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GRATITUDE REPORT



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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends & Supporters,

This year's Annual Report is a "Gratitude Report." In it you will find gratitude to you, our donors, without whom our work would not be possible. You will see great gratitude from the hard-working men and women we serve, from new supporters across the country and from old friends finding new ways to "pay it forward."

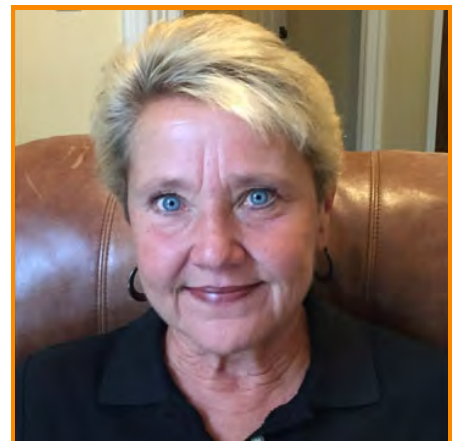
Next year marks the 15th anniversary of Working Families' Friend. Thanks to each and every one of you who have been with us some or all of our first 14 years. You have been an important part of providing millions of dollars to thousands of deserving families.

A special note of thanks goes to our dedicated Board of Directors and devoted staff. It is with great joy that we have the opportunity to serve you.

With Great Gratitude,



Joan E. Putthoff
President



AGENCY OVERVIEW

MISSION:

To gather community resources in order to enable employed and recently unemployed individuals to sustain and maintain quality of life through assistance, training, advocacy and financial support.

FOUNDED:

Working Families' Friend was founded on April 1, 2003 with one goal in mind.

WFF GOAL:

That goal is to provide one-time emergency assistance to working people who do not qualify for assistance from other social service agencies due to their employment status or income.

PAYING IT FORWARD

A BIRTHDAY FUNDRAISER

A new donor, who has a great understanding and appreciation for the assistance Working Families' Friend provides to hard working people, was celebrating his birthday. As part of his celebration he invited friends and family to recognize his birthday with a gift to Working Families' Friend.

Through a commonly used social media source, he posted the invitation and the opportunity to help him meet his \$\$ goal. Within days his goal was surpassed. Working Families' Friend received a check in the mail. What a great way to celebrate life....by paying it forward and helping someone else at a time of great need.



ANOTHER YEAR OF GRATITUDE

BELOW IS AN EXAMPLE OF HOW YOUR SUPPORT HELPS ASSIST HARD WORKING MEN AND WOMEN IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO FIND THEMSELVES FACED WITH A CRISIS.

Chris is a firefighter in our community.

One evening he was trapped in a burning building and sustained critical burns to over 30% of his body. He was transported to the Kansas University Medical Center Burn Unit, where he went into cardiac arrest. After successfully being resuscitated, he went through five skin grafts and remained in the Burn Unit for one month and three days. From there he was moved to a rehabilitation unit.

In the months following his return home, his house was hit by a tornado. As his co-workers

arrived to assist with the beginning stages of clean-up, they realized he didn't have the basic essentials of food, towels, linens...and the list was endless. Many of his co-workers were familiar with Working Families' Friend.

Help was requested on his behalf, and immediately help was given, long before an insurance check would arrive. It was with the help from his friends and from Working Families' Friend that got them through that first initial phase of where and how to start the process of recovering once again.

You can bet, Chris was full of gratitude.



Thanks for helping with the medical bills from the unexpected hospitalization of our son.

I appreciate your agency and supporters so much. Your service is effective and helps the community a great deal.

I lost everything in the fire. INCLUDING MY WIFE. God bless you all for your help.

Being a single mother of three, the help you gave us is the most help I've gotten in a long time.



PENNY PER HOUR PROGRAM

THE CORNERSTONE OF SUPPORT WE RECEIVE FROM THE COMMUNITY

Our Penny Per Hour Program is supported by organizations that elect to donate one penny per hour worked by each of their members or employees. This equates to an average of \$20.80 per employee each year. Nearly all the employees that we have spoken to express that the safety-net that Working Families' Friend provides is worth much more than \$20.80 per year.

We extend great appreciation to each of the following organizations that participate in this program. They have committed to supporting Working Families' Friend, the community and its working families.

WE WANT TO ADD YOUR ORGANIZATION TO THIS LIST!

