2020-2021 UWGK Program Description

211 East Tennessee Information and Referral
Ms. Dottie Lyvers
P.O. Box 51650
Knoxville, TN 37950
For service dial: 2-1-1 or 865-251-4211
http://www.tn211.mycommunitypt.com/

Non-Emergency Telephone Line for Social Service Information
211 is an easy to remember telephone number and Internet portal that provides free, confidential multilingual information and referral services that connect residents in need with a full range of appropriate community, social, health and government services including housing, food, health facilities, legal and tax assistance, child care, and volunteer opportunities.

American Red Cross of East Tennessee $210,000
Ms. Sharon Hudson, Executive Director
6921 Middlebrook Pike
Knoxville, TN 37909
584-2999
http://www.redcross.org/tn/knoxville

Health - Community Preparedness $75,000
When a loved one’s heart stops or a drowning child is pulled from the water no longer-breathing, a Red Cross-trained family member or bystander can mean the difference between life and death. Red Cross health and safety training teaches participants to recognize and respond appropriately to cardiac, breathing and first-aid emergencies. Community Preparedness program aims to train as many people as possible so that, when emergencies occur, empowered individuals are available, ready to use their skills to save lives and build healthier, safer and more resilient communities.

Financial Stability - Disaster Cycle Services $90,000
Every year, the American Red Cross responds to over 62,000 disasters and delivers help, hope and healing to hundreds of thousands of people. This reach is possible because the Red Cross is in communities across the country before a disaster strikes focusing on preparedness, response and recovery through our Disaster Cycle Services program. The Red Cross remains a resource to families and communities in the weeks and months following a disaster to help connect those in need to available resources.

Financial Stability - Service to Armed Forces $45,000
Our nation’s service men and women and their families experience unique challenges associated with military life. The American Red Cross provides critical assistance and resources to service members, veterans and their families. Deployments, family emergencies and physical and mental injuries create a unique set of needs that are supported by a platform of integrated services such as emergency communications, mental health support, workshops and referrals.

The Arc Knox County $117,500
Ms. Judy Wohlwend, Executive Director
3000 North Central Street
Knoxville, TN 37917
546-9431
http://www.sunshinekarc.com
Health – Beta Homes $40,000
Beta Homes provides a safe and nurturing home with structure and supervision to provide stability to the men and women with a mental illness and/or intellectual disability who live there. The emphasis on physical and mental health maximizes their ability to live successfully in the community. The goal of increased good health also ensures greater integration within with their community and minimizes hospitalizations for mental health issues.

Financial Stability – Independent Living $20,000
The Independent Living Program teaches independent living skills to adults with intellectual disabilities who live and work in the community. These skills include budgeting, problem-solving, decision making, social skills, and home and personal care skills. The training is individualized and based on the needs and skill level of each person, with a goal of helping each one achieves the highest level of independence of which they are capable.

Education – Sunshine Early Intervention $37,500
Sunshine Early Intervention provides developmental therapy services to children with special needs aged birth to three and their families. Early Intervention Specialists, working closely with parents and caregivers, aid those individuals to teach developmental skills to each child in order to maximize development and achieve developmental milestones. With the goal of having each child ready for preschool at age three, Sunshine Early Intervention promotes awareness and collaboration in Knox County with agencies such as Tennessee Early Intervention System and other community agencies in Knox County.

Financial Stability – Sunshine Industries $20,000
Sunshine Industries provide vocational training for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities through work on various contracts in a factory setting. Workers learn good work habits while gaining experience working on different contracts, increasing their versatility and productivity over time. They also earn regular paychecks based on their production, which contributes to their self-esteem and increases their ability to live more independently.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of East Tennessee $190,000
Mr. Brent Waugh, Chief Executive Officer
The Regas Building
318 North Gay Street, Suite 100
Knoxville, TN 37917
523-2179
http://www.tennesseebig.org

Education – Mentor 2.0 $50,000
Mentor 2.0 is technology-enriched, email supported one-to-one youth mentoring program directly targeting high school students. The program will support high-impact mentoring relationships, aimed at providing high school students with the support and guidance they need to graduate high school and succeed in college and the workforce.

Education – One-to-One Mentoring $140,000
This program uses three one-to-one mentoring strategies to pair a mentor with a child to act as a friend and role model. The pair may engage in community activities together three times a month, or the mentor will visit the child during school hours every week at the school for lunch, reading, doing homework, or playing games.
Boy Scouts of America, GSMC $90,000
Mr. David Williams, Scout Executive
1333 Old Weisgarber Road
Knoxville, TN 37909
588-6514
http://www.easttnscouts.org

Education – ScoutReach $90,000
ScoutReach funding provides assistance to individuals experiencing challenges which prevent them from thriving under a traditional Scouting program delivery method. This assistance may be in the form of membership fees, camp fees, program supplies, or paid leadership. ScoutReach enables youth of all backgrounds to experience a quality program and to reach their full potential as productive and engaged citizens.

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Tennessee Valley $791,831
Mr. Bart McFadden, President and CEO
John D. Lee Administrative Offices
967 Irwin Street
Knoxville, TN 37917
232-1200
http://bgctnv.org

Health – Child Food $175,000
Boys & Girls Clubs of the Tennessee Valley's Child Food Program addresses the critical need of childhood hunger in Knox County. The Child Food Program provides USDA approved supper meals to youth in our afterschool program, summer boxed lunches and afternoon snacks to youth during our summer program, and breakfast or morning snacks to youth during the summer program (as well as snacks and meals to youth during school breaks when youth are out of school and attending the Club).

Health – Healthy Lifestyles $75,000
The Healthy Lifestyles Programs involves youth in physical activity through engaging youth in physical fitness activities and games at the Club and teaches youth healthy eating habits through interactive nutrition education programs. The programs provide opportunities to learn about and practice living healthy lifestyles so that they will be on track to have healthy futures.

Education – Lifeskills $93,750
The Lifeskills program serves middle and high school students across 12 Knox County Club sites, where program components such as Be Great: Graduate (Academic Mentoring Program), CareerLaunch, and Keystone and Torch Club (service Clubs) will be offered, while high school students at six KCS High Schools will be served through the Talent Search and Pipeline program components. Overall, the Life Skills Program prepares middle and high school students with the skills needed to succeed beyond high school as they progress into adulthood, enabling them to become productive, caring citizens.

Health – Prevention & Safety $85,000
The Prevention & Safety program includes specialized initiatives to reach youth most at risk and in need (such as our Social & Emotional Wellness Initiative and our Juvenile Justice Outreach Program), includes the delivery of primary prevention curriculums to be delivered to many youth across all Knox County Club sites, and includes integrating the teaching of key community safety messages through fun program activities when youth participate in the Club.
programs every day. The combination of these programs reach youth who need us most—those who face multiple risk factors for future health problems or crisis—and works to prevent health issues from occurring through not only teaching youth the consequences of engaging in risk behaviors—but more importantly, equipping youth with the skill sets necessary to build resiliency, build positive social skills, and practice healthy and safe behaviors so that they may have healthy futures.

Education – Project Learn $187,500
The Project Learn program serves students in grades K-12 across 12 Knox County Club locations. Project Learn Program components include homework help, tutoring, educational enrichment through high yield learning activities, collaboration with schools, and parent involvement. Boys & Girls Clubs of the Tennessee Valley also engages youth in an array of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) programs through the CLUB STEM Program and works to prevent summer learning loss through the Brain Gain: Summer Learning Initiative, with these two programs working in conjunction with the key Project Learn components to provide a strong foundation for academic success for all Club youth served.

