

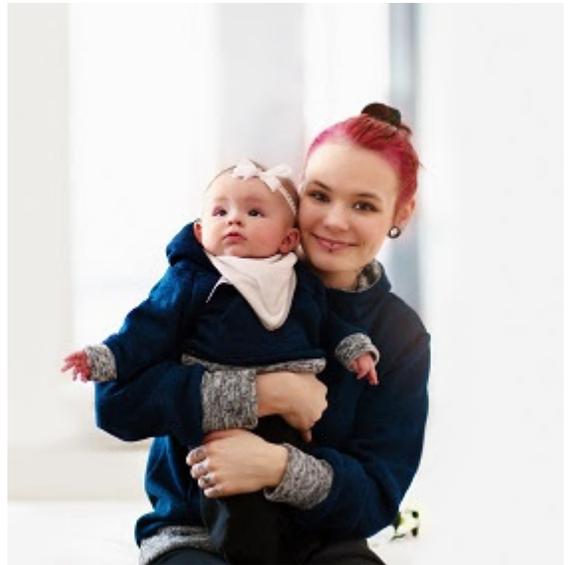
Stable Housing is Key to Long-term Success

Sarah* is the first member of her family to attend college. She had completed two years on a volleyball scholarship when she learned she was pregnant. She considered dropping out so she could work full-time, since there was no way she could afford rent and provide for a new baby. Thankfully, she didn't have to.

In addition to our emergency shelter, Synergy provides long-term housing to homeless and at-risk youth and young families. For teens and young families who are on their own, the daily struggle to survive is a mighty obstacle to long-term success--one that we aim to remove. In addition to housing, Synergy supports these clients with case management, therapy, life skills training, education and employment support to help them achieve their personal goals.

Sarah moved into the apartment provided by Synergy when she was five months pregnant. She was able to continue to take college courses and stay on the volleyball team. She also worked part-time, attended parent support groups and worked with her case manager to create and stick to a budget.

Late last year, she had progressed to a place where she was ready to be self-reliant. Synergy staff assisted her in finding safe, clean and affordable housing options. She and her daughter—now a year old—moved into their own apartment last December. She graduated last month from college with a degree in secondary education and plans to be a high school math teacher. *Sarah says she hopes she can make a positive difference for young people the way Synergy did for her.*



Getting connected to caring people and the right help generally means the difference between a positive outcome and a lifelong struggle for homeless teens. Adding a child into the mix increases the complexity and the stakes--both for the youth and the community. **Invest now in the services that put these young people on a path to success...**...their transformation will benefit the entire community.

*Name changed to protect privacy

News & Events



A Winning Ticket Strategy

Hey Chiefs fans, have we got a deal for you...discounted tickets that also give back to our community. That's a win-win for sure! Here's all you need to do: **Purchase your Chiefs tickets here** for \$33.50 per ticket. Use the promo code SYNERGY and the Chiefs will donate \$10 from every ticket back to Synergy! This deal won't last long...get them before they're gone!



Golf for a Great Cause

Whether you're a scratch golfer or just looking for a good time with friends, Swing Fore Synergy is a great excuse to sneak in a round of 18, since every dollar raised goes to support Synergy's **Street Outreach** team! The tournament is July 23 at the Nicklaus Golf Club at Lionsgate. **Sign-up your team of four** to compete in a scramble format for bragging rights and prizes. No matter how you finish, breakfast, lunch and ice-cold beer are provided.



We're Here for You

Good mental health is foundational to overall well-being. At its core, Synergy is an agency dedicated to strengthening individuals and families, and helping them function in a healthy way. In addition to our many residential and outreach programs, we also provide a wide range of outpatient counseling. If you or someone you know are struggling with mental health, we are here for you. **Check out our counseling services and let us help.**



Giving Victims a Voice

It was a productive week in Washington DC as Synergy staff joined fellow advocates at **National Network to End Domestic Violence** Advocacy Day and the **National Children's Alliance** Leadership Conference. It was our honor to speak with legislators, including Missouri Senator Roy Blunt (pictured above) on behalf of survivors. Funding and legislation are critical in protecting those who experience family violence.



Beauty is Good for the Soul

A special thanks to the **Citi volunteers** who chose to donate their time at Synergy for Citi's Global Community Day! Their work to spruce up indoor and outdoor spaces at our domestic violence center adds beauty to our space and reminds our clients how much they are loved.



BMO Lends a Hand for Juneteenth

Our thanks to the amazing volunteers from **BMO Harris Bank** who prepared and served the meal for Synergy's Juneteenth event at the YRC! We are so grateful for their help in making our celebration of diversity, freedom and inclusion a huge success.