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### **HALO Places Kansas City Homeless Youth Center Stage to Shine** *“What helps HALO Youth heal?”*

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](#) August 2, 2018 at 6 - 8 p.m. at FETCH at 1101 Mulberry Street Kansas City, MO 64101. Join HALO to explore what makes HALO kids feel loved through powerful performances and inspirational artistry. Guests can inspire confidence in HALO youth as they provide an inside look at their lives through transformative masterpieces.

“This Summer, we asked our HALO children what *healing* means to them,” said Kansas City Program Director Carly Manijak. “How has HALO helped you heal? What makes you feel loved? From sewing and design to spoken word readings, we want our community to experience the healing power of art told by our HALO kids.”

Summer workshops featured include Sewing and Design with Whitney Manney; Woven Words with Julie Arnold; STEAM Studio with Mandi Sonnenberg; Trauma Informed Care Yoga with Carly Rae Robinson; Spoken Word with HALO Youth Marjai; 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. “Each day, we serve as the foundation of a family our kids with the end goal to break this cycle of homelessness in our community.”

The Kansas City HALO Learning Center serves more than 700 youth each year with therapeutic art, peer support, transportation, tutoring, 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](mailto:carlymanijak@haloworldwide.org) or visit [www.haloworldwide.org](http://www.haloworldwide.org).

**PLEASE NOTE:** If interested in seeing a showcase workshop prior to this event, photo and video opportunities are available on July 25<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. The August 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 MoroccanOil 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 helps one more child spend one less day alone. Each year, HALO serves over 1,400 children and supports 21 homes and programs around the globe. Internationally, HALO supports orphanages and programs in Uganda, Kenya, Mexico, India, Guatemala and Nicaragua. Domestically, HALO has Learning Centers and housing programs in Kansas City, and Jefferson City, Missouri, and art programming in New York and Portland. Join the HALO tribe at [www.haloworldwide.org](http://www.haloworldwide.org).

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