Financial Stability – Scholarship Program $115,581
The Scholarship Program provides short-term scholarships to families for youth who need immediate childcare and are within the six-week waiting period to be approved through TN DHS for Child Care Payment Assistance Program. The Scholarship Program also provides long-term scholarships to families who do not qualify for state childcare assistance programs or come from extenuating circumstances where affordable childcare options are needed so that parents may continue to work or go to college to support family needs for long-term financial stability.

Financial Stability – YouthForce $60,000
The YouthForce program enables high school students in Knox County to become first-job ready, develop a future plan, and build the skills employers value most. The program implements a model of progressive learning experiences in the form of soft-skills training, paid work-based learning experiences, and technical training exposure. YouthForce bridges the gap between the need’s teens have for workforce training with the need that area companies must have a skilled, workforce with the emerging needs.

CASA of East Tennessee, Inc. $50,050
Ms. Ada Hernandez-Bell, Executive Director
Street Address: 5410 Homberg Drive, Suite 29A
Knoxville, TN 37919
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 10752
Knoxville, TN 37939
329-3399
http://www.casaofeasttn.org

Health – Advocates for Abused and Neglected Children $50,050
CASA of East Tennessee is a community-based program that recruits, trains, and supports citizen-volunteers to advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children in Knox County. Judges appoint their screened, trained volunteers to advocate on behalf of an abused or neglected child or sibling group so that they do not become lost in an overburdened, confusing system. The volunteer works to discover the child’s best interests, collaborating closely with Knox County Juvenile Court, educators, medical professionals, community organizations, social workers, and relevant government agencies, to find the child a safe, permanent home as quickly as possible.
Catholic Charities / University of Tennessee University-Assisted Community School  $125,000
Robert D. Richardson, PhD, NCSP, Director of University Assisted Community Schools
Educational Psychology & Counseling
531 Bailey Education Complex
112 Volunteer Boulevard
Knoxville, TN 37996
801-558-0833

Education – University Assisted Community School  $125,000
University Assisted Community Schools at Pond Gap and Inskip are Knox County Community Schools that address student and familial needs by providing health, mental health and dental services, basic needs, and other supports that increase opportunities for successful education outcomes and better lives for our students now and in the future. UACS will provide a free, robust, personalized learning environment for each pupil our program serves from the end of the school day to 7pm five days a week that will enable and support academic success and eventual college and career readiness. UACS will employ community intervention strategies some new, and some continuing, enhancing our current efforts, and all aligned with our strategic plan to create systemic and lasting improvement in the communities we serve.

Catholic Charities of East Tennessee, Inc.  $120,000
Ms. Lisa Healy, Executive Director
119 Dameron Avenue
Knoxville, TN 37917
524-9896
http://www.ccetn.org

Health – Children’s Emergency Shelter  $30,000
The Children’s Emergency Shelter (CES) is a 24-hour per day, 365 days per year program that accepts children from birth to 17 who have been removed from their home due to allegations of abuse or neglect. Children placed at CES have their immediate needs for food, clothing, and medical care addressed so they can begin the process of stabilization. While a child is safe at CES, the court and Child Protective Services have time to investigate and ensure the child’s placement will be appropriate, safe, nurturing, and permanent.

Financial Stability – Office on Immigrant Services  $25,000
Through recognition from the Department of Justice (DOJ), the Office of Immigrant Services (OIS) staff are accredited in order to meet the immigrant community’s need for low or no-cost immigration legal assistance. OIS staff screens clients to determine if they are eligible for an immigration benefit. If clients are eligible for a legal benefit, a DOJ Accredited staff member will work with the client to prepare and submit the application package to the appropriate United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) office.

Health – Pregnancy Help Center  $30,000
The Pregnancy Help Center (PHC) provides long-term education and support in collaboration with community referrals to help clients achieve a healthy full-term pregnancy. Available services include pregnancy testing, referrals to medical and other service providers, a comprehensive pregnancy and parenting education program called Earn While You Learn (EWYL), material assistance, pregnancy options information, post-abortion counseling, and referral for foster and adoption placement. Our EWYL program provides education in English and Spanish on over 100 pregnancy-related topics and allows clients to earn Baby Bucks that can be used to purchase brand new baby items.
Financial Stability – Samaritan Place   $35,000
Samaritan Place provides shelter and emergency services to help seniors, over the age of 60, who are experiencing homelessness, or a housing crisis become more financially stable and independent. From the moment a client arrives at Samaritan Place, all of their basic needs are met so they can focus on the core issues that attributed to their housing crisis. Clients work with case managers to set and meet goals that promote long-term stability and independence, obtain life skills and participate in socialization designed to prevent future episodes of homelessness, get connected to eligible benefits, and ultimately obtain permanent housing.

Centro Hispano de East Tennessee   $135,000
Ms. Claudia Caballero, Executive Director
2455 Sutherland Avenue
Knoxville, TN 37919
522-0052
http://www.centrohispanotn.org

Health – Bienestar Knox   $30,000
Bienestar Knox is a unique Spanish language service health care prevention program that will break down cultural and language silos impeding Latinos from accessing healthcare. Bienestar Knox will expand Centro Hispano-based, preventative health programs and partner with healthcare professionals to reduce the incidence of costly, chronic medical conditions. The program has an intensive research-based diabetes education prevention program for Latinos, this program is aimed at changing the health habits and profile of the entire family. Bienestar Knox will expand the scope of the only Bilingual Promotora program in Knoxville and the only comprehensive Spanish language helpline.

Education – Children’s Program   $60,000
The Centro Hispano Children’s Program works to develop innovate, and culturally appropriate services to support the unique needs of Latino students and to empower parents to become more involved in their children’s education. Centro Hispano provides bilingual services and educational supports for children ages 2-18 through programs at five Knox County Schools and at our central location.

Financial Stability – Workforce Development   $45,000
The Workforce Development Program is intended to teach the Spanish speaking Latino community of Knoxville various practical and enriching tools to help them succeed and integrate into society. Within this program are three areas of focus: English Language, HISET (high school diploma equivalency), and Financial Literacy. This combination of elements is designed as a holistic program of education to target the major areas in which resources for the Latino community are lacking.

Cerebral Palsy Housing Corporation   $20,000
Ms. Angelia Jones/Ms. Janice Kitts, Contacts
2014 Highland Drive
Knoxville, TN 37918
687-9204
http://www.cpcenter.org

Health – Housing as Health Care   $20,000
The organization was formed in 1980 to address the absence of affordable and accessible housing for individuals with significant physical disabilities who do not qualify for funding from the Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities because they do not have an intellectual disability. This boarding home provides a place to live, along with
supportive services such as meals, assistance with daily living skills, and case management. Our focus is on maintaining an independent, healthy lifestyle for all residents.

**Cherokee Health Systems** $30,000  
Mr. Dennis Freeman, PhD  
2018 Western Avenue  
Knoxville, TN 37921  
548-5031  
http://cherokeehealth.com

**Health – Expanding the Workforce to Improve Access to Quality Mental Health Services** $30,000  
Cherokee Health Systems aims to improve access to physical and mental health care for youth in Knox County. By enhancing CHS’ workforce with a pediatrician/psychiatrist, CHS can address growing rates of youth with both acute and chronic mental health concerns.

