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HALO Places Kansas City Homeless Youth Center Stage to Shine *“What does home mean to you?”*

Kansas City, Mo. – HALO and the Kansas City community are recognizing the outstanding achievements of its local homeless and at-risk youth, bringing them center stage at the [HALO Summer Showcase Celebration](#) July 27, 2017 at 6 - 8 p.m. at ArtsKC at 106 Southwest Blvd. Kansas City, MO 64108. Join HALO for an inside look at what home means to HALO youth through collaborative art projects and inspiring performances.

“This Summer, we asked our HALO children what *home* means to them,” said Kansas City Program Director Carly Manijak. “What does home feel like, who or what is there with you, what makes you feel safe and loved? We get an inside look at what home means through creative art projects, writing, and conversations with our HALO children.”

Summer workshops featured include Sewing and Design with Whitney Manney; Dream Home Sculptures with Julie Arnold & Dusti Pruel; Self Care Journaling with Brooke Barrier; STEAM Studio with Mandi Sonnenberg; Silk Dying with Jill Harmon; HALO’s iEmpathize Program; and HALO Art & Life Skills.

“Showing the youth that they are capable of going in to different trades, helps them to start seeing themselves in a more positive light,” Manijak said. “With every effort, HALO is breaking the cycle of youth homelessness in our community and providing a path to a positive future.”

The Kansas City HALO Learning Center serves more than 700 youth each year with therapeutic art, peer support, transportation, job skill development, scholarships, housing, food and education.

Drinks and light hors d’oeuvres provided. Admission is a suggested donation of \$15 at the door. Please RSVP to Carly Manijak at carlymanijak@haloworldwide.org or visit www.halokansascity.org.

PLEASE NOTE: If interested in seeing showcase workshops prior to this event, photo and video opportunities are available on July 25th from 9:30 a.m. to Noon for sewing and art. The July 27th Showcase program is: 6-7 p.m. Welcome & Gallery Viewing; 7 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Program & Youth Performances; and 7:30-8 p.m. Gallery Viewing & Closing.

ABOUT HALO

Featured in the Moroccan oil *INSPIRED* film series, “American Spirit” of CBS Evening News, “Heroes Among Us” and “25 Women Changing the World” of PEOPLE magazine, “The Today Show”, and Variety Magazine, HALO works to keep one more child from spending one more day alone. It is the foundation of a family for homeless and at-risk children, providing housing, healing and education to children who need it the most. HALO believes that every child should have the support of a family. In other words, love. Each year, HALO serves over 1,200 children around the globe. Internationally, HALO supports orphanages and programs in Uganda, Kenya, Mexico and India. Domestically, HALO has Learning Centers and housing programs in Kansas City, and Jefferson City, Missouri, and art programming in New York and Portland.

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