



HALO Awarded \$22,000 from Healthy Blue Missouri to Support Homeless and At-Risk Children with Community Resources

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — [HALO](#), a nonprofit that helps homeless and at-risk children around the world, is the recipient of \$22,000 from Healthy Blue Missouri, a leading managed care provider, with community resources to help find food, housing, transportation, and more.

To make it easy for people to find important social services, HALO's community members will have access to Community Resource Link, a leading social care network through Healthy Blue, which provides individuals and families with free and reduced-cost social services in their communities. These programs include COVID-19-specific assistance, such as food delivery, help paying for bills, childcare and finding affordable school supplies.

The number of Kansas City homeless children has almost doubled in the past 10 years. This alarming statistic is why HALO and Healthy Blue Missouri have joined forces to address the ongoing need for accessing community resources to increase overall health and well-being for local youth.

"We are excited to collaborate with Healthy Blue Missouri to continue to provide our highest quality of care for children in the greatest need," said HALO Chief Program Officer Carly Schultze. "Community Resource Link will help us identify housing, food, utilities and other services for the hundreds of homeless and at-risk kids we support in the State of Missouri."

It can be hard to know where to go when you need a little extra help. Healthy Blue's Community Resource Link provides a customized list of organizations that can help connect community members with resources they may need, like food, housing, work, transportation and more.

"Healthy Blue is dedicated to advancing health in all its forms so all people can receive individualized care that brings them their most optimal level of health," said Jeff Davis, Healthy Blue Missouri President. "HALO puts homeless children on a path to a positive future, and we are grateful to provide them with the community resources needed to eliminate obstacles for our local youth in achieving better health outcomes."

In 2021, HALO programs served over 700 youth through transitional housing services, life skills training, recreational opportunities and relationship building. HALO programs partner with over 20 organizations and local school districts to help close the gap around the various needs of the at-risk youth population, empowering them to become contributing members of their Missouri communities.

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 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 serves nearly 3,000 children and supports 11 programs around the globe each year. It 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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