**Childhelp, Inc.** $130,000  
Mr. Lawren Ramos, Executive Director  
2505 Kingston Pike  
Knoxville, TN 37919  
637-1753  
http://www.childhelp.org

**Health – Mental Health & Forensic Services for Victims of Child Abuse** $130,000  
One of the first Children’s Advocacy Centers established in the State of Tennessee, Childhelp opened the Childhelp Children’s Center of East Tennessee (CCCET) in 1995. Over the past 29 years, the CCCET, in collaboration with its Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT), has provided services for well over 10,000 children in East Tennessee. CCCET provides a multi-disciplinary array of direct services to children (under 18 years of age) and their non-offending family members who are experiencing the investigation of, and recovery from, child abuse and neglect. It remains the only agency providing these services in Knox County.

**The Children’s Center of Knoxville** $88,752  
Ms. Brittney Carroll, Executive Director  
301 Frank Street  
Knoxville, TN 37919  
523-2672  
http://www.thechildrenscenterofknoxville.org

**Education – Tuition Assistance for Low Income Families** $88,752  
The Children Center of Knoxville is a three-star quality preschool program serving children from six weeks through kindergarten eligibility. The Children’s Center provides superior education to 116 children in the Knoxville/Knox county area.
Community Coalition Against Human Trafficking $40,000
Ms. Natalie Ivey, Executive Director
P.O. Box 20937
Knoxville, TN 37940
236-1046
http://www.ccaht.org

Financial Stability – Promoting Financial Stability for Survivors of Human Trafficking $40,000
The Community Coalition Against Human Trafficking (CCAHT) works to promote financial stability for survivors of human trafficking in Knoxville and East Tennessee by providing them with specialized, comprehensive support services, including access to safe shelter; specific assistance to survivors such as food, clothing, transportation, and rent/utility assistance; and employment assistance through help with job applications, resume building, job readiness prep, and more. The CCAHT serve clients that are low-income or below poverty level; are homeless, displaced, and at risk; and have urgent, immediate needs.

Dolly Parton Imagination Library of Knox County $90,000
Ms. Danielle Velez, Director
500 West Church Avenue
Knoxville, TN 37902
215-8784
http://www.knoxlib.org

Education – Dolly Parton Imagination Library $90,000
Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Knox County purchases and mails a free, high-quality book to registered children in Knox County every month from birth to age five. The theory underlying IL’s service consists of three simple but integral components: first, the presence of high-quality and age-appropriate books in the home increases the number and quality of a child’s literacy experiences, leading to a positive association with books and reading that endures into the school years and beyond. Next, the arrival of new books on a predictable monthly interval creates a sense of ownership and excitement about the receipt of books and their use. Last, the shared experience between children and their caregivers of reading IL books together in the home environment is an important contributor to school readiness and literacy achievement, and to deepening the parent-child connection.

East Tennessee Children’s Hospital $120,000
Mr. Keith Goodwin, Executive Director
1025 Children’s Way
Knoxville, TN 37922
690-8961
http://www.etch.com

Health – Grow with Me $120,000
Grow With Me (GWM) is an outpatient developmental screening clinic with care coordination for children who have experienced intrauterine drug exposure or were diagnosed and treated for Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS). The clinic is focused on the medical, developmental, and emotional needs of the patients during the first five years of life. The overall goal of the clinic is to decrease and mitigate Adverse Childhood Experiences, (ACES) and to improve school readiness by reducing medical, behavioral, and emotional barriers encountered during early childhood.
East Tennessee Kidney Foundation  $43,600
Ms. Katie Martin, Executive Director
P.O. Box 22072
Knoxville, TN 37933
288-7351
http://www.etkidney.org

Health – Dianne Hagey Dialysis Transportation  $43,600
Most people have two functioning kidneys; if a person loses 85-90% function of their kidney(s) a nephrologist (doctor specializing in kidneys) will prescribe a personal dialysis treatment plan which must be adhered to if the person wants to continue living. Patients with very low incomes struggle with getting to all prescribed dialysis treatments as the transportation costs quickly add up; many people skip treatments simply because they cannot afford to go. The East Tennessee Kidney Foundation’s Dianne Hagey Dialysis Transportation Program (ETKF-DHDTP) removes the barrier of high transportation costs which prevents low-income dialysis patients from accessing their medically prescribed, and life sustaining, dialysis treatments.

Emerald Charter Schools  $100,000
Ms. Lauren Moore, Interim School Director
220 Carrick Street
Knoxville, TN 37921
249-7223
http://www.emeraldcharterschools.org

Education – Emerald Academy  $100,000
Emerald Academy, Knoxville’s first K-8 public charter school, is providing urban students with the academic foundation, skills, habits, and character traits that they need to succeed in high school, college, and in life. Emerald Academy is preparing scholars for success through our four pillars: academic excellence, effective teaching, a highly relational culture grounded in high expectations, and robust parent and community engagement. Through our rigorous educational program and our relational culture, we are seeing progress toward closing the achievement gap, dramatically increasing the number of students who graduate eighth grade well-prepared for high school and the college of their choice, and preparing our scholars to become self-sufficient, reflective, and resilient leaders in their communities.

Emerald Youth Foundation  $140,000
Mr. Steve Diggs, President & CEO
1014 Heiskell Avenue
Knoxville, TN 37921
637-3227
http://www.emeraldyouth.org

Health – Emerald Youth Sports  $50,000
Emerald Youth Sports continues to serve children in Knoxville’s inner-city by being a catalyst for the development of a healthy lifestyle through the encouragement of physical activity and by providing a positive outlet for the use of time to redirect young people from poor choices. Emerald Youth Sports has continued to grow because of unique, strategic partnerships with local businesses, local government, and other community organizations, and these partnerships validate the importance of and desire for a sports program designed specifically for the benefit of young people in Knoxville’s economically disadvantaged city center. The lack of physical activity among urban youth is startling, and the
temptation to become involved in or be influenced by negative activity abounds, so Emerald Youth Sports engages with these young people to holistically promote full, healthy lives.

**Education – Inner-City Learning Initiative** $90,000
Emerald Youth Foundation (EYF) is committed to help youth and young adults living in Knoxville's inner-city reach their full potential and become leaders in their communities. Academic achievement is key for them to finish high school, complete college or further training, and find a good job or career. We propose to continue to provide academic supports such as after-school and summer programs, ACT prep, tutoring, post-secondary preparedness workshops, life coaches, etc. for elementary through young adults.

**Epilepsy Foundation East Tennessee** $40,000
Ms. Pam Hughes, Executive Director
1715 Magnolia Avenue
Knoxville, TN 37927
522-4991
http://www.efeasttn.org

**Health – Client Services** $40,000
The Epilepsy Foundation provides free information, referrals, and materials pertaining to all facets of epilepsy. The Client Services program includes support group, art therapy, and epilepsy camp scholarships. Clients with epilepsy receive help in paying for seizure medication while they are applying for pharmaceutical programs; access to medical, dental, and diagnostic services for those who are uninsured.

**Family Promise of Knoxville** $50,000
Mr. John-Mark Brown, Executive Director
3545 Middlebrook Pike
Knoxville, TN 37921
584-2822
http://www.familypromiseknoxville.org

**Financial Stability – Interfaith Hospitality Network and Going Home; Staying Home** $50,000
Family Promise (FPK) unites the interfaith community to feed and shelter families experiencing homelessness while professional case management staff address the barriers to rehousing. While in shelter, each family receives intensive case management with individualized plans to regain housing, find a stable source of income, and acquire the tools necessary to achieve and sustain independence. Families exiting to sustainable housing are given the opportunity to participate in our two-year aftercare program Going Home; Staying Home.

