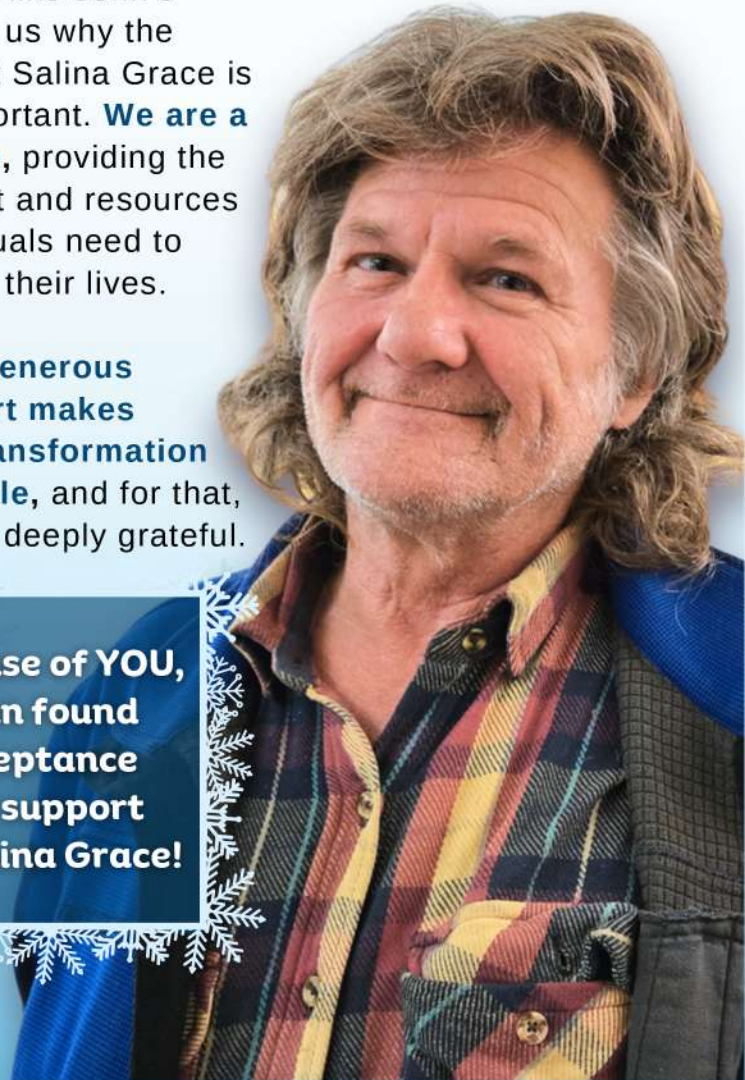
Along the way, John's spirituality has deepened, giving him strength when he felt lost. He recently shared his testimony at church, and is committed to continuing his journey of healing and hope. John credits his progress to the acceptance he feels at the Resource Center, where he is met exactly where he is, without pressure to do more than he is ready for.

Despite the challenges he's faced, John speaks openly about the lessons and new perspective he's gained through his experiences. He has made significant progress in recent months, thanks to the support of the staff and those who have collaborated with us to provide services at the Resource Center. With their help, he is on track to secure stable housing, achieve sobriety, and improve his mental health.

Stories like John's remind us why the work at Salina Grace is so important. **We are a lifeline**, providing the support and resources individuals need to rebuild their lives.

Your generous support makes this transformation possible, and for that, we are deeply grateful.

**Because of YOU,
John found
acceptance
and support
at Salina Grace!**



NEEDS LIST

MENS/WOMENS:

- Gloves
- Hats
- Scarves
- Feminine hygiene products

TRAVEL SIZE:

- Shampoo
- Body wash/soap
- Hand sanitizer
- Deodorant (Mens/Womens)
- Hygiene kit items

**Would you consider a financial gift today?
Every donation brings hope to those in need.**

You can also make an impact by:
Donating items of need
Volunteering your time and skills
Inviting us to speak in your church or community
Praying for our staff and those we serve



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Salina, KS 67401

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BUILDING HOPE TOGETHER

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HELP US RAISE \$250,000 BY DECEMBER 31ST

My gift today: \$ _____ to help as much as possible

Check enclosed Bill my credit card

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