



The C.A.S.S. Program through the Siloam Springs High School is bringing blood, sweat, and skills to local needs & non-profits.

Senior high school students from the Career Academy of Siloam Springs - under the direction of teacher Brian McHaney - recently partnered with Kind at Heart.

Students in this hands-on training program built raised garden beds, extended a chicken coop, installed fencing, and completed a wheelchair ramp (to name a few things).

In total, they provided a cumulative 300 hours of volunteer support over the course of 6 weeks AND they had the opportunity to put their growing technical skills to the test. What a win-win for everyone involved!

Each of the 15 projects they completed was sponsored by a local business and/or ministry friend. When possible, the the project sponsor connected with the students at the beginning

of each day's work to provide wisdom and encouragement.

When asked about the experience, McHaney shared that it has been a great opportunity for the seniors in their program to give back to the community.

"This initiative with Kind at Heart aligns perfectly with our mission to equip students for future success in both the workforce and life's journey . . . I'm incredibly proud of our CASS II seniors."

The impact this group made in a few short weeks is pretty astonishing. So much so that we are already talking about what next year could look like!

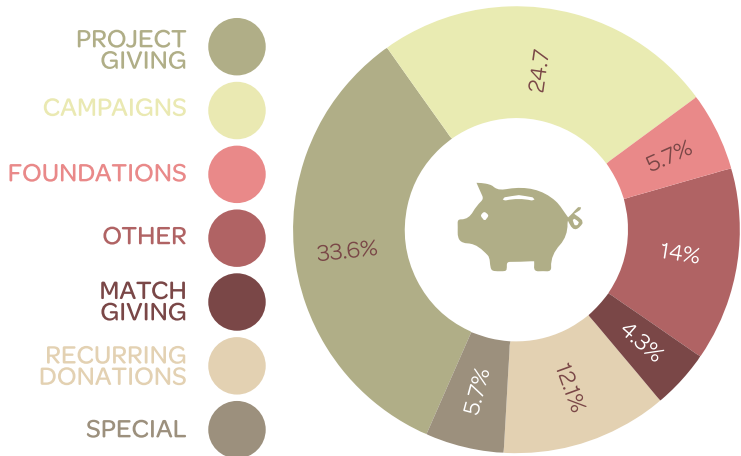
Thank you CASS students for your hard work! And thank you to all the project sponsors for making this possible through your generosity!

building on a solid FOUNDATION

Like many community and faith-based non-profits, Kind at Heart relies heavily on the generosity of local donors, churches, and businesses.

Government grants are unstable and have too many strings attached. Living on credit and accumulating debt is never the answer. And having seniors in need wait years on Medicaid approval - to potentially be denied help - only prolongs the struggle.

As we process around 350 applications for help annually, STEWARDSHIP is a guiding value as we evaluate how to meet those needs.



We believe we have been entrusted with other people's money and confidence. It is our responsibility to use this money wisely to accomplish our mission.

Here's a few ways we have implemented this value into mission accomplishment:

Kind at Heart operates on a "fund as you go" basis. A percentage of each project must have funding before moving forward to complete it.

We utilize volunteer skilled labor - individuals, men's groups, contractors - for as many ramp & remodels as possible.

Since 2015, a concerted effort has been made to apply for funding through local grants/foundations (\$750K cumulatively)

We partnered with Seismic Agency in 2021 to identify and apply for additional foundation/grant support.

An endowment fund was created in 2023, providing an approximate \$37K of annual income for the ministry.

Are you looking for a way to impact your local community for good?

We would be honored to steward your gift to serve the needs of local seniors! Please call our office at (479) 373-6281 or visit our website at www.kindatheart.org for more info.

Financial Highlights



2024: The **Blue & You Foundation of Arkansas** awards a \$10,000 grant to support materials costs for wheelchair ramps.



2024: We receive our first multi-state grant through the **Roy & Christine Sturgis Charitable and Educational Trust** (\$10K)



2023: A local anonymous foundation provides a large matching grant to support the establishment of an **endowment fund**.



2013: **DaySpring** initiates a **3-year partnership**, transforming the ministry & laying the groundwork for future growth.



100TH BIRTHDAY!!!

It's not every day you get to celebrate someone's 100th birthday. What an honor it was to love on Gertrude and make her a beautiful German chocolate cake. Happy birthday, friend!



"LOVE SILOAM" A SUCCESS

What a privilege to be part of Love Siloam, a community day of service where volunteers come together to serve city-wide. So many seniors were impacted by those who chose to serve. Over 204 hours of volunteer service benefitted our local seniors through ramp staining, yard cleanup, and general upkeep.



For more info, check out www.lovesiloam.com

Love Siloam



Introducing the legacy pavilion



The Siloam Springs Chamber of Commerce held a special ribbon cutton for the new Legacy Pavilion at Leola's Garden on September 20th.

There are so many key businesses and individuals who we have to thank for making this space possible! The pavilion is already being used as a gathering place and work space for the garden. We look forward to the MANY conversations, events, and gardening seasons to take place here.

PAVILION CHAMPIONS



NEW LIFE CHURCH



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When Maria (pictured on the left) broke her hip, Dr. Coker of Ozark Orthopaedics “prescribed” swimming as a form of rehab.

But driving was just too difficult, and life with new mobility challenges was discouraging. So, even though it would aid her recovery, going to the JBU pool was the last thing she wanted to do.

That is, until Laurie Norris - Kind at Heart volunteer and Silver Sneakers member - championed her participation.

Those two have made quite a few trips to the pool since that day. They’ve laughed together and they walked through times of

grief together. After all, that’s what friends do.

Laurie has become a lifeline for many Kind at Heart seniors over the past few years.

She spends around 10-15 hours per week supporting the Encouragement Program through one-on-one visits, helping with Friday Gatherings, and simply leaning into friendship.

Thank you, Laurie! We have all been impacted by your servant’s heart!

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

LAURIE