

# NEK-CAP News Winter Edition ~ December 2016

*Serving Atchison, Brown, Doniphan, Jackson, Jefferson, Jewell, Leavenworth, Marshall, Mitchell, Nemaha, Osborne, Pottawatomie, Republic, Riley, Smith, and Washington Counties.*

*Season's Greetings*



*Wishing you the happiest  
Holidays from Jeanette Collier  
and the rest of the NEK-CAP, Inc  
Board and Staff*

## From the Executive Director's Desk

*Submitted by Jeanette Collier, Executive Director*

On behalf of NEK-CAP, Inc. I wish you a joyful, safe, and blessed holiday season!

During the 2017 Kansas Legislative session, we will be advocating on the following policy priorities: Approval of Dental Therapists; Maintenance of the Earned Income Tax Credit; Medicaid (KAN CARE) Expansion; Repair of the Kansas Safety Net; Protection and Strengthening of Early Childhood Programs; and monitoring of Kansas Tax Policy, K-12 Education Funding, and Juvenile Justice Reform.

Furthermore, with a significant shift in leadership at the federal level we will be watchful of proposed changes to vital programs, including but not limited to, Medicare; Medicaid; The Affordable Health Care Act; Unemployment Insurance; Social Security; Head Start; and Pell Grants. If you would like to support our efforts in sustaining and improving the lives of vulnerable and economically insecure working Kansans, please join in our efforts related to these critical issues.

We thank you for your support and look forward to your continued partnership in 2017!



*Please make note of our upcoming Community Needs Assessment. Your input is key to NEK-CAP, Inc.'s efforts to address the causes and conditions of poverty and in the development of collective community-based solutions. Dates and locations to be announced.*

## NEK-CAP's Mission

We provide comprehensive education and social services to low-income community members through collaborative partnerships focused on promoting family development, empowerment, and economic security.

## The Promise of Community Action

Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community, and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.



*\*\*Comments/Questions: please contact Linda Grier, Office/Data Coordinator, lgrier@nekc.org\*\**

# Your Support is Greatly Appreciated!!

Submitted by Jason Gibson, Assistant Fiscal Officer

Your support to NEK-CAP, Inc. is greatly appreciated and now there are three different ways you can donate online...

## PayPal Online Donations Now Accepted

NEK-CAP, Inc. is excited to announce that we now accept donations online through PayPal. When donating online you can donate via your PayPal account or with your credit/debit card. Donors have the ability to direct NEK-CAP, Inc. in how you want your donation used by using the 'Add special instructions to NEK-CAP Inc.' feature, or you can leave it blank and give a general donation. Traditional donations are always welcome as well.

Please visit our website:

<https://www.nekcap.org/menus/donate.html> to support NEK-CAP, Inc. with your online donation!



## GoClickGive Fundraiser for Atchison & Doniphan County, Kansas Emergency Services Funds

NEK-CAP, Inc. has joined the GoClickGive fundraising campaign in an effort to raise Emergency Services funds for Atchison and Doniphan Counties in Kansas. 100% of the funds received by NEK-CAP, Inc. will go towards rent and utility expenses of qualifying families who are having trouble making ends meet in Atchison and Doniphan Counties. The campaign runs from November 29<sup>th</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Please visit:

<https://goclickgive.com/project/community-action-partnership-of-northeast-kansas/> to support this campaign!



## AmazonSmile Fundraising

If you use Amazon and are looking for a way to donate to NEK-CAP, Inc. this is an excellent way to do so! The best part is, it doesn't cost anything extra to donate!

For NEK-CAP, Inc. to receive your donations from AmazonSmile you must order from the AmazonSmile --- [www.smile.amazon.com/ch/48-0721487](http://www.smile.amazon.com/ch/48-0721487) website, and must have NEK-CAP, Inc. selected as your charitable organization. This works with both regular Amazon and Amazon Prime accounts. The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of the eligible purchases to NEK-CAP, Inc. (taxes and S&H are not eligible).

