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## **Kansas Leadership Center announces recipients of 2023 Leadership Transformation Grants**

**Wichita, Kan.** – The Kansas Leadership Center (KLC) has selected 87 organizations across Kansas as 2023 [Leadership Transformation Grant](#) (LTG) partners. The grants will help the partner organizations create a culture that embraces change, tackles problems and seizes opportunities.

“The Leadership Transformation Grants are our primary vehicle for sharing the gift of KLC’s core grant from the Kansas Health Foundation (KHF). KLC and KHF partner this way to build the leadership and civic engagement capacity of organizations across the state. We’re proud to see this program grow every year since we started offering these grants nine years ago,” said Julia Fabris McBride, interim president and CEO of the Kansas Leadership Center.

In 2023, KLC will partner with 87 unique organizations from 33 cities across Kansas and provide the opportunity for participants to learn, practice and engage with the KLC Framework. The program also utilizes KLC’s new book, [When Everyone Leads](#), to be released by best-selling business publisher Bard Press on January 31, 2023.

“Leadership isn’t about authority and position, it’s an activity where small actions are taken in moments of opportunity,” said Kaye Monk-Morgan, KLC’s chief impact officer and teacher. “When everyone leads, we make progress on our most important challenges. That’s what the Leadership Transformation Grants are all about – engaging people across the state to solve daunting challenges in their communities, organizations and professional lives.”

Organizations who receive a Leadership Transformation Grant will establish a core team of three to six individuals to take on the responsibilities of the grant. Organizations chosen will have one year to participate in KLC’s dynamic program experiences and utilize KLC resources and consultation.

“The Leadership Transformation Grants provide access to programs on the [KLC Path](#), a three-step sequence which teaches that leadership is an activity—not a position—and that anyone within an organization can exercise leadership effectively. These programs offer a framework by which organizations can share a common language and skills to approach their challenges and empower employees to mobilize others to create

progress in their organization and communities,” said Katy Weidner, KLC program manager.

In the past eight years of awarding these grants, KLC has given 421 grants, trained over 10,000 people and partnered with over 275 Kansas organizations and communities.

**The following organizations have been selected as KLC’s 2023 Leadership Transformation Grant partners:**

Community-Minded Business Sector Partners:

- Home Works USA LLC
- Spanish Ad Hoc Translations LLC
- The Thread: A Women's Leadership Collective

Education Sector Partners:

- Bethel College
- Blue Valley Schools
- Cloud County Community College
- Fort Hays State University
- Hayden High School
- Emporia State University Honors College
- Johnson County Community College
- Kansas State Department of Education
- Kansas State University Salina Aerospace and Technology Campus
- K-State Libraries
- K-State Research and Extension
- MidAmerica Nazarene University
- Moundridge USD 423
- Newman University
- Seward County Community College
- Southeast Kansas Education Service Center - Greenbush
- USD 497 - Lawrence Public Schools
- Wichita State University

Faith Sector Partner:

- Christian (DOC) of Greater Kansas City
- Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Kansas
- Kansas-Oklahoma Conference, United Church of Christ (UCC)
- Life Restoration Ministries
- Ministry Leadership Initiative
- Tallgrass Community Church
- Western District Conference / South Central Mennonite Conference

Government Sector Partners:

- 184th Wing

- City of Derby
- City of Topeka
- City of Wichita
- Dodge City Public Library
- Douglas County, Kansas
- Ellsworth Correctional Facility
- Hutchinson Correctional Facility
- Kansas Department for Children and Families
- Kansas Department of Corrections
- Larned State Hospital
- Lawrence-Douglas County Housing Authority
- State of Kansas Office of Information Technology Services
- Sedgwick County Government
- Unified Government Public Department

Non-Profit Sector Partners:

- Atchison Community Health Clinic
- Catholic Charities of Wichita
- Child Advocacy and Parenting Services
- Child Care Aware of Kansas
- Communities Organizing to Promote Equity
- Community Care Network of Kansas
- CrossWinds Counseling & Wellness
- Destination Innovation
- EmberHope Youthville
- Four County Mental Health Center, Inc.
- Goodwill Industries of Kansas, Inc.
- Habitat for Humanity of KC
- Hilltop Aspires
- HopeNet
- HumanKind Ministries
- Hutchinson Community Foundation
- Kansas Association of Addiction Professionals
- Kansas Association of Conservation Districts
- Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition
- Kansas City Repertory Theatre
- Kansas Democratic Party
- Kansas Head Start Association (KHSA)
- Kansas Hospital Association
- Kansas Library Association
- Kansas Rural Health Association
- McPherson Hospital, Inc
- Mental Health Association of South Central Kansas
- MO-KAN-NE Chapter of the Educational Opportunity Association

- Orpheum Performing Arts Centre, Ltd.
- Prevention and Resiliency Services, Inc.
- Real Men Real Leaders
- Redbud Village / Rooks Co Senior Services
- Saint Francis Ministries
- Southwest Guidance Center
- Sunflower House
- The Cedars Retirement Community
- The Good Faith Network
- The Mirror, Inc.
- True North
- Union Rescue Mission of Wichita
- United Way of Reno County
- Workforce Alliance of South Central Kansas

Applications for Leadership Transformation Grants are accepted between July and September each year.

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**About the Kansas Leadership Center**

The Kansas Leadership Center (KLC) is a first-of-its-kind nonprofit educational organization with a civic mission, national reputation and global reach. Founded in 2007 to foster leadership for stronger, healthier and more prosperous Kansas communities, KLC receives core funding from the Kansas Health Foundation (a private, philanthropic organization). It partners with nonprofit organizations, government agencies, educational institutions, businesses and communities to build cultures that are healthy, productive and well-positioned to make measurable progress on daunting challenges and emergent opportunities. KLC Press publishes leadership books and The Journal, a nationally recognized, award-winning civic issues magazine.

Over the past 15 years, KLC has built a strong and respected institution in Kansas designed to deliver leadership development and culture change at unparalleled scale. Now, organizations across the country and around the world look to us to provide resources and consultation to support their own aspirations for mission-driven leadership education. Learn more at [www.kansasleadershipcenter.org](http://www.kansasleadershipcenter.org).

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