- Carpenters Local #315
- Construction and General Laborers Local #264
- Construction and General Laborers Local #319
- Construction and General Laborers Local #1290
- Heavy Construction Laborers' Local #663
- IAFF Local #42
- IAFF Local #3112
- IAFF Local #3808
- KC Steel Supply Inc.
- KD Sheet Metal
- Painters Local #2012
- Painters Local #2015
- Pipefitters Local #533
- Plasterers' & Cement Masons Local #518 (OPCMIA Local #518)
- Plumbers and Gasfitters Local #8
- Security Police Fire Professional of America
- Sheet Metal Workers Local #2
- Teamsters Local #541
- UFCW Local #2

GRATITUDE GROWING IN DENVER

Early in the Spring, a call came from Teamsters Local #455 in Denver, Colorado.

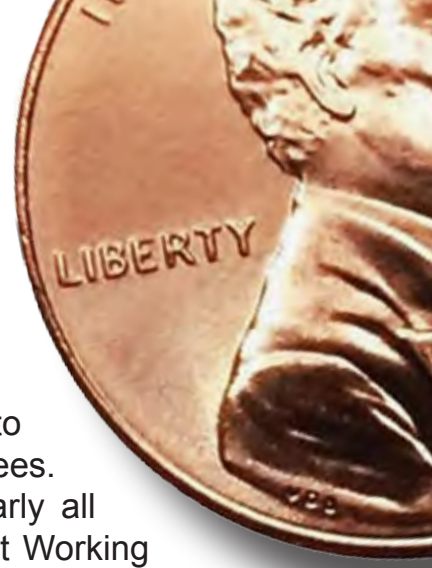
They had heard about Working Families' Friend and the help and support we provide to working people at a critical time of need. They were interested in starting a not-for-profit in Denver to provide similar service of advocacy and financial emergency assistance to their 10,000+ members.

After some discussion of the amount of time, work and details required to start a not-for-profit, a perfect solution became obvious. Teamsters Local #455 is teaming-up with Working Families' Friend.

They expressed such great gratitude for the work we do and the opportunity to support our Mission. They have chosen to support Working Families' Friend and learn about the process in place to access assistance for their members.

We are appreciative of their support and opportunity to provide service to all working people faced with an unexpected crisis.

As Working Families' Friends continues to grow in the support we receive and the ability to assist more people - more families - we grow in our gratitude as well.



HOW YOU CAN HELP

On behalf of all the people you helped assist last year, thank you! Because of you we can do so much more!

1 Monthly Automatic Withdrawal from your account – it's so easy!

2 Support our Annual Fundraising Events

3 Make a donation by writing a check

4 Online at our NEW website **wffriend.org** using a credit card or PayPal

5 Penny Per Hour Program

7 Payroll Deduction

6 Shop with Amazon Smile

8 Tell your friends!

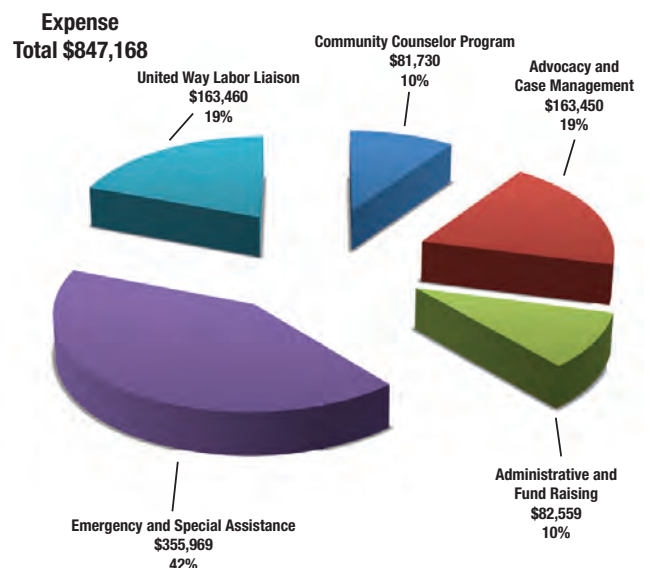
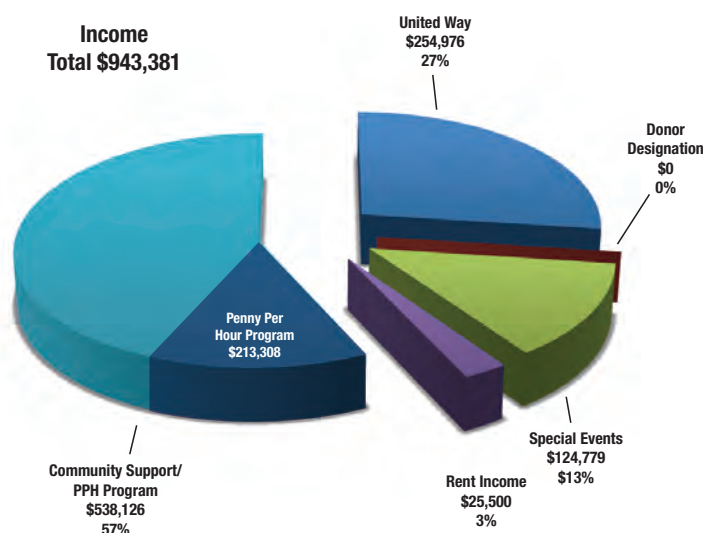
Payroll deduction through:

