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HALO Places Kansas City Homeless Youth Center Stage to Shine ***“How has HALO helped you grow?”***

Kansas City, Mo. – HALO and the Kansas City community are recognizing the outstanding achievements of its local homeless and at-risk youth, bringing kids center stage at the HALO Summer Showcase Celebration July 24 at 6 - 8 p.m. at Working Spaces at 215 East 18th Street, Suite 11 Kansas City, MO 64108. Join HALO to celebrate Kansas City youth as they use education and art to build a foundation for healing and 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 centered around personal growth.

“This Summer, we focused on the importance of personal growth and asked our HALO children what is something you’ve learned that you could teach someone else,” said Kansas City Program Director Carly Manijak. “How has HALO helped you grow? From sewing and design to creative writing, we want our community to experience the healing power of art told by our HALO kids.”

HALO Summer workshops featured include Sewing and Design with Whitney Manney; STEAM Studio with Mandi Sonnenberg; Creative Writing with Alayna Howard; Improv with Alayna Howard; and HALO Art & Life Skills. See a sneak preview of youth projects [here](#).

“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 are provided. Admission is a suggested donation of \$10 at the door. Please RSVP to Carly Manijak at carlymanijak@haloworldwide.org or visit www.haloworldwide.org.

PLEASE NOTE: If interested in seeing a showcase workshop prior to this event, photo and video opportunities are available on July 23rd at 10:30 a.m.- 12 p.m. The July 24th Showcase program is: 6 p.m.- 7 p.m. Welcome & Gallery Viewing; 7 p.m.- 7:30 p.m. Program & Youth Performances; and 7:30 p.m.- 8 p.m. Gallery Viewing & Closing.

ABOUT HALO

HALO believes every child should have the foundation of a family. Since 2005, HALO has provided love in the form of housing, healing and education to heal homeless and at-risk children. Featured in the Moroccan 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 serves over 1,400 children each year and supports 21 homes and programs around the globe. HALO has Learning Centers and Housing programs in Kansas City, and Jefferson City, Missouri, and art programming in New York and Portland. HALO also supports orphanages and programs in Uganda, Kenya, Mexico and India. Learn how [Love Heals](#) at HALO and help one more child spend one less day alone at www.haloworldwide.org.

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