



Sanford Center

Building Community

**2019
Annual
Report**





Mission Statement

At the Sanford Center, we strive to offer services and programs that build character in children and youth. We also assist families with community issues and challenges they face. We believe the foundation for character building is practicing and modeling the common good. We do this by becoming personally involved in the lives of children and their families. We serve them as if they were members of our family.

Core Values

Respect: By embracing and honoring diversity, we operate in a spirit of cooperation that values human dignity.

Passion: We put our heart and soul into those we serve in order to help them achieve their best.

Commitment: It is our obligation to care, so we provide the best services and resources available. Our goal is to affect lives in a positive way.

Relationships: We provide an atmosphere of trust and security – one where participants can share freely.

Community: We are a place of collaboration where we share information so that we can meet the needs of living life with respect for one another.

Dear Friends of the Sanford Center:

2018 was a year of transition for the Sanford Center and your support has helped with the many challenges! I am pleased to report that the Sanford Center has been accepted as part of the Rolling Hills Mental Health Region to provide intervention services to more than 100 students in the Sioux City Community School District.

At the start of the 2019-20 school year, our agency in collaboration with the Stella Sanford Child Care Center, will begin providing Before School Care for low income families from the Westside of Siouxland. This will be a service to allow parents the opportunity work an earlier shift if needed.

We look forward to the continuation of much needed improvements within our facility, which will provide even more opportunities to expand our impact in the community.

We are Building Community!

None of this would be possible without the strong support of the people from the Siouxland Community investing of their time, talent and financial resources with generosity. Thank You!

As you read and hear of the stories of the members that have been changed inside and out, we hope that you will be moved to support us in 2019 and beyond. We believe that once we begin a relationship, that relationship never ends. We will strive to do our best to ensure that whomever we are serving will become a better person. We treat them as our own.

Best Wishes in 2019,
Fitz Grant – Executive Director

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CHILDREN
ENROLLED

After School Program

After School Program is the place where we ensure that our elementary children are socially and emotionally prepared.

With the ability to connect with children on a holistic approach by teaching life and social skills, we help our children develop a strong relationship with adults, a sense of worth, positive peer relationships, leadership and decision making skills which lead to a productive life.

Most of all we connect our children with positive role models and volunteers who care about them. We help parents by picking children up from school and taking them home after the program.



AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

We have children in our After School Program whose family recently moved from Chicago, a family of six that had to leave everything behind because it cost too much to bring it along. While here both the mother and the father lost their jobs; therefore, they lost their home and were struggling to meet the most basic needs. How we've impacted this family is by providing a safe place for the kids to go after school. The Sanford Center After School Program, along with school, were the stability in these four children's lives. We offer a snack, warm meal, tutoring (especially important to keep the children focused on their academics while dealing with their family situation) and a fun place to be before giving them a ride home. Because of our partnerships with the community and United Way, we were able to help this family by giving a food basket for Thanksgiving, set them up with Shop with a Cop, provide the food they needed, mattresses and bed frames from a community donor and Toys for Tots gifts for Christmas.

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My Summer at the Sanford Center

This is the best summer. I like all the things that we did in the Sanford Center. I am good at everything... I was the best.

for the ocean to touch you
- Sylvia Earle

Clownfish & Anemones



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JUNIOR
STAFF

We are proud to host one of the most inexpensive summer programs in Sioux City. Running seven weeks, Monday through Friday, it gives participants plenty of new beginnings.

From rock climbing to roller skating, field trips to nearby communities, we introduce children to new and unique experiences.

We bring in guest speakers to discuss career opportunities, participate in Boys & Girls Scout camp, offer special classes in math, reading and cooking. We teach history through a partnership with Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center and attend art classes at the local Art Center. We travel to the Butterfly Museum and Washington Pavillion in Sioux Falls.

A special treat at the end of summer is the Amazing Pizza Machine in Omaha.

SUMMER PROGRAM

We met Keith when he was in kindergarten. He was very shy, closed off and wouldn't speak or interact much with anyone. Later we found out that he was diagnosed as autistic and only knew about 25 words. During the summer Keith watched us play football. He seemed interested in playing but was afraid to interact. He finally came up to me and said, "Quarterback!" I figured that meant he wanted to throw the ball. This is when Keith started coming out of his shell. For the next few weeks we could see Keith start to interact more and more

with the other kids in the program. By the end of the summer Keith was speaking and interacting with more than one adult. His mom was more than delighted with Keith's progress and inquired about other programs at the Sanford Center. She signed Keith and his siblings up for our After School Program immediately.