**The Florence Crittenton Agency, Inc.** $120,000
Ms. Nancy Christian, President/CEO
1531 Dick Lonas Road
Knoxville, TN 37909
602-2021
http://www.fcaknox.org

**Health – Crittenton Youth Services** $70,000
The Florence Crittenton Agency's Crittenton Youth Services (CYS) program provides residential treatment to adolescent females in State custody with severe mental, emotional, behavioral, and substance abuse issues. CYS is an unduplicated,
highly structured 32-bed unit for teenage girls who need intensive 24/7 therapeutic support. CYS provides important health-related services for low income youth in our communities who need specialized mental health and addiction treatment services.

**Education – New Pathways Academy** $50,000
The Florence Crittenton Agency’s on-site school, New Pathways Academy, works toward improving education and life-skills for vulnerable youth in State custody who are suffering from the residual effects of serious trauma. Students ages 13-18 participate in daily academic courses taught by licensed teachers to recover course credits, obtain a GED/HiSET diploma, and/or graduate from high school while in 24/7 residential treatment. Students also receive extensive out-of-school life-skills courses in order to gain the tools needed for productive futures.

**Friends of Literacy** $70,000
Ms. Teresa Brittain, Executive Director
1323 North Broadway
Knoxville, TN 37917
549-7007
[http://www.friendsofliteracy.org](http://www.friendsofliteracy.org)

**Financial Stability – Adult Education** $70,000
The adult education programs at Friends of Literacy (FOL) help learners age 18 and older achieve their academic goals, which range from learning to read to improving their math and language arts skills to getting a high school diploma. We offer one-on-one tutoring and small group instruction, with lessons that incorporate real-life examples such as how to compute a paycheck, apply for a job online, or create a resume. By improving their education, our students have more opportunities for employment and additional education, become more engaged in the community, and have the skills they need to contribute to the workforce.

**Girl Scouts of the Southern Appalachians** $5,000
Ms. Lynne Lawson Fugate, CEO
1567 Downtown West Boulevard
Knoxville, TN 37919
688-9440
[http://www.girlscoutcsa.org](http://www.girlscoutcsa.org)

**Education – Girl Scout Leadership Experience** $5,000
The Girl Scout Leadership Experience is a comprehensive leadership development program where, in an accepting and nurturing environment, girls build skills for 21st century success. At the same time, they develop qualities that will serve them all their lives, like leadership, strong values, social conscience, and conviction about their own potential and self-worth.

**Girl Talk, Inc.** $55,000
Ms. Denetria Moore, Executive Director
625 Market Street, Suite 1301
Knoxville, TN 37902
851-7064
[http://www.girtalkinc.com](http://www.girtalkinc.com)
Education – Girl Talk Life Prep Academy $10,000
The Girl Talk Life Prep Academy will prepare juniors and seniors in high school for college, career, and/or life, through consecutive weekly sessions, each semester. For High School Juniors, we will cover topics on: College and Career exploration and preparation and for High School Seniors, we will cover topics on College LIFE Prep, Career LIFE Prep, and General LIFE Prep (transitioning into becoming an adult, becoming a financially stable adult, finding housing, etc.). Juniors and Seniors who participate will also have the chance to participate in an 8-week Summer internship (unpaid for Juniors/paid for Seniors) and receives a mentor to walk one on one with her to help her make positive choices and to guide her through life’s transitions.

Education – Girl Talk School-Based Program $45,000
Girl Talk partners with Great Schools Partnership Community Schools Initiative and Tennessee College of Applied Technology to provide services to girls inside of Knox County Schools after school. Through curriculum-based learning objectives, we assist in building girls’ confidence and self-esteem, preventing teen pregnancy, and increasing the likelihood of educational advancement.

Girls Incorporated of the TN Valley $45,000
Ms. Kirby Deal, Interim Executive Director
P.O. Box 7040
Oak Ridge, TN 37831
482-4475
http://www.girlsinctnv.org

Education – Knox County Afterschool Program $45,000
The Girls Inc. Knoxville After School Program is in nine Knoxville area schools that engages girls in fun and interactive activities that inspire them to be strong, smart, and bold! This program exposes girls to lessons in STEM, economics, mentoring, healthy mind and body, and media awareness in a positive girls-only environment. Through these programs, girls learn to grow up prepared and independent, and to lead healthy, educated, and empowered lives.

Helen Ross McNabb Center $621,247
Mr. Jerry Vagnier, President and CEO
201 West Springdale Avenue
Knoxville, TN 37917
637-9711
http://www.mcnabbcenter.org

Health – Connections $73,800
Connections intervenes with families involved in the Knox County Juvenile Court (KCJC) and their specialized Family Recovery Court (FRC) and Interchange Program in order to reduce repeated contact with the courts and encourage recovery from substance use disorders. This is done through advocacy, support, referrals, counseling, assessment and education in individual and group settings to adult & child court participants. These services will result in strengthened families and safer children.

Health – Continuum for Permanency $63,240
The Continuum provides a safe, supportive family environment in which children can live as normal a life as possible with opportunities to learn and become self-sufficient as they approach adulthood. Youth in protective care and their families (if appropriate) living in Knox County ages 8 to 18 are provided highly individualized services. These include
housing, case management, 24-hour crisis intervention, counseling and support, and learning opportunities that lead to independent and productive lives.

Health – Family Crisis Center $69,090
The Family Crisis Center aims to create a safe environment and offer specialized services in partnership with the community for adults and children experiencing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking in Knox County. Specialized services offered include emergency shelter, a 24-hour crisis line, individual and group counseling, children’s services, support groups, transitional housing and outreach services. These services are provided with the goal of increased safety and an improved quality of life for all program participants.

Health – Great Starts and Family Treatment Services $29,605
Great Starts/New Beginnings offers services that will prevent infant abandonment and provide a chemical-free environment for addicted women, and their children, through a residential substance abuse treatment program. Services include counseling, mental health and medical services, parent education, child development activities, case management, aftercare and job training that will result in improved well-being, quality of life, health and permanency for the children. Women seeking recovery from substance abuse can receive services that best meet their needs as well as the needs of their children and families.

Education – Great Starts Children’s Services $22,975
Helen Ross McNabb Center’s Great Starts Children’s Services provides quality services to infants and children who have experienced maternal substance-exposure. The services assist children in meeting developmental milestones by addressing early physical and social/emotional health needs and by improving access to developmental resources in the community, all of which prepare these children to succeed in school. Children engaged in services receive assessments for physical, emotional, and social needs; individualized referrals and services based on those assessments; and on-site childcare and referrals for permanent childcare and preschool.

Education – LIFE Afterschool $27,030
LIFE (Learning is Fun for Everyone) Afterschool Education provides academic enrichment for Knox adolescents in foster care living at HRMC residential facilities. The program targets the academic, physical, social and emotional needs of these students by reinforcing and enhancing their academic progress with supplemental education opportunities. LIFE services help youth on their paths to academic achievement and prepares them with the tools for readiness to succeed in life.

Health – Parent Place $28,350
Parent Place is a supervised visitation program, where positive parent/child interaction is encouraged in a non-threatening environment. Staff and trained volunteers monitor visits closely and, when necessary, assist parents in learning appropriate disciplinary techniques and appropriate activities and behavior. This interaction helps increase the children’s sense of health and well-being by encouraging positive, healthy relationships with their non-custodial parents.

