

CHILDREN OF HOMICIDE VICTIMS
NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

YEAR 2024

ANNUAL REPORT 2024



LATEST INFORMATION AND UPDATES
ABOUT COHV.

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A WORD FROM THE FOUNDER/CEO

Dear Community Partners and Friends,

I am deeply grateful and incredibly honored to have your continued support for Children of Homicide Victims. Because of YOU, our mission is thriving, and our reach continues to grow, offering hope and healing to the children and families who need it most.

In 2024, Kansas City recorded its lowest number of homicides in six years, with 144 lives lost. While the loss of any life is tragic, this decline gives us hope for a safer future making our mission and vision possible.

This year, COHV extended our reach to 114 children who experienced the devastating loss of one or both parents to homicide. We welcomed 12 new families and retained 80% of previous participants in our programs. Our E.P.I.C. Healing program expanded significantly with the addition of two therapists, allowing us to provide group therapy and emotional support to more children. Over 70 children were assessed by mental health professionals, and several families were referred to Grief Camp with Crossroads to aid their healing journeys. Through housing assistance, we provided over \$1,000 in support to families in need, while initiatives like Trees of Hope and Gifts to Heal ensured the holidays were brighter for many by giving away 50 live Christmas trees and securing over 200 toys for children.

These accomplishments were made possible through the support of new partnerships with Mr Ballen Foundation and The Giving Tree KC, as well as six major grants, including support from the Black Community Fund and the Children's Services Fund for the 2025 and 2026 year.

This year also marked a 29.5% increase in revenue, which strengthens the sustainability of our mission. Our connection to the community grew as we took 15 children to the Kansas City People's Choice Awards, where they witnessed excellence and unity in their city, and COHV was honored as a finalist for Best Nonprofit Organization.

Our volunteers are the heart of COHV. Their dedication to our mission has been unmatched, from organizing healing sessions to packing holiday gifts and supporting families at every event. Their compassion and selflessness are the driving forces behind our success. Together with our community partners and supporters like you, they help us restore love, faith, and hope to children of homicide victims, providing them with the resources and community they need to heal and thrive.

As we look to 2025, I remain hopeful and inspired by the impact we are creating together. Thank you for your unwavering commitment to COHV and the children we serve. Together, we are transforming lives and building brighter futures.

With gratitude,

SUNNIE CARNEY

FOUNDER/CEO

“RESTORING LOVE, HOPE, FAITH + COMMUNITY”

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For the past 6 years of providing holistic services to children who have lost parents to homicide in Kansas City, COHV has persistently extended love, faith, hope, community, resources, and support to victims children during the most devastating time in their lives. Here's how we served...



In 2024, this is what we accomplished..

10 Referrals **144** KC Homicides Tracked

12 New COHV Kids **11** Group Healing Sessions Held

72 Returning COHV Kids **50** Backpacks supplied

92 Total Victims Children Contacted **200** Christmas gifts

50 Christmas Trees supplied **4** New Volunteers

5 Families helped with housing



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

AND VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to those who provided leadership and dedication to COHV through serving endlessly on the board in 2024.

Sunnie Carney, Executive Director

Ronneisha Morgan, Director of Family Support

Jayla Rainey, Director of Communications

Aijuanna Williams, Director of Outreach

Justin Adams, Community Volunteer

Alenia Frazier, Community Volunteer



THANKS TO OUR 2024 DONORS!

WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!

8 Grants

Total Grant Amount \$362,404
(*\$306,000 secured for 25' & 26'*)

**22 Business Donors
and Partners**

Total In-Kind Donations: \$10, 238

TOP INDIVIDUAL DONORS

Laurie Gift

Shekita Robinson

Chris Shaeffer

BUSINESS DONORS & SPONSORS

Brewski Cuts

Pretty Wink Lash Bar

Kansas City Zoo

Crown Center

Bo Lings

SkyZone

Regina Jones Photography

The Gift Foundation

Grandmas Catering

Toys for Tots

Mr Ballen Foundation

The Giving Tree

Eastland Giving

Children Services Fund

Black Community Fund

Walmart

Sam's Club

Wings N Things

Chicken Mac & Cheese

The Children's Place

Expressive Arts Therapy

Box Out Stress

How You Can Get Involved

Consider becoming a donor!

A one-time gift of \$100 provides counseling for COHV Kids in need.
A \$50 monthly gift provides group therapy materials and workbooks for a COHV kids.

A \$10 monthly gift builds a grief basket for grieving families.
Your business is welcome to support one of our events as well.
You can gift through our website at www.cohvkc.com



Love, Faith, Hope +
Community

Be a Volunteer

Commit to decreasing the cycle
of violence In 2025!

You can sign up to volunteer on
our website or emailing us at
cohvkc@gmail.com

Impact Story



Zakiyah, Honesty, and Nicole

Zakiyah, Honesty, and Nicole met through COHV after losing parents to homicide. Selected for grief camp, they supported each other through tough moments, forming a lasting bond.

Caregivers noticed improved emotions and communication, and the girls look forward to camp again next year. Now, they see each other monthly at E.P.I.C Healing, showing how COHV helps grieving kids build friendships, process loss, and find hope together.

Thank you for having a heart
for healing the youth and
ending violence!

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