Amazon created the AmazonSmile Foundation to administer the AmazonSmile program. Amazon pays all expenses of the Foundation so the fees are not deducted from the donation amounts generated on AmazonSmile. There is also no cost for NEK-CAP, Inc. to participate in this program. This is a unique charitable program allowing Amazon's customers to direct AmazonSmile Foundation charitable funds to the charitable organizations of their choosing.



**Thank you for your support!!**

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*\*services vary per county\**



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# Achievements ~ Accomplishments ~ Successes

Submitted by NEK-CAP, Inc. staff members

“We learn something from everyone who passes through our lives... Some lessons are painful, some are painless... but, all are priceless.”

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## NEK-CAP, Inc.'s Vision:

One by one  
all families and communities  
become self-reliant.

NEK-CAP, Inc. is an equal  
opportunity provider  
and employer.

Our ESG and SHP (CoC) homeless programs have been keeping our Family Development Advocates' busy. ESG (Emergency Solutions Grant) is working on helping five families get back into stable housing in Jackson and Nemaha Counties, and SHP (Supportive Housing Program) averages about 25 families a month in Brown, Atchison, and Marshall Counties. We have had several landlords who have expressed an interest in helping families stay in safe homes instead of being on the streets, and I am always sincerely appreciative of that. Because of their cooperation and participation in the program, we've been able to get several families into housing who may not have had that opportunity otherwise. In January, we will be doing the Point In Time count which helps to determine how many people are literally homeless at any given time in the state. Thank you to all of our community partners-landlords, churches, thrift stores, social and health care providers- who help support these families! Submitted by Belinda Estes, Housing Continuum of Care Coordinator

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I've been working with a family since the little guy was six weeks old. We have been through some ups and downs, but there have been two great things that have happened. Jeremiah at about 16 months started showing some signs of delay, I talked to mom and grandma about them but, they brushed it off; stating that he just needed more time. By the time he became 23 months he still wasn't meeting some key milestones, like speech. I talked to them again and they agreed to have him tested, and he was able to receive services through Tiny-K. That was going well and when he turned 34 months we started transitioning him to Special Ed but, before we got that completed the family became homeless and they missed the screening date. They were staying in and out of the local shelter, walking the streets during the day or hanging out at the Welcome Central. I worked with the family to try and find them a new home but, we kept hitting brick wall after brick wall. I was very worried about this family because it was starting to get cold and I couldn't stand to see them on the streets. Well little Jeremiah turned three with the family still homeless; they were transferred to the Head Start program but, before he started we got him screened with Special Ed and he will start receiving services. Yesterday Josh told me that the family now has a new home. I was soooooo over joyed to hear that information. I was able to see them to this point before they

left my caseload but, none the less, I'm so very thankful that it all worked out for this family. Submitted by Shannon Hudson, Child & Family Development Advocate, Atchison County

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Setting a goal to complete your High School diploma while adjusting to being a new Mom is a big task, but that is exactly what a mom on my caseload is pursuing! She realizes the importance of obtaining her diploma in order to pursue other goals and to provide for her little one. Her goal is to earn her High School diploma this school year. She is completing her class work online through the Wamego Technology Center. Her first goal was to complete two (2) credits by the end of first semester. I am thrilled to report that she has met this goal while attending to her newborn at home. Through continued hard work she is well on her way to earning her diploma in May! I am excited to see her success and know there are great things ahead for her and her little one! Submitted by Angie Hobbs, Child & Family Development Advocate, Pottawatomie County

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Working with a family where one of the parents has recently been approved for disability and looking forward to being able to make progress on their budget and making it work for them. They are now looking into ways of "trying on" different ways of using a budgeting system to keep track of their income, after a long time of not having enough income to spread across the bills. Increased income and financial planning, I'm excited for them. Submitted by Belinda Estes, Housing Continuum of Care Coordinator

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## What your child learns before age 5 is the key to success!

### Enroll your child now in NEK-CAP Head Start!!

### Applications always accepted!



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