Health – Partners for Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) $42,000
Partners for Child Abuse Prevention aims to end the abuse and neglect of children in Knox County. This is accomplished by providing prenatal assessment and services, parenting and life skill classes, referrals for case management, ongoing community education events, and advocacy services that strengthen families and protect the welfare of children. These services provide for the well-being and safety of children.
Health – PleasanTree Apartments  $26,250
PleasanTree Apartments seeks to create a safe living environment and offer specialized supportive services in partnership with the community for mentally ill women and their children located in Knox County who experience homelessness. We plan to do this by providing permanent housing combined with on-site supportive services, including case management and advocacy, individual and group counseling, and educational groups. These services will lead to increased self-sufficiency, stability, family unification, and an improved quality of life for all group participants.

Health – Project Against Sexual Abuse of Appalachian Children (PASAAC)  $50,000
Project Against the Sexual Abuse of Appalachian Children (PASAAC) services focus on caring for the emotional well-being of children, adults and family members who have been affected by trauma, sexual or otherwise. Program staff specialized in trauma therapy provide individual, family, and group psychotherapy, education, and skills development to program participants. Additionally, opportunities to provide education about childhood sexual abuse and prevention are provided to at-risk populations in our community through speaking engagements.

Health – ReDirections Adolescent Alcohol and Drug Services  $5,103
ReDirections Adolescent Alcohol and Drug Services gives youth the opportunity to overcome additions through an intensive outpatient program. The program addresses the family, the addiction, and the integration back to the community and school. ReDirections uses current, evidence-based/best practices treatment modalities and behavior modification techniques to achieve successful outcomes.

Education – Sexual Assault Center of E. TN Advocacy Education  $18,890
Helen Ross McNabb Center’s Sexual Assault Center of East Tennessee (SACET) Education Program provides education services to equip Knox County elementary, middle and high school students with tools to ensure their safety and allow them to successfully perform in school. The program provides presentations in local schools and community venues utilizing a research-based best practices curriculum which teaches topics including safety skills, bullying prevention/intervention, healthy and unhealthy relationships, and conflict resolution. This program also helps schools identify early warning signs of trauma and link students to resources and support in order to address traumatic issues that hinder academic achievement and promote productive and engaged young adults.

Health – Sexual Assault Center of East Tennessee Advocacy  $38,850
The Sexual Assault Center of East Tennessee (SACET) Advocacy Program provides services to those who are victims of sexual assault in Knox County. Program services begin immediately after an act of sexual violence and continue for as long as needed. Advocates perform a variety of tasks in order to meet the needs of victims by helping to ensure their safety, providing emotional support during a time of crisis, assisting in the criminal justice process, and referring to outside programs for any other needs they may have.

Health – Therapeutic Preschool  $76,064
The Therapeutic Preschool serves children ages 4-6, who have suffered physical, emotional, and/or sexual abuse or neglect, or have experienced a major loss or other traumatic event. The program is a 10-week intensive group program, providing basic skill building, cognitive and developmental stimulation, therapeutic behavioral treatment, structure, nurturing, and interventions from the evidence-based Trauma Focused Cognitive Therapy model.

Health – Therapy Center  $30,000
The Therapy Center offers therapy services to individuals and families in Knox County who are otherwise unable to access therapy or mental health care due to a lack of insurance and/or lack of available resources. The program provides individual, family, and group counseling and therapeutic services free of charge to those who fit the criteria of low
income and no insurance. These services will improve the individual’s or family’s overall functioning, satisfaction, and quality of life, promote academic success, or maintain employment.

**Health – Transitional Living for Youth  $20,000**
The Transitional Living Program provides services for young adults or older youth who are, or are at-risk of, becoming homeless. These services include mental health and substance use screenings, advocacy, safe housing, case management, training and skill building. As a result, we hope to reduce rates of violent crime, addictions, and other risky behaviors as well as promoting employment, education, and self-sufficiency.

**InterFaith Health Clinic  $160,000**
Ms. Melissa, Knight, Executive Director  
315 Gill Avenue  
Knoxville, TN 37917  
546-7330  
http://www.interfaithhealthclinic.org

**Health – InterFaith  $160,000**
Interfaith Health Clinic provides affordable access to quality comprehensive healthcare to the low income working uninsured and underserved in our community. We specifically offer primary medical, general dentistry, counseling services, assistance with prescription medications, and access to specialty care including diagnostic services and inpatient treatment. This empowers and enables the most vulnerable of our community to have hope for a better tomorrow, employment, health, and a better quality of life.

**Knox County Rescue  $85,000**
Mr. John Whit, Deputy Chief  
512 N. Chillhowee Drive  
Knoxville, TN 37924  
546-4852  
http://www.knoxcountyrescue.org

**Health – Rescue & Safety Services  $85,000**
Knox County Rescue (KCR) is the designated emergency response agency for motor vehicle accidents and entrapments, water rescue, search and rescue, small aircraft accidents, heavy rescue, technical rescue, trench and structural collapse, cave and vertical rescue, and large community event support. KCR personnel receive hundreds of hours of specialized training that far exceed state specifications in order to meet the emergency needs of Knox County citizens. This training along with specialized equipment, not provided by any other agency in our community, is necessary for our personnel to respond to any and all emergencies that citizens of Knox County may experience.

**Knox County Schools/PTA Clothing Center  $20,000**
Ms. Sylvia Woods, Board President  
1000 N. Central Avenue  
Knoxville, TN 37917  
594-3791  
http://www.clothingcenterpta.org
Financial Stability – Knox County Schools Clothing Center PTA  $20,000
Provide clothing for children in need to ensure daily school attendance. Clothing provided are appropriate for school at no cost to parents, grandparents or guardians. The provision of new and gently used school appropriate clothing also helps to build confidence and self-esteem in the children we serve.

Knox Education Foundation  $167,500
Mr. Chris Letsos, Executive Director
912 S. Gay Street, L210
Knoxville, TN 37902
215-4501
http://www.knoxed.org

Health – Community Schools Strategy  $100,000
The Community Schools strategy serves 16 public schools located in some of Knox County’s most challenged neighborhoods in which approximately 90 percent of students are considered “economically disadvantaged.” Data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute found that healthy behavior, physical environment, access to health care, economic factors such as education, employment and income, along with family and social support, and community safety are the factors that most significantly impact health outcomes. As reflected in data presented above, the students and families served by Community Schools are more likely to face health challenges and are at higher risk of low health care access and poor health outcomes.

Education – Knox County Community Schools Tutoring Intervention  $67,500
The Knox County Community Schools Tutoring Intervention aims to maximize student learning and academic outcomes at low performing schools. The initiative will provide direct tutoring services to at risk youth. The tutoring intervention is part of the broader Community Schools Initiative, which aims to use public schools as hubs for coordinating community resources to remove barriers to student learning and community success.

Knoxville Academy of Medicine Foundation  $100,000
Ms. Danielle Sims, Executive Director
115 Suburban Road
Knoxville, TN 37923
531-2766
http://www.knoxvilleareaprojectaccess.org

Health – KAPA Connects  $100,000
Knoxville Area Project Access provides access to health care for low income and uninsured individuals in Knox County. Patients enrolled in KAPA will receive a full continuum of care including primary care, specialty physician care, hospital inpatient care, outpatient and ancillary services, psychiatric care, pharmacy support, and social service coordination.

