



# Bethel Neighborhood Center



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## **Bethel Receives Another Significant Gift From The Hall Family Foundation**

Bethel Neighborhood Center (BNC) is excited to announce an exciting gift from the Hall Family Foundation in support of their capital campaign to build a health and wellness center gymnasium onsite at 14 S. 7th St. in Kansas City, Kansas. The Hall Family Foundation has awarded BNC a **\$200,000 grant**, which brings the campaign's total funds raised to **\$1,184,628.86**. The Hall Family Foundation, is a private philanthropic organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of human life, is based in Kansas City and has a long history of support for Bethel.

Sandra Olivas, Bethel Board Member, enthusiastically says, “on behalf the Bethel Board of Directors we want to express how extremely thankful we are for the Hall Family Foundation’s continued financial support for the great work that’s being done at BNC to improve the lives of Senior Citizens, children & their families. A new Wellness & Health Center will allow Bethel to expand its services and programs to help families with important preventative care and lifestyle choices that will assist in catching or avoiding harmful diseases in the future.” The new space means Bethel will be able to provide indoor recreation and exercise programs; hold community health fairs, clinics, and education seminars; offer multi-use event space to strengthen community ties; and provide an emergency shelter.

“It feels so great to know that the Hall Family Foundation believes in Bethel’s important mission to serve others,” says Bethel’s Executive Director, Mang Sonna. He continues, “our staff and volunteers are dedicated to making a positive difference one person and one family at a time. The need for help in our community continues to grow, so having a larger gathering space at the new Wellness Center for physical activities (walking, playing games etc.), health fairs, meetings and education seminars will allow us to help even more people in Wyandotte County, Kansas.”

For the past 111 years, BNC has been dedicated to empowering individuals to achieve a renewed sense of hope, wellness, and self-sufficiency. This mission is at the heart of the campaign to make health and wellness programs available to residents around the Bethel Neighborhood Center. Statistically, residents in Wyandotte County have ranked among the worst counties in the state of Kansas for health and life expectancy. Bethel has worked diligently to collaborate with several nonprofits in Kansas City, Kansas, to address the health, social, and economic needs of immigrants and refugees who are the most difficult group to reach in Wyandotte County.

For more about the good work of Bethel Neighborhood Center, visit [bethelcenter.org](http://bethelcenter.org). We welcome and encourage others to join in as we strive to reach our capital campaign goal of \$1.3 million. You may donate online at [www.bethelcenter.org/donate](http://www.bethelcenter.org/donate)

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