Hope with Gratitude
KSPHQ 2022 ANNUAL REPORT
Dear KSPHQ Friends and Family,

The last year has been one of recovery and resilience. As the world emerged from the COVID-19 pandemic, we saw trends continuing to reflect a decline in mental health in Kansas and throughout the U.S. We also saw a large shift in understanding and improved access to behavioral health services across the country. Your advocacy and generosity brought these vital services to Kansans when they needed it most. Thank you for your dedication to this work.

At KSPHQ, we celebrated 2022 as a year of gratitude and growth. Together, we successfully launched 988 as the nationwide 3-digit number for mental health crisis and suicide prevention services, providing support to over 26,000 callers. We grew our team by 27 new staff, expanding our outreach, and offering education and trainings to more Kansas communities.

We also grieved the loss of one of our founders, John Trewolla. When John and his peers started HeadQuarters in 1969, they opened its doors with the intention of cultivating a safe space rooted in acceptance and nonjudgmental listening. They could not have predicted the immense impact and amount of growth HeadQuarters would realize 53 years later.

As I reflect on and celebrate our history, I appreciate it for bringing us here today, and how far it will take us in the future. It doesn’t matter what society might demand; KSPHQ will always find itself in a position to provide the services that all Kansans need. As all of us at KSPHQ look to the year ahead, I want to invite you to be a part of our community of hope.

With gratitude,

Steve Devore

President & CEO
KSPHQ
Mission Statement
We provide vital services in moments of need to support safety, reduce suicide, and build resilience across Kansas.

Our Vision
All Kansans feel connected, and live healthy, hopeful lives.

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Financial Update

KSPHQ’s 2022 revenue consisted of restricted and unrestricted funding sources (as illustrated above). The organization received just over $4 million in restricted grants as well as general funding. In addition to routine operating expenses, this year included a $450,000 facility expansion, an increase in personnel, and enhanced benefits packages for staff.

Personnel expenses were just under $2,000,000.00 for the year with over 50 full-time and hourly employees. The additional personnel and 13,000 square foot facility expansion support increased call volumes, therapy services, and community partnerships.

Our employees’ livelihood and service reach would not be possible without the financial support of our donors and state and county agreements. We are tremendously grateful for their continued support.

Financial Summary
Launch of 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

On July 16, 2022 the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (NSPL) formally transitioned to 988 as the nationwide 3-digit number for mental health crisis and suicide prevention services. Nationwide, phone calls to 988 are routed by the caller’s area-code and the next three numbers to a local Lifeline Contact Center. Kansans are served by three Lifeline Contact Centers: Kansas Suicide Prevention HQ, COMCARE of Sedgwick County, and Johnson County Mental Health Center, and recently, HealthSource Integrated Solutions.

The crisis lifeline has always been answered and operated by compassionate individuals, but until last year, the reality was that we didn’t have the capacity to answer every call. Thanks to additional funding, we have been able to increase our answer rate by over 20% since 2020.

In 2022, KSPHQ answered 26,306 calls.

Lifeline Answer Rates

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Volunteers

- 60 new Crisis Counselors trained and onboarded
- 6 training groups

988 Team Development

2022 New Hires

- 911/Law Enforcement Liaison
- Behavioral Health Liaison
- Coalition & Policy Coordinator
- Chat Training Coordinator
- Call Room & Clinic Manager
- Business Manager
- Program Assistant
- Chat Support Liaison
- Teen Line Liaison
- Marketing Communications Team
- Additional Call & Chat Specialists
- Chat Training Coordinator
The Chat program can be accessed by texting 988 or using the chat feature on KSPHQ’s website. While the method of communication is unique, processes for Chat are similar to those in the call room. A series of questions are asked to determine whether the client is safe or thinking about suicide. The chat counselor is trained to de-escalate but always has access to a supervisor.

In 2022, KSPHQ expanded Chat operating hours from 10AM-10PM to 8AM-Midnight. To accommodate the increase in Chat volume and hours, we onboarded several staff. The new positions allow us to have a team member dedicated to training, resulting in an increased capacity for continued education and refresher courses. Additionally, our Chat Support Liaison offers support to all of the counselors and maintains morale.

In 2022, Bert Nash Community Mental Health Center developed Douglas County’s Mobile Response Team (MRT). The team consists of therapists, case managers, and a peer support specialist. KSPHQ has received approximately 40 MRT referrals since 988’s launch in September of 2022.

How It Works
When a caller connects to the crisis line (whether by dialing 988 or the local line, 785-841-2345), the first thing that will happen is they will speak with a counselor who will try to de-escalate the situation and assess their safety.

Cases that can’t be de-escalated over the phone go through a mobile response screen.

When a caller is displaying an imminent risk of suicide or harm to others, 911 is called and police or emergency services get involved.

When the situation is less dire, a KSPHQ trained supervisor will obtain consent from the caller and make a referral to the Mobile Response Team.