Knoxville Area Urban League  $135,000
Ms. Phyllis Nichols, President & CEO
1514 East Fifth Avenue
Knoxville, TN 37917
524-5511
http://www.thekaul.org
Education – Co. Starters Youth Entrepreneurship  $5,000
The Co. Starters Entrepreneurship Program is a highly interactive experience that allows youths to explore the world of business. Program components includes researching business ideas, business plan development, business ethics, coding, guest speakers and behind the scenes tours. Program sessions are held monthly, during school breaks and an institute held during the summer.

Financial Stability – Housing Program  $65,000
The Urban League Homeownership and Foreclosure Prevention Counseling Program (Housing Program) promotes financial capacity and independence for Greater Knoxville Area residents by providing foreclosure counseling, financial education, and homebuyer education. The Housing Program positively impacts the financial stability of residents and the entire community by 1) helping individuals stay in their homes through foreclosure counseling, thereby keeping them on the property tax rolls and reducing the number of abandoned or blighted properties; 2) helping first-time homeowners prepare to purchase homes, and 3) boosting the financial capability of residents so that they are better able to participate in the economy fully and less likely to require public assistance.

Financial Stability – Workforce Development Employment Assistance  $65,000
The curriculum is designed to help participants obtain employment, build transferrable skills and secure viable careers. Knoxville Area Urban League provides individual and group career counseling, career readiness assessments, vocational rehabilitation assessments, computer instruction, resume development, job search assistance, job referrals and placement, and employer recruitment. Our curriculum emphasizes job readiness principles aimed to prepare participants to interview well, land an employment offer, and succeed on the job.

Knoxville Leadership Foundation  $80,000
Mr. Christopher Martin, President
The Regas Building
318 North Gay Street, Suite 210
Knoxville, TN 37917
524-2774
http://www.klf.org

Education – Amachi Knoxville  $30,000
KLF’s Amachi Knoxville offers mentoring services for Knox County youth ages 4-17 who are experiencing parental incarceration, and consequently, are at risk for behavioral problems in school, poor school attendance, poor academic performance and juvenile delinquency. Amachi mentoring has emerged as a promising preventative practice and evolved as an evidence-based intervention that promotes positive outcomes in educational, emotional and social well-being.

Financial Stability – KnoxWorx  $50,000
KnoxWorx is a workforce development collaborative that helps 16-24-year old's who are disconnected from school and employment to obtain education and credentials in high-demand industries, gain their high school equivalency diploma and connect them to full-time employment. KnoxWorx integrates paid student training, trauma and addiction support, case management and mentoring services in a unique cohort model to produce outcomes that other workforce development programs have been unable to achieve.
Financial Stability – CAC Resilient Families $50,000
This program will assist 50-60 families who have encountered a crisis, are at risk of becoming unstable or losing their housing. It will assist families with assessing their needs and identifying barriers to housing stability and the need for case management if it is the appropriate tool to help families achieve short- and long-term goals related to maintaining their housing and increasing their self-sufficiency.

Health – Mobile Meals $157,920
Mobile Meals provides food and hope to home-bound seniors age 60 and older in Knox County. These are seniors who are unable to prepare meals and have no one to prepare meals for them. Equally as important as the meal, the daily safety check provides much needed peace of mind to allow our local homebound seniors to remain safely in their homes.

Education – Youth WINS $55,000
Youth WINS (When in Need of Support/Services) is a program of the Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee that assists unaccompanied youth who are experiencing homelessness through intensive case management and linkage to community resources. Referrals are received from Knox County Schools, agencies serving homeless individuals, community programs, and self-referrals. Our mission is to assist youth who are homeless to gain housing, increase school attendance, graduate, and pursue further education or skills training.

Legal Aid of East Tennessee $135,000
Ms. Sheri Fox, Director
607 West Summit Hill Drive
Knoxville, TN 37902
637-0484
http://www.laet.org

Health – Domestic Violence Civil Legal Aid $90,000
The Domestic Violence Legal Aid program will provide crisis legal services to victims of domestic violence to help them achieve safety, stability, and self-sufficiency. Each client will be represented in a holistic manner by addressing the range of civil legal matters that result from their victimization. The program will ensure that victims live in a safe home and that the Knoxville community will be a safer place for all to live.

Financial Stability – Homeless Prevention Project $45,000
The Homelessness Prevention Project addresses factors preventing people in Knox County from obtaining and sustaining safe, affordable housing, and will help those who are currently homeless address the urgent legal needs that stand in their way of self-sufficiency.
Mental Health Association of East Tennessee  $100,000
Mr. Ben Harrington, Executive Director
9050 Executive Park Drive, Suite 104-A
Knoxville, TN 37930
584-9125
http://www.mhaet.com

Health – Client Services: Peer Recovery Call Center and Mental Health Screenings  $45,000
The Peer Recovery Call Center and Mental Health Screenings Program provide essential supports and services to residents who need mental health services. The Peer Recovery Call Center employs nationally certified peer support specialists who provide peer support, assistance and motivation to persons to enter and more importantly, to stay engaged in treatment. The Mental Health Screenings program is a free way for persons with limited means or privacy concerns to determine if they need treatment for mental health or addiction, changing what people know about mental illness and providing instant results and motivation to seek treatment.

Health – Mental Health 101  $55,000
Mental Health 101 is a school based early intervention program serving middle and high school students. Students can recognize symptoms of mental illness and suicidal behaviors in their peers earlier, and intervene to prevent suicides, reduce suicidal behaviors (planning, attempts) while increasing the number of youths engaged in treatment. As a result of this program, Knox County Schools now requires the program at every middle and high school.

Metro Drug Coalition, Inc.  $60,000
Ms. Karen Pershing, Executive Director
4930 Lyons View Pike
Knoxville, TN 37919
588-5550
http://www.metrodrug.org

Health – Preventing Prenatal Drug Exposure  $60,000
Prenatal Drug Use and the harm of exposure to a developing fetus is 100 percent preventable. Babies who are born exposed to opiates or other legal and illegal substances begin their lives experiencing painful withdrawal symptoms, which may result in long-term developmental challenges once the initial hospital stay ends. Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome cases are being tracked and monitored and provides Tennessee with an opportunity to track and trend exposure by state, region and county to chart progress towards prevention efforts.

The Muse Knoxville  $5,000
Ms. Ellie Kittrell, Executive Director
516 North Beaman Street
Knoxville, TN 37914
594-1494
http://www.themuseknoxville.org

Education – Muse Ambassador Program  $5,000
The Muse Ambassador Program provides real world experiences for these students to learn and further develop important life skills such as social skills and workforce training skills.
The Salvation Army $112,200
Captain Daniel Nelson, Commanding Officer
409 North Broadway
Knoxville, TN 37917
525-9401
http://www.salvationarmyknoxville.org

Financial Stability – Emergency Assistance $45,000
The Emergency Assistance Program (EAP) prevents displacement and homelessness by providing short-term assistance for critical needs to low-income families and individuals. Through provisions of food, clothing, gas cards, and utility assistance, EAP can bridge the income-expense gap for indigent families. Tangible assistance is coupled with experienced case management to satisfy the immediate need and address the underlying issues that cause crises of this type.

Health – Joy Baker Center $67,200
The Joy Baker Center is an emergency shelter for women fleeing domestic violence and homelessness. We serve women and their children with a safe place to stay and resources to obtain permanent housing. Residents of the Center are surrounded with support and education to break the cycle of domestic violence.

