

KCIA FACE Team

December 2022 Monthly Report



Our Team



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FACE TEAM

Strategic Goal

Develop a family liaison team with systems to support the physical, emotional and academic needs of KCIA families, with the goal of increasing family and student access to education.

FACE Team Strategic Plan Objectives

- 1 Administer an annual needs/interest family survey to refine direction for parent education events and wrap around service offerings
- 2 Implement a minimum of 3 learning-focused family engagement activities per year
- 3 Maintain a Parent Advisory Committee that meets at least 2 times per year with at least 5 parent representatives in attendance
- 4 Implement academic focused family orientation sessions and/or home visits 3 times per year to strengthen family-school partnerships focused on academic learning.

FACE Team Resources and Services



Van Pickups

AM pickups for missed buses



Food Pantry & Back-Snacks

Resources for food scarcity and economic need



Caring Closet

Clothing, shoes, coats



Giving the Basics

Resources for toiletries and household items



Housing Assistance

For families in transition, seeking shelter



Health Supports

Connections to dental, vision, medical and mental health resources

December 2022 Key Numbers

100+

Van Pickups to supplement
bus transportation

1

Families assisted with
emergency shelter

6

Families assisted with clothing,
toiletries and emergency food
supplements

Coordinator & Liaison Reports



Alison Bennett

December is a short month but is jam packed with exciting things for us and our students. Mahamudi has an eye that is weak and tends to wander. I was able to take him to Hunter Family Vision for a recheck of his eyes from an appointment that he had last year at a different optometrist. The optometrist at Hunter provided extensive information to Mahamudi about how to help his eye get stronger. As you can see in the following pictures, he struggled to choose which glasses gave him his best look!

I took Nargis and her father to her dental appointment at University Health. While Nargis primarily uses a wheelchair here at school, her father was able to assist her in standing for her xrays. He was extremely thankful that I was able to pick him and Nargis up for the appointment when their transportation fell through. I have spent a lot of time with Nargis and although there are times that we struggle with communicating with our verbal language, her body language towards my asking questions of the dentist is quite telling.

Amir and his family spent several months in a shelter and were finally able to get their own permanent housing. One of the barriers that needed to be overcome was an outstanding electric bill. We were able to assist the family in getting this bill paid so that they could move into their new home with a fresh start. Just look at their happy faces!

Community resources were provided to several other families for utility assistance, housing and Christmas gifts for their children. Three families were able to utilize our Food Pantry to ensure that they had food while we were on break. After one final check for winter coats and mittens, our students were off to enjoy their break!

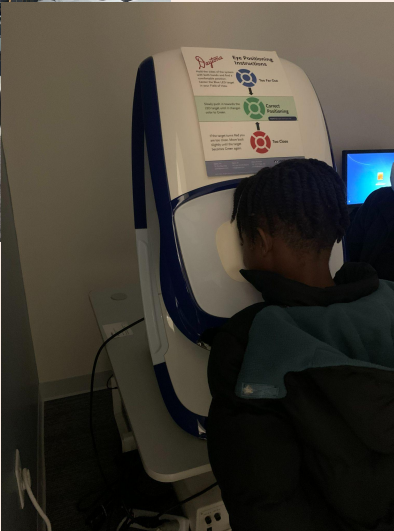


LaTeasha Randle

December was a short work month but the work and services provide for our families was very impactful. One of my main projects I worked was with a displaced family. Prior to the winter break I assisted the family with getting to a shelter in St. Joseph MO. Unfortunately placement was not the best. The family had to sleep on cots and meals weren't provided. Mom is also pregnant so sleeping on the floor was not an ideal situation. Mom was able to work with a local Kansas City shelter, so I helped again with ensuring the family was able to get back to Kansas City. I was really excited for this family and happy that they were able to celebrate the holiday season in a warm loving environment.

I was able to partner again this year with 816 Bikes. This organization donate recycled bikes and provide low income commuters a place where they can access tools, and learn how to do regular maintenance on their bikes. 816 Bikes was able to provide over 38 bikes and helmets to KCIA students. Several students from Rockhurst High School volunteered on December 17th to make sure that the bikes were delivered to these students. This is our second successful year of partnering with 816Bikes and Rockhurst students on this project. We are planning on partnering again this spring to get more bikes to KCIA students. I look forward to working with 816Bikes for years to come. This is such an awesome opportunity for several of our families but it's an even more amazing opportunity for some of our refugee families that have never had a bike of their own!

One student on my caseload was seen at Hunter Vision. I was really glad that he was seen because although he already wore glasses, we found out that his prescription was completely wrong. Hunter Vision is another great partnership I look forward to continuing. The student was able to select a pair of eyeglasses of his choice. He had several questions and staff was so patient and answered everyone of them! I was able to follow up with mom and she says he is doing a fantastic job taking care of his new glasses!



Nohemi Sanchez

I can't believe it's december already and we are about to start a new year, looking back to this past months, I am very overjoy and thankful to be part of the FACE Team and have the opportunity to help our families every day. Is very important to me that our families can feel supported and heard also them to know that they have a support system that will try their best to help them and provide resources to meet their needs and overcome their daily challenges.

This month my main focus was to contact families and ask if they need food,utility assistance,help with housing and clothes for winter break,since I knew that we were going to be out of school for 2 weeks. I assist three families with food and clothes, 1 family with housing and 1 family with medical appointments.

I also registered 16 students to receive bicycles during christmas break, they were really excited about it!