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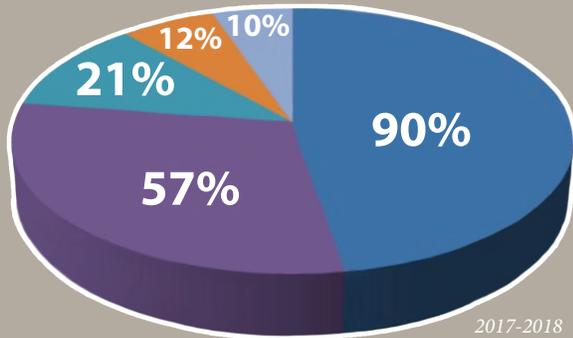


125 students on caseloads

The Prevention Outreach Program is one of our signature programs. It provides workers in elementary, middle and high schools in the Sioux City Community School District. Our Outreach Specialists have anywhere from 20 to 25 students on their caseloads. By bridging the gaps between home, school, law enforcement and social services, Outreach Specialists are able to intervene before major problems occur. They track academics, behavior issues and most importantly, reach out to students and parents at their homes.



SANFORD CENTER OUTREACH PROGRAM



2017-2018

■ 90% are High School Graduates

Of those 90%:

■ Attending College

■ Vocational Ed

■ Working

■ Moved

PREVENTION OUTREACH PROGRAM

I am a former member of the Sanford Center Outreach Program and currently work with the kids in the Outreach Program. In the mid 1990s I was deeply involved in a very dangerous gang life. I was heading straight for destruction until I met Sanford Center staff. I immediately felt a deep connection. Constant guidance and the loving family environment of the Sanford Center brought me back from the abyss. I knew that if I didn't change my behavior I would end up dead or in jail for the rest of my life. The Sanford Center allowed me to evolve from a hard-headed gangster to a respectable young man. For that I am deeply appreciative. We need more places like the Sanford Center for at risk youth. I can honestly say if it wasn't for the staff guidance, positive reinforcement and encouragement I would have forgotten my goals and dreams and stayed in the "street life" to which I was accustomed.

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220 families receive Thanksgiving Baskets