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Tennessee $195,000
Ms. Elaine Streno, Executive Director
136 Harvest Lane
Maryville, TN 37801
521-0000
http://www.secondharvestetn.org

Financial Stability – Food for Kids FY21 $70,000
The Food for Kids program is a collaborative effort between Second Harvest Food Bank of East Tennessee and public schools within the food bank’s 18-county service area to provide a source of weekend food augmentation year-round to children on an as-needed basis. The program provides healthy, easily prepared food to the most vulnerable children in our community who miss meals on a regular basis due to financial distress and instability in their families. Participating students receive discreet packs of lightweight, nutritious foods they can carry home on Fridays in their backpacks, providing them and any siblings not yet school age with 3 ½ meals over the weekend to augment their diets when they do not have access to free school breakfasts and lunches.

Health – Food Rescue FY21 $125,000
The Food Rescue program at Second Harvest Food Bank of East Tennessee procures nearly 5 million pounds of food from Knox County food-related businesses annually that would otherwise be thrown away and delivers it to partnering hunger-relief agencies to be directly distributed to Knox County residents in need of food augmentation. The Food Rescue program is critical to these Knox County agencies as it provides a free supply source of high quality, nutritious foods delivered to their door in refrigerated trucks, which enables them to distribute $7.7 million dollars’ worth of donated food providing nearly 4 million meals to food-insecure people in Knox County each year. Through its Food Rescue program, Second Harvest Food Bank actively leads the Knox County community in its fight to end hunger by providing an effective way for grocery stores, restaurants, food distributors and manufacturers and farms to join forces with food-relief agencies to feed adults, children and seniors at risk of hunger in Knox County.
**Senior Citizens Home Assistance Service**  $114,400  
Mr. Timothy Howell, CEO  
215 Bearden Place  
Knoxville, TN 37927  
523-2920  
http://www.schas.org

**Health – Homemaker**  $114,400  
SCHAS’ Homemaker program allows the elderly and persons with disabilities to remain safely in their home by offering three main services. These are Homemaker services which include light housekeeping such as dishes and laundry, Personal Care which includes assistance with bathing and dressing and Transportation. Each client assists in creating their own personalized care plan.

**Shangri-La Therapeutic Academy of Riding**  $35,000  
Ms. Lynn Petr, Executive Director  
11800 Hwy 11E  
Lenoir City, TN 37772  
988-4711  
http://www.rideatstar.org

**Health – STRIDES**  $35,000  
The STRIDES program addresses societal and social issues by directly targeting disenfranchised populations and introducing them to the horse for experiential learning. Communication, anger management, coping skills, relationship building and developing responsibility and leadership are some of the life skills learned that empower these individuals to rise above factors that have been limiting them.

**Southeastern Housing Foundation**  $25,000  
Mr. Christopher Martin, President  
The Regas Building  
318 North Gay Street, Suite 210  
Knoxville, TN 37917  
524-2774  
http://www.klf.org

**Health – Flenniken Landing**  $25,000  
Flenniken Landing is a permanent supportive housing development for formerly chronically homeless individuals that provides critical supportive services to assist and empower every resident to maintain housing, access appropriate and necessary physical and mental health services and lead productive lives within the community. Each resident of Flenniken Landing receives on-site service coordination, including the development of an individualized plan of care aimed to improve their quality of life. Utilizing evidence-based practices, maintaining strong community partnerships and recruiting dedicated volunteers allows Flenniken Landing to strengthen its service delivery and provide the greatest outcomes possible for its residents.
Susannah’s House $122,500
Ms. Rebekah Fetzer, Executive Director
923 Dameron Avenue
Knoxville, TN 37921
200-4759
http://www.susannahshouse.org

Health – Mothers in Recovery $82,500
Mothers in Recovery at Susannah's House is filling a need for services in Knox County for faith-based, no cost Intensive Outpatient Program treatment for pregnant and postpartum women who struggle with opioid misuse. An emphasis on early treatment during pregnancy helps to lower the incidence of Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome in the newborns of the mothers in Mothers in Recovery. The program is holistic, and in addition to evidence-based treatment, provides wrap-around services such as transportation, prenatal education, trauma-informed childcare for children up to age 5 while their mothers are in programming, basic needs, and life skills training.

Education – Susannah’s Kids $40,000
Susannah's Kids - Trauma-informed Intervention for Preschoolers will be a weekday program that gives drug-exposed infants and children up to age five the skills to succeed in school. The target children are those whose mothers are in the Susannah's House Moms in Recovery program. Special emphasis is on spatial, sensorimotor, speech and language skills.

Thrive Lonsdale $5,000
Mr. Clayton Wood, Executive Director
1317 Connecticut Avenue
Knoxville, TN 37921
544-5881
http://www.thrivelonsdale.org

Education – Thrive Multi Site $5,000
Thrive provides after school care that addresses spiritual, emotional, academic and physical poverty by connecting children with caring adults who are blessed with abundance in those areas. We measure the behavior of every student in our program, every single day. Over time students can grow in their ability to regulate their behavior, which we see demonstrated by their behavior reports. Older students in Thrive Upper can receive more freedom and opportunities as they demonstrate more responsibility in behavior and academics.

tnAchieves $5,000
Ms. Krissy DeAlejandro, Executive Director
10427 Petsafe Way
Knoxville, TN 37932
621-9223
http://www.tnachieves.org

Education – tnAchieves Student Services $5,000
tnAchieves is a college access and success program with the mission of increasing higher education opportunities for Tennessee high school students by acting as the partnering organization to Governor Haslam’s TN Promise scholarship; a program that provides students with last-dollar scholarships and mentor guidance. The objective of tnAchieves is to increase the number of students pursuing a post-secondary degree after high school, increase the number of students
earning a post-secondary credential once they enroll in a post-secondary institution and, ultimately, make Tennessee and its communities a better place to live by increasing our state's ability to recruit business and industry.

Volunteer Ministry Center $150,000
Mr. Bruce Spangler, Chief Executive Officer
511 North Broadway
Knoxville, TN 37901
524-3926
http://www.vmcinc.org

Financial Stability – The Foyer $35,000
The Foyer is a low-barrier emergency overnight shelter for vulnerable and hard-to-reach individuals experiencing homelessness which is paired with access to social services that promote the achievement of permanent housing and better health outcomes. The Foyer’s end goal is not shelter; it is permanent housing. Aligning a shelter environment with a Housing First approach provides access to shelter without prerequisites with an entrée to permanent housing options.

Financial Stability – Minvilla Manor $20,000
Minvilla Manor provides permanent supportive housing to low-income chronically homeless individuals. In order to qualify for Minvilla, individuals must have a disability and be literally homeless for at least one year (or have at least 4 episodes of homelessness in the past year that total 12 months). Residents are provided not only with affordable permanent housing, but also with case management support services that will allow them to maintain housing and become stable members of our community.

Financial Stability – Resource Center $95,000
The Resource Center is an evidenced based transitional day program providing case management to assist individuals experiencing homelessness to attain affordable, permanent housing. It provides the additional skills and supportive services required to maintain housing with a focus on accountability. The Resource Center provides a safe and supportive daytime environment in which clients can access meals, showers, laundry, telephone and mail, computers, and classes on a variety of topics.

