

2023 IMPACT REPORT

THOUGHTS FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

For 43 years, the Love Fund for Children has worked to ensure children have what they need. Sadly, the need is great and continues to grow. Clothing and beds were the most requested essential items. In addition, during 2023, there was a 52% jump in the number of applications for the Sack it for Santa teen holiday gift program compared to the previous year. This is on top of a nearly 30% overall increase in program requests during 2022.

Luckily, the generosity from amazing donors like you is even greater. We are honored to partner with you to make a difference in the lives of local children. You gave from the heart, whether it was time, resources, financial contributions, or in-kind donations. **The collective impact of your kindness allowed the Love Fund to set two new records, distributing more holiday gifts than ever before and ensuring the unique needs of 627 children were met. Thank you!**

We are touched by your commitment to helping our youngest neighbors thrive. Together, we can continue working to ensure children have what they need and deserve.

With sincere appreciation,

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OUR MISSION

The Love Fund for Children bridges the gap in youth services by partnering with advocates to fulfill unique, unmet needs of children across Kansas City.



INCREASED NEED MEANS 400 MORE GIFTS FOR TEENS

"In this economy families are facing more hardships than ever. I've had several parents say to me they weren't sure how to provide basic necessities, let alone anything like holiday gifts. The relief that parents expressed when they learned that the Love Fund would be able to alleviate their burden by providing gifts, as well as basic necessities, was indescribable. Parents are grateful for the help, and teens are ecstatic about their new items. Thank you for making a profound impact on our community!"
- Amy Guinn, Youth Advocate, Raytown Schools



MISSION AND MILESTONE HIGHLIGHTS

8,768

Children Served

627

Unique
Needs Met

6,150

School Supply
Kits Given

1,920

Holiday Gifts
Distributed

MEET LUKE

Luke, a vibrant four-year-old, has a passion for working with real tools, finding play tools insufficient for the job! Luke's creative and mechanical mind lights up while watching car videos and searching for trains.

Luke was recently diagnosed with autism, prompting his parents to relocate to Kansas City for family support. Therapists recommended the family create a calming space at home. Through the Love Fund, Luke received a weighted vest, swivel chair, rocker, and a body sock. The rocking motion, facilitated by the floor rocker, settles him as he rocks back and forth. His fondness for squeezes is met with the use of the body sock during challenging moments. Thanks to the generosity of Love Fund supporters, Luke is adapting to his new environment and learning to self-regulate.



"These items are a huge blessing to our family, and we can't wait to see how they impact Luke's daily life!"
- Stacy, Luke's Mother



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