- The United Way of Greater Kansas City
- The Combined Federal Campaign
- Missouri State Employees Charitable Campaign
- City of Kansas City, Missouri Combined Charities Campaign

Amazon Smile is an exact replica site of Amazon, with the same products and the same prices. By choosing Working Families' Friend as your charity of choice, every time you make a purchase via SmileAmazon.com the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate a percentage of your purchase to Working Families' Friend at no extra charge to you.

As a not-for-profit agency we are eligible to receive tax deductible donations under current IRS guidelines.

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YOUR RECENT GIFT HAS LIFE CHANGING EFFECTS

We are so grateful to all who support Working Families' Friend. We are here for you because of you.

The following is a list of individuals, corporations and organizations that have generously supported the work that we do. We make every effort to make sure this list is complete and accurate. If you contributed to Working Families' Friend in 2017 and do not find your name or your organization's name listed, please accept our apologies and contact us so we can correct our records. In some cases, companies do not provide us the names of individuals who have designated their United Way gifts to us through workplace campaigns, making it impossible for us to include these donors on our list.

Again, we thank you for your generous support! Your gift has already been put to work.

\$20,000 AND ABOVE			
Argosy Casino Hotel & Spa	Asbestos Workers Local #27	Teamsters Local #696	Inc.
IAFF Local #42	Anita Autrey	Teamsters Local #838	Joshua McDougal
IBEW Local #124	Blue Cross Blue Shield of KC	Teamsters Local #955	Tony R. Mitchell
Operating Engineers Local #101	Boyd, Kenter, Thomas & Parrish, LLC	Triumph Foods, LLC	Ollie Moore
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United Way of Greater Kansas City	French's Mustard-Reckitt Benckiser	USWA Local #13	Mary Preston
\$10,000 - \$19,999	Glaziers Local #558	Western MO & KS Laborers' Dist. Council	Frank Quinn
Carpenters Local #315	Governor Stumpy's Grill House	\$500 - \$999	Chance Ramey
Iron Workers Local #10	Greater KC AFL- CIO	Jerry Angel	Christopher Reynolds
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Kansas City Building & Trades Council	Heavy Constructors Association	Phillip J. Barkett III	Dave L. Sauer
Laborers Local #264	Mike and Diane Horning: In memory of Andy Horning	Susan Barthol-Turner	Sheet Metal Workers Local #2 Retirees
Painters Local #2012	IAFF Local #3112	Blake & Uhlig, P.A.	Justin Shirley
Plumbers & Gasfitters Local #8	IBEW Local #1464	Brandon Boger	Jacob Smith
SPFPA Local #249	IBEW Local #412	David Bonewits	Kevin Sprague
Teamsters Local #41	John Jantsch	Kenneth D. Brown	Joseph Staab
UFCW Local #2	KC Steel Supply, Inc.	Edward Bruehl	Jason Starr
\$5,000 - \$9,999	KCMO Retired	Central States Beverage Company	Danny Stevens
AT&T Employee Giving Campaign	Firefighters Assoc.	The Commerce Trust Company	Terry Stover
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Thomas P. Burke	Laborers Local #319	CWA Local #6327	The Segal Company
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Teamsters Local #541	Kevin O'Neill	Alan Frisbee	James Vogler
UFCW Local #1	OPEIU Local #277	Greg Garnand	Erik Votipka
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