$1.6 million grant project will reduce violence and improve health in KCK
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The Kansas City, Kansas Youth Violence Project aims to study the health risks in neighborhoods exposed to high rates of violence. Dr. Jomella Watson-Thompson, Ph.D., an Associate Professor of Applied Behavioral Science and Associate Director at the KU Center for Community Health and Development, announced the program last month. Her department at the University of Kansas recently received a four-year, U.S. Health and Human Services grant.

The study recognizes many factors contribute to neighborhood violence, so it focuses on addressing the social determinants or underlying root causes of the problem: employment, education and access to resources and social connectedness. “We don’t want to stop anything that is in place, but we do want to be more intentional and strategic with how we can impact both youth and the community,” said Watson-Thompson.

The project will collaborate with multiple agencies and groups in Kansas City, Kansas working across the spectrum of these social determinants.

RDA Annual Meeting to celebrate volunteers and honor outgoing Board members
by Kimberly Hunter

At RDA’s annual meeting on Tuesday, December 19 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM in the Koch Community Center located at 1401 Southwest Boulevard, Rosedale is invited to celebrate RDA’s 72nd year serving the Rosedale community and honor the volunteers and community partners who help move RDA’s mission forward.

This friendly event will include refreshments, an awards ceremony, an overview of RDA’s 2017 goals and organizational priorities and opportunities to provide feedback and express appreciation for RDA’s outgoing Board Members.

Staff and AmeriCorps service members at the Rosedale Development Association depend on a dynamic Board of Directors for critical elements of their community work, such as fundraising, goal-setting, and implementing a strategic plan. This year, RDA will bid farewell to five Board members who have served Rosedale in this way. These include Bob Roddy (Chair), Mark Muñoz (Vice Chair), Carol O’Neal (Secretary), Darel Serda, and John Hombbeck. Several are leaving only because RDA’s bylaws stipulate no Board member may serve more than a total of seven consecutive years. RDA thanks them for their service and dedication.

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To learn more, RSVP, request a carpool, share a ride, or note appreciation for an RDA volunteer or program, contact Alissa at 913-677-5097 or alissa@rosedale.org.
Rosedale Arch Club presents: 12 days of year-end giving
by Alissa Workman
In November, RDA was positively overwhelmed by the support they received for Feeds-A-Family Thanksgiving baskets. Without a doubt, the Rosedale community comes together to help neighbors in need. As this year draws to an end, many will seek purposeful gift ideas as well as ways to give tax-deductible donations. So as 2018 approaches, RDA seeks the following to jumpstart their community-centered goals for the New Year:
1. Become a monthly donor. Whether one gives up the cost of a cup of coffee or a meal out, this dependable, recurring gift empowers RDA to plan for the future.
2. Make a one-time gift to support the mission of RDA and the services we provide.
3. Volunteer in the RDA office during our regular business hours.
4. Adopt an ongoing program by being a youth sports coach, RISE reader, neighborhood clean-up or garden leader, trail steward, and more.
5. Earn monetary credits for RDA white shopping at Smile.Amazon.com
6. Donate items RDA uses often, such as office supplies and healthy snacks for youth sports.
7. Share love for RDA and Rosedale on social media, encourage friends to join the mailing list and/or learn more about RDA.
8. Join or help restart a neighborhood association.
9. Ask friends to contribute to RDA in lieu of gifts this holiday season.
10. Follow RDA on social media and sign up for our e-newsletter.
11. Attend RDA’s annual meeting on December 19 and learn how RDA aims to partner with community members in 2018.
12. Publicize RDA events in the community by calling a phone tree or posting flyers.

To learn more, contact Alissa Wardlaw at alissa@rosedale.org.

Rosedale Arch Club
First ever Hallmark hospital gift shop now open in KU Med Center
pulled by Deanna Wardlaw from Hallmark Cards, Inc.
Hallmark Cards, Inc. recently opened its first ever hospital gift shop in the lobby of the main hospital building of The University of Kansas Health System. The gift shop contains many products from Hallmark as well as Kansas City artists.
**“We strongly believe in the power between emotional wellness and physical well-being. We hope this store can be a place for patients, their families, and campus employees to take a moment to recharge and discover meaningful ways to connect with others,” said John Watson, president of Hallmark Retail.**

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KCKHA: Smoke-free living policy begins January 1
by Emily Arong
January 1 will ring in not only the New Year but also a new residential no-smoking policy for the Kansas City Kansas Housing Authority (KCKHA). In 2018, anyone residing, visiting, or working in a KCKHA property must refrain from smoking inside buildings. This will require persons wishing to smoke to be at least 25 feet away from KCKHA buildings.
In the past few months, Healthy Communities Wyandotte (WCHWCO) has been educating Rosedaleans about the policy. Some tenants, like Carmen Siers of Rosedale Towers, have already implemented a no-smoking zone in their private living quarters because of health conditions that could be aggravated by second-hand smoke.
But as Tobacco Free Wyandotte Coordinator, Rebecca Garza explains, “This property-wide policy is necessary because if a heavy smoker lives next door, smoke can waft into a resident’s home through vents and trigger an asthma attack or cause other complications. In an extreme case, smoking could cause one resident’s oxygen tank to explode, leading to many types of damage.” In addition to causing health problems, residential smoking damage also costs KCCHAs thousands of dollars to rehabilitate a housing unit for a new tenant.

To please help notify friends, family and neighbors who may be affected by this new policy. And remember, while the no-smoking policy does not require smokers to quit in order to rent a KCKHA residence, if someone does seek to quit, WCHWCO is equipped to assist and lists resources here: hvcoyo.com/quitsm.

Register for ACA by December 15!
by Kimberly Hunter
Open enrollment for healthcare coverage through the Affordable Care Act continues through December 15. RDA encourages residents to register as soon as possible rather than wait until the last day. The beginning rush of applicants is now over, so today is a great time to register while lines are short.

To learn more, contact a Certified Application Counselor of the Community Health Council at 913-735-9508 or visit healthcare.gov/enroll-wyandotte.

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