

# **BUILDING TYLER'S HOUSE**

"Providing Safe Creative Spaces for Our Community's Young People"



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## **BAND JIVE 2020 Highlights**

On Leap Day, Tyler's House KC officially kicked off our fundraising efforts at Limitless Brewing in Lenexa. The back room of the establishment was full all night long with friends, family, and community members who came to offer support and listen to a vast array of incredible music from local KC bands and musicians. Included in the lineup were Shawnee Mission North alumni Jessica Gray and Michael Schley, North feeder school elementary music teachers Mike Bechina and Matt Lenahan, and past SMN choral director Juli O'Mealey Simmons and her husband Jude Simmons who, together, planned the event. Along with entry, patrons were able to purchase THKC apparel and raffle tickets for items offered by friends and local businesses. The big item of the night was an autographed Frank Clark (KC Chiefs) helmet donated by Kelly and Sara Goodburn.

While we were able to raise about \$4,000 at the event, the best part, by far, was seeing a community of people gathered to join our efforts to take care of our young people. Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts.



## WHAT NOW?

## Moving Forward While Staying Put

These are interesting times. When the clock struck midnight on New Year's Eve, we never could have imagined what was in store for our world in 2020. Yet it seems that in times like these, we humans show our true capacity to persist. Though some have gone the way of hoarding and self-preservation, I dare say that the majority of us are even now looking for ways to help. And while some may call certain motives fearbased, I choose to believe that we are isolating for the common good...giving more people a chance at health and survival.

At our Board Meeting last night (via video conference), we were all reminded that our young people, particularly those with food and housing insecurity, are having an incredibly

difficult time in the midst of this global crisis. And for our seniors who have been working for most of their lives to see the fourth semester of their final year of high school and to experience all the "lasts" - the last game, the last concert, the last awards ceremony the last walk through the halls, prom, and even the LAST final exam - the excitement that these events would typically bring has been replaced with much sadness.

Over the next weeks, we at Tyler's House will be looking for specific ways to support our youth, reaching out to them individually and making contact with other agencies to see what kind of assistance we can provide. We will also be implementing strategies to effectively manage our social media accounts in an effort to inform people of the need. We invite you to be part of our online community by following us on Facebook (@Tyler's House KC), Instagram and Twitter (@tylershousekc), and very soon on LinkedIn.

Thank you for meeting us there. Our young people need us now more than ever!

























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We are currently looking for people to serve on our Advisory Board. If you know of someone who might be interested, please them contact have (info@tylershousekc.org). We are specifically looking for business professionals with experience connections with):

- Non-Profit Law
- Non-Profit Accounting
- Philanthropy
- **Arts Organizations**
- Mental Health/Wellness





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