

# Community Resources in Service to People

## C.R.I.S.P. 2018 Annual Report

Calendar Year January through December 2018

### Overview

Thank you for your continued support of Community Resources in Service to People, (C.R.I.S.P.). C.R.I.S.P. was founded in 1995 to help connect families in need to local resources and provide kids with the basics, like warm winter clothing and school supplies. We work together with other local resources to provide a comprehensive support system that helps to empower families!

Our part time staff is here 4 days a week, from 9-12 and by appointment. During busy times like school supply drive and Christmas, we rely on the help of our hardworking board of directors and many dedicated volunteers. Your support is crucial to the programs and services we provide the community.

### 2018 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In addition to direct services assisting families, CRISP participates in many other activities throughout the year. In April of 2018, we celebrated Child Abuse Prevention Month with a Parent Enrichment Conference. Nationally recognized speakers on the topics of prevention, adverse childhood experiences and safety came together with local community agencies to share tips, tools and best practices for parents and professionals.



School supplies for kids (**School Supplies4KIDS**) kept us on on toes this summer, with 178 kids getting a backpack filled with grade level supplies! Thank you to our volunteers who help us organize, sort and fill hundreds of backpacks! Research shows that sending kids off the first day back to school with everything they need is a good start at ensuring a successful school year!





Fall brought our winter wear drive...including coats, snow pants, boots, hats and gloves for kids ages 0-18. We are thankful for all of the donations that have kept our community warm into the winter months! Our annual Nuts and Candy Fundraiser is also a favorite during this time. YUM!

The holidays are always a busy time of year at CRISP. Your donations help with every aspect of our **Christmas4KIDS** program. From gifts for kids, to wrapping paper, to postage for mailings to staffing long hours...thank you to our incredible donors! YOU helped 223 kids to have a joy filled Christmas this year.

This year we were selected by the Kansas City Chiefs for their **Chiefs Ticket Fundraising Program**. This fundraiser gave 10% of all select ticket sales to C.R.I.S.P. It was a lot of fun and all the monies raised will go direct to Madison County families. Go Chiefs!

### **NEW! The Bluebird Fund**



In folklore, the Bluebird symbolizes happiness and hope. We are excited to offer this new program to Madison County single mothers. Initial funding was put in place by anonymous donors and created to assist single mothers with education and a sustainable career path. This fund offers mentoring, financial assistance, career planning, guidance and long term community supports designed to help one family at a time. Applications are available through CRISP. Donor contributions are welcomed! For more information about this incredible opportunity, please contact us!

## Generous Donors

We received a donation of \$7,000 from The Verano Fund this year. This generous donation will help with all of our core programs like school supplies, winter wear and Christmas4KIDS. Funds will also be used for direct services for families in need. THANK YOU for this incredible gift!

Many thanks to all of our donors! You are at the heart of everything we do. Thank you to the businesses, faith based organizations and community service clubs who have provided not only financial donations, but also countless hours of support with events like our school supply and winter wear drives! We couldn't do this work without you.



## Work We Do - Needs Served

688 children received assistance through C.R.I.S.P. this year. Please note that some children were served directly through the schools and are not counted in family numbers, this number may include repeated services throughout the year.

We distributed 403 winter wear items this year. Thank you to our donors for providing gently used boots, coats, snow pants, hats and gloves!

C.R.I.S.P assisted 33 families in 2018 who were homeless or at risk of homelessness. 137 families urgent needs (hygiene, diapers, etc.) were provided.



64 pairs of cleats found a new home, 61 pieces of band-concert attire were provided, 8 **Birthday-in-a-Bags** made a child's birthday special and over \$600 was spent on gas for Madison County families!

## Referrals

In addition to the above needs served by C.R.I.S.P., we also made 249 referrals to other community organizations. One of the most important services C.R.I.S.P provides is that first step in matching families to the right organization based on their current needs and unique situation. Working together to provide a network of resources is the best way to respond and by actively partnering, we can do so much more!

## Changes coming

2019 brings many changes and opportunities our way. The administration building we've called home is for sale and as such, CRISP will be seeking a new location. We have been looking at co-locating with other partnering agencies or leasing a new space. If you have a suggestion or ideas, please contact us!

In other news, I've made the decision to resign from this position to allow for more time with our small, but growing family business. I've enjoyed the opportunity to serve this community, it's donors and partnering agencies. I'm leaving CRISP in the hands of it's Board of Directors, who will be seeking a new Director or Program Manager in the very near future.

We thank everyone in our community who has contributed financially or as a volunteer to the support of the efforts and mission of C.R.I.S.P. You make a difference in the lives of children in Madison County.

- Naomi Hupton, Exiting Director



*"A hundred years from now, it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in or the kind of car I drove...but the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child"*

- Forest E. Witcraft