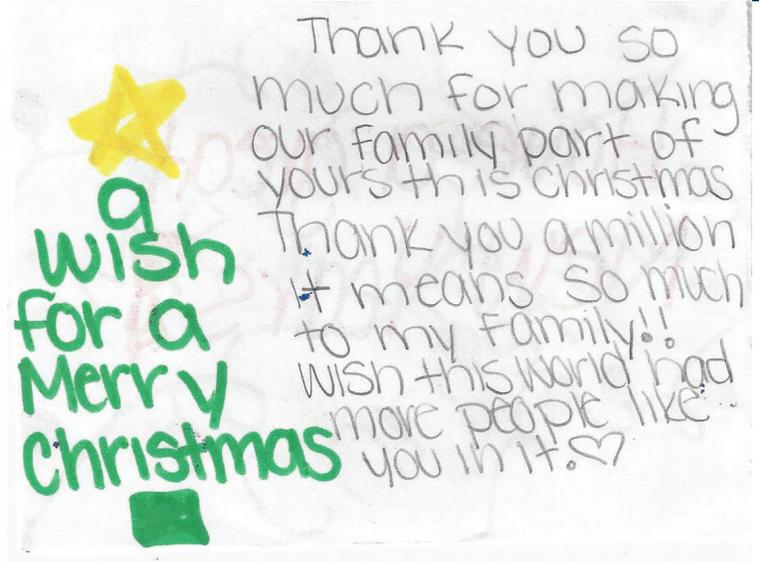


600 plus families register to receive Toys for Tots



24 children Shop with a Cop

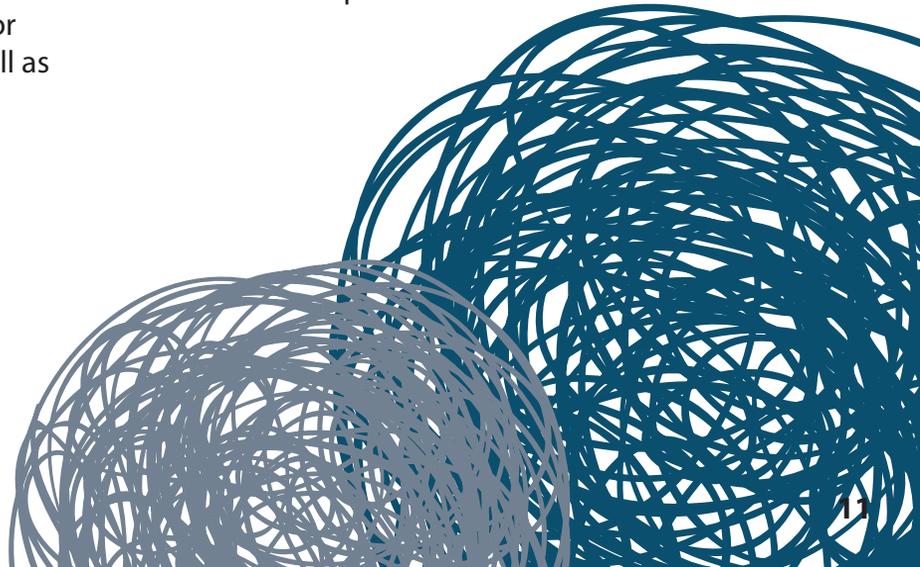
We are obligated to serve those in need when the time comes. We are an agency that values the common good of each and every person. We treat all with dignity and respect.



10 families receive Christmas gifts

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- Sioux City Community Schools provides some office supplies, office space, computers, lunches and snacks.
- Boy and Girl Scouts provide volunteer leaders, supplies and Scout curriculum.
- Jackson Recovery works with our members on drug education.
- Morningside College - volunteers
- Briar Cliff University - volunteers
- Food Bank of Siouxland provides food items for the After School and Summer Programs, as well as food baskets.
- Juvenile Probation works with us when a child may be on an informal probation.
- Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center provides hands on activities for the After School and Summer Program children.
- Community volunteers work with our children throughout the entire year providing role modeling, special activities and special relationships.



PREPARING STUDENTS FOR THEIR FUTURE



100 Students
Two Sessions
Fall and Spring

Through a partnership with New Horizon Tutoring Service we offer an extremely affordable, seven-week prep program for students. Students come from all four Sioux City high schools, Hinton, Elk Point-Jefferson, Lawton, South Sioux City and Sgt. Bluff.

Students work with tutors to prepare for the college entrance examination. Last year, one of our students scored 33 out of 36 on the ACT. Several of our tutors have gone on to Ivy League schools, including Harvard.



One of the components of our Outreach Program is giving back to the community. We encourage our students that have received Outreach services to come back to the Sanford Center to mentor children currently in any of our programs.

Students may come back as a speaker about their experiences in growing up and how they used the Sanford Center programs to make changes in their lives.

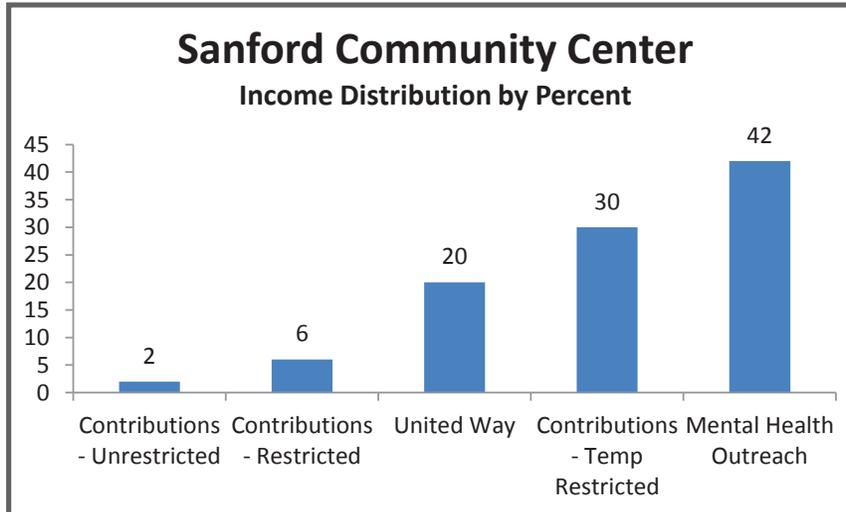
High school students may spend quality time with children in the After School Program or may visit an elementary school to talk about middle school or high school. They also help with distributing Thanksgiving baskets for families that need help at holiday time.

Children aging out of the Summer Program come back as junior staff to assist staff with the younger children all summer.



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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	2017	2016
Total Support & Revenue	690,100	658,207
Total Expenses	627,437	638,800
Net Assets, Beg of Year	450,214	430,807
Net Assets, End of Year	512,877	450,214

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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SPECIAL EVENTS



April Orpheum

Cindy Waitt

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*Kind World Foundation
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Violence Prevention*



TexMex Taco Feed

Rudy Navarette



Rudy Lee Memorial
Golf Tournament
Flora Lee & Family

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