



## Robert G. (Bob) Bethell Joint Committee on Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) & KanCare Oversight

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# Supporting Kansas Communities (sunflowerhealthplan.com)



Sunflower has been local and invested in Kansas communities since 2013.



Transforming the health of the community, one person at a time.

## 2023 Community Impact Report

Sunflower is proud to give back to the communities we call home. Over the past 10 years, we've partnered with 300+ organizations throughout Kansas,



giving \$2 million in sponsorships to address the needs of our members in areas such as food, transportation, employment, housing and access to needed care.

[Read the Report \(PDF\)](#)

## Investing in Kansas Communities

Giving back is part of our culture. With local staff, members and partners across the state, raising funds, volunteering and supporting our communities is crucial to how we strive to transform the health and well-being of Kansans.

We have three areas of focus for our community giving:

- **Social determinants of health:** food insecurity, education, transportation and housing needs
- **Equity:** healthcare disparities/inequities among BIPOC, LGBTQ+, foster care and other underrepresented populations.
- **Capacity building:** workforce shortages and barriers to care

Sunflower endeavors to go beyond traditional sponsorship with our community giving, viewing partner projects and efforts as opportunities to invest in our communities and ignite systemic change. We connect with innovative partners doing amazing work throughout Kansas, supporting their work and collaborating to maximize our combined expertise to truly drive improvement to the health of our communities.

Learn More

- [About Sunflower](#)
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## Kansans Serving Kansas

Meet Sunflower Care Manager **Lea Ann** who demonstrated exceptional dedication when she took proactive steps to support a deaf member.

There were communication challenges within the member's circle of support. But when someone shared an American Sign Language (ASL) class with the provider and copied Lea Ann as his care manager, she promptly enrolled in the eight-week ASL class.

Even though the provider opted to not participate, Lea Ann's commitment to learning basic sign language ensured effective communication with the member. This initiative reflects Lea Ann's consistent commitment to going above and beyond for the members she supports!

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# Kansans Serving Kansas

At Sunflower Health Plan, we are Kansans. And we love our mission of serving other Kansans!

From everyday triumphs to transformative journeys, these narratives offer a glimpse into the ways our members and partners inspire us.

Join us in celebrating the power of connection, growth and shared experiences that make our community a vibrant mosaic of victories. Seeing Kansans succeed is why we love what we do!

North West

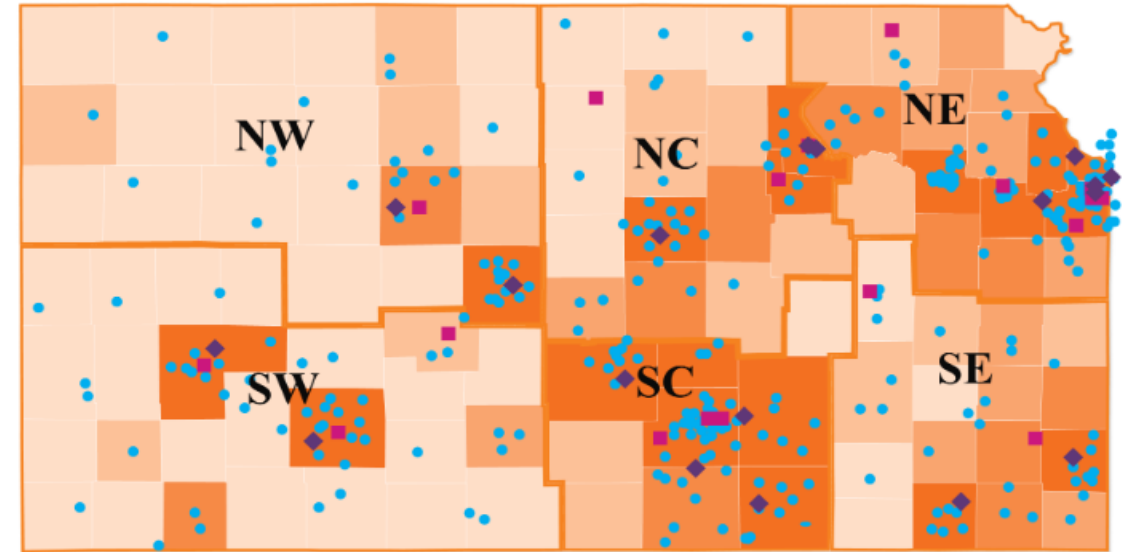
North Central

North East

South West

South Central

South East



## Map Key

● Care Coordinators - 323 Employee Locations

■ Community Health Workers - 18 Employee Locations

◆ LifeShare Navigators - 18 Employee Locations

## Members Heat Map Key

Lightest orange: Less than or equal to 250

Light orange: Between 251 and 500

Medium orange: Between 501 and 1000

Dark orange: Between 1001 and 1500

Darkest orange: Greater than 1501

# Sunflower Rural Health Fair: Holton – March 2024

## Activities Included:

- Dental and Vision Screenings
  - 18 Dental Screenings; 33 Vision Screenings
- Health Risk Screenings (10 completed)
- A1C Testing and Immunizations
- Partnership with Holton Community Hospital, Grace Med, Heartland, and Heart to Heart International



# Sunflower Rural Health Fair: Great Bend – June 2024

- Approximately 400 participants
- 22 Providers
- Partnership with Heart of Kansas Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)
- Vision:
  - Screenings – 168
  - Prescription Glasses – 106
  - Reading Glasses - 24
- Other Services:
  - Dental Screenings
  - Hearing Tests
  - Spinal Evaluations
  - Health Risk Assessments
  - A1C Testing
  - Lead Screening
  - Blood Pressure Checks
  - Information about Mental Health, SUD, WIC, Farm Worker Program and other services





## Provider Accessibility Initiative (PAI)

Sunflower Health Plan is partnering with the National Council on Independent Living (NCIL) to assist our providers with removing barriers to accessibility at their practice by creating the Barrier Removal Fund (BRF) program. There is \$100,000 available for grants.

The goal of this program is to increase the percentage of participating providers meeting the minimum federal and state disability access standards by providing grant funds for items or modifications such as accessible exam tables, accessible dental chairs, electronic door openers, alternative lighting, etc.

Three Kansas Long Term Supports & Services (LTSS) provider representatives have agreed to serve on the selection committee.

The deadline for grant requests is June 28, 2024. More information may be found on our website: <https://www.sunflowerhealthplan.com/providers/resources/pai-2024.html>