Chat Program
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Chat Team
- 5 Supervisors (3 added)
- 4 Volunteers (3 added)
- 8 Staff Members (5 added)
- 1 Chat Training Coordinator
- 1 Chat Support Liaison
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KANSAS SUICIDE PREVENTION RESOURCE CENTER

Trainings Held: **73**
- Community
- Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST)
- Kansas Department of Health & Environment (KDHE)
- Zero Suicide Initiative
- Sources of Strength
- School-Based
- Conferences

**Individuals Trained: 2,100**

Learn More
For more information and to register for trainings scan the QR code or visit www.ksphq.org/trainings

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In February 2022, KSPHQ participated in Mental Health Advocacy Day. Mental Health Advocacy Day is hosted by the Kansas Mental Health Coalition. The event supports consumers, family members, providers, and advocates in becoming more informed on mental health policy issues so they can engage and provide education to their legislators.

Our Vice President of Prevention and Policy provided one of the education opportunities on the 988 Crisis Hotline and Suicide Prevention to Mental Health Advocacy Day attendees.

Mental Health Advocacy Day creates an avenue for people who are impacted by mental health struggles and those within their various support systems to engage at the legislative level to create change that has positive and sustainable impact on this community.

The Kansas Suicide Prevention Coalition Executive Committee members were elected in April 2022. The Coalition also finalized their bylaws, began reviewing the State Suicide Prevention Plan, and provided educational opportunities to its members on topics such as 988 implementation in Kansas, youth engagement, suicide prevention resources, data sources, and more. Most importantly, they provided a platform for all Kansans working to prevent suicide, a virtual space to come together.

In May of 2022, a Coalition & Policy Coordinator was hired to support the Coalition’s members and Executive Committee in their mission to “champion suicide prevention for all Kansans through equitable access to partnerships, advocacy, resources, ideas, and data.”
Art Of Hope 2022

On November 19, KSPHQ hosted our second annual Art of Hope Gala. The auction raised over $20,000, making it the most successful fundraising event in KSPHQ history. We’re humbled by the generosity of 2022’s contributing artists, donors & volunteers. Thank you for your gifts, time, and talents in support of suicide prevention and crisis services throughout the entire state.
From each of us here at KSPHQ, thank you!
**2023 Look Aheads**

**Teen Line**

KSPHQ's peer-to-peer program, in which youth in the community will be trained to support other youth, aims to launch in the summer of 2023.

In July of 2022, the Teen Support Liaison position was created to develop continuity across the teen line, chat, and call center programs. Last year’s efforts were focused on creating policy as well as the development of program and recruitment processes. As we enter 2023, we are excited to have filled the Teen Line Program Coordinator role to organize and supervise volunteers, and look forward to hiring a Training Coordinator to oversee and streamline training.

**911 Call Diversion Program**

In 2022, KSPHQ successfully coordinated the implementation of the Douglas County Crisis Line. With the increased need for expertise to develop and oversee a successful program, KSPHQ hired Call Supervisors to improve care coordination. Leadership also internally promoted a team member to fill the role of Crisis Line Director. We are anticipating the launch of the 911 Call Diversion Program in spring 2023.
Thank you to all of our KSPHQ Friends & Family for your invaluable support. We look forward to the year and work to come. Together, we inspire, strengthen, and create a community of hope.

Community of hope

Thank You, 2022 Supporters & Partners

Bank Midwest
CC’s Cookie Co
CEK Insurance
Cans for The Community
Carl’s Cause
Countryside Golf Course
Custom Mobile Equipment, Inc.
Douglas County Community Foundation members
Dr. Ranjbar Orthodontics DDS
Envisa Credit Union
Fields & Ivy Brewery
GCSAA
Glaser Williams
Jenna Logan, Vibe Event Space & Studio
Jewish Community Foundation
Kansas Department for Aging & Disability Services
Kansas Department of Health and Environment
Lawrence Women’s Network
Maceli’s Banquet Hall & Catering
Maggie’s Farm
McCarthy Auto Group
Messner Bee Farm
Michelle & Leon Fales Family
Riverside Technologies, Inc (RTI)
Russel Stover Candies
Southern Accents
State of Kansas Attorney General
T-Mobile
Resources

Need to talk? Call anytime. 24/7, 365.
Anyone can call for any reason. All calls are confidential.

KSPHQ/Douglas County
Local Crisis Line
785-841-2345

Online Chat
ksphq.org/help

Suicide & Crisis Lifeline
9-8-8

Texting
Text “HELP” to 9-8-8

Give Hope

Want to make a donation?
Scan the QR Code or visit:
www.ksphq.org/donate

Interested in becoming a volunteer counselor? Scan the QR code or visit:
www.ksphq.org/get-involved/

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Mailing Address:
Kansas Suicide Prevention HQ
P.O. Box 999, Lawrence, Kansas 66044

Admin. Office:
785-841-9900

Street Address:
2110 Delaware Street
Lawrence, KS, 66046

Local Crisis Line:
785-841-2345

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