Wesley House Community Center $93,500
Ms. Kara Finger, Executive Director
1719 Reynolds Street
Knoxville, TN 37921
524-5494
http://www.wesleyhouse.org

Education – Children’s Aftercare Recreation, Education & Support (C.A.R.E.S.) $65,000
The CARES Program provides support and educational opportunities for participants which will assist them in achieving academic success.

Education – Summer Time Enrichment Program (S.T.E.P.) $20,000
STEP provides summer enrichment opportunities focused on academic readiness for the next school year.
Health – Wellness In Senior Education (W.I.S.E.) $8,500
Wesley House’s Wellness In Senior Education (W.I.S.E.) program works with marginalized, socially isolated senior citizens in the Mechanicsville, Beaumont, Lonsdale, and East Knoxville communities. We meet every Friday for a hot, nutritious meal, fellowship and their favorite game, Bingo. Our staff is in constant contact with our clients to assess day to day needs, help connect them to resources, and to provide our participants with fresh fruits and vegetables.

YMCA of East Tennessee $276,353
Mr. Jim Dickson, Chief Executive Officer
616 Jessamine Street
Knoxville, TN 37917
522-9625
http://www.ymcaknoxville.org

Education – Teen Leadership Development $15,000
The YMCA of East Tennessee's Teen Leadership Development Program's goals are to meet each teen at their individual level academically, socially, and physically and help them excel to reach their potential in these three areas. These goals are met through a menu of choices catered to individual specific talents and interests. Key aspects of the program include mentoring/academic enrichment, leadership skills training, meaningful volunteer work, job training, physical fitness, and nutrition education to give teens an early advantage in life.

Health – YMCA Community Health and Wellness $50,000
The Y's Community Health Program is dedicated to saving lives by prevention of diseases like obesity, preventing premature death, and making access to healthcare easier for East Tennesseans through affordable membership, programs and services. Healthy living programs fall into 4 categories: wellness activities, chronic disease management, community giving gardens, and inclusive wellness for those with special needs. Above all, the Y is committed to giving everyone in our community the opportunity to pursue healthy lifestyles regardless of their age, race, religion, background, or financial status.

Health – YMCA Community Safety and Aquatics $30,000
The Y's Community Safety and Aquatics Program is dedicated to saving lives by preventing premature death, making access to a safer / healthier life through disease prevention, affordable trainings, certifications, programs and services. Community Safety and Aquatics programs save lives by training people to respond in an emergency, survive in a crisis or even just swim when needed. Above all, the Y is committed to giving everyone in our community the opportunity to pursue healthy lifestyles regardless of their age, race, religion, background, or financial status.

Education – YMCA School Age Development Program $181,353
The YMCA of East Tennessee is committed to providing elementary school age children high-quality childcare and out-of-school activities to support academic achievement, social-emotional development, wellness, and skills for life. We provide after school childcare, summer camp, Power Scholars (a new summer school model program), home school support, health and nutritional education services.

YWCA Knoxville $468,750
Ms. Alizza Punzalan-Randle, Chief Executive Officer
420 West Clinch Avenue, SW
Knoxville, TN 37902
523-6126
http://www.ywca_knox.org
Education – Educating Youth $183,750
The YWCA’s Educating Youth Program (EYP) provides high-quality, evidence supported, out-of-school time programs for free or on a sliding scale (SKIPP only). Provided at the YWCA Phyllis Wheatley Community Center (PWC) in East Knoxville, EYP relies on mutually respectful relationships with high-risk, minority (97%) students and families to encourage improvement and ensure positive outcomes. Focused on addressing the root causes of academic and behavioral problems, EYP offers both short- and long-term solutions through creative, recreation-based methods.

Health – Freedom Inside $30,000
YWCA’s Freedom Inside (FI) address the needs of incarcerated women who have experienced domestic violence. Using evidence-based models, FI works with women in the Knox County Detention Facility to provide pre-release mental health treatment, support groups, and release planning and upon their exit, clients receive help with their transition, including ongoing case management and therapy, coordination of care, and tangible benefits like housing assistance and employment training. As a result, clients seek safety and stability and are significantly less likely to be rearrested compared to the regional recidivism average.

Health – Health & Fitness – Club W $20,000
YWCA’s unique health and fitness program, Club W, meets high-risk, low-income clients where they are and provides holistic, easy-to-access health, fitness, and nutrition programming. Club W’s focus on individuals who lack the opportunity and self-esteem to access traditional fitness programming is evidence-based and tailored to meet the individualized needs of clients. Grounded in research about health disparities in socioeconomically challenged populations, Club W aims to create healthier individuals, connect clients to resources to meet their health needs, and empower pregnant women to make informed decisions their maternal health.

Financial Stability – Keys of Hope Women’s Housing $75,000
YWCA’s Keys of Hope Women’s Program (KOH) provides at-risk women with an affordable, safe, supportive, focused environment necessary as they seek to overcome life-long problems and obstacles. KOH promotes financial stability and independence among women who are homeless or at risk of homelessness through transitional housing and comprehensive services. The only program of its kind in East Tennessee, KOH houses 58 women at a time for a weekly fee of $60 for up to 24 months.

Education – Reach Program $40,000
The YWCA’s Reach Program will offer structured, incentivized internships to high-risk youth, aged 15-18, in East Knoxville at the YWCA Phyllis Wheatley Community Center (PWC). Created as a response to youth-expressed needs and supported by evidence, Reach will offer academic assistance and accountability, marketable job skills and experience, and soft skills (conflict management, professionalism, financial literacy). As a result, youth at risk of academic failure, drop out, community violence, gang affiliation, and trauma will be equipped with essential skills needed to navigate employment and seek independence.

Education – Reducing Chronic Absenteeism $36,000
The YWCA’s Chronic Absenteeism Reduction Program (ReCAb) will provide high-quality, effective, evidence-supported, and targeted case management for students with significant absenteeism at the YWCA Phyllis Wheatley Community Center (PWC). Through creative and strategic methods (solution-focused and peer-led), ReCAb will provide individualized assistance and Knoxville’s most vulnerable students using evidence-supported practices and strong individual and community relationships. Mentorship to students struggling with the underlying circumstances of their chronic absenteeism. Focused on the promotion of academic achievement and long-term goal setting, ReCAb will effectively reduce absenteeism among Knoxville’s most vulnerable students using evidence-supported practices and strong individual and community relationships.
Health – Supporting Youth Experiencing Trauma $24,000
YWCA’s Supporting Youth Experiencing Trauma (SYET) provides essential community-based trauma care for youth ages 9-15. Using a validated trauma screening tool and an evidence-based, best practice curriculum, YWCA and partner organization youth who are screened in can participate in SYET’s 10-week program at no cost and youth whose trauma needs exceed the program’s capabilities are referred to appropriate mental health care and assisted to ensure effective treatment for every child screened. Youth who complete the program have fewer trauma-related symptoms and have overcome traumatic experiences to more effectively negotiate difficulties.

Health – Victim Advocacy Program $60,000
YWCA’s Victim Advocacy Program (VAP) uses evidence-based approaches to advocate for victims of domestic violence, promote victim-friendly practices among helping professionals, educate the community about domestic violence dynamics and prevention strategies, and practice successful primary prevention techniques. VAP focuses on victim needs and safety through planning, court and community advocacy, referral services, psychoeducation, and a spectrum of programs that any victim in need can access. VAP’s community education and prevention strategies are focused on individuals who work collaterally with victims, community members who need resources, and men and boys.