



Safe Today. Strong Tomorrow.

At Synergy, we know long-term solutions must include stable employment; and we are always looking for new ways to prepare our clients for the workforce and connect them to employers. That's how the idea for our first job fair, held last week, was born.

Case Manager Cayla Waller works with abuse survivors and those who have experienced trauma to move from their crisis situation to sustainable success. She led the effort to host the job fair for Synergy clients in partnership with the Full Employment Council.



"It was wonderful to see our clients practice professional skills and connect with potential employers and training opportunities," she said. Cayla went on to describe some of the successes of the day: "When an employer asked one of the women what she was good at she stated, 'I'm a really great mom' and went on to explain that she hasn't had a lot of experience the last several years because she has been taking care of her three children, but she was looking to acquire more skills and be self-sufficient. Another young woman seemed shy and quiet. However, when asked what she was good at, she was articulate about skills she acquired from past employers listed on the resume that she proudly handed to the recruiter. Another client has been looking for employment for the past several months. I was so happy to see her dressed so professionally walk toward the tables with confidence. She has wanted to give up, but she has chosen not to!"

We know when a survivor is self-confident and able to maintain meaningful employment, their risk of landing back in an abusive relationship decreases significantly. Our thanks to the FEC and all the employers who joined us at our Job Fair! Giving our clients the chance to practice their professional skills + connect with employers = SUCCESS.



Kindness Wins

The 28th annual Kindest Kansas Citian Awards raised over \$180,000 to fund our school-based programs that help prevent violence. Our thanks to the 400+ participants, our many sponsors and all who shared and celebrated kindness with us! [Check out photos from the evening!](#)



Oh Happy Day

Giggles, squeals and joy abound at our Children's Center during the monthly visit from the KC Fire Department! The kids get to explore the truck, spray the hose, honk the horn and high-five the firefighters! We appreciate our friends at Station #6 for making the kids staying with us heroes for a day!



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! For the first time ever, the tournament is being held at the Nicklaus Golf Club at Lionsgate, where over 20 teams of four will compete in a scramble format for bragging rights and prizes. No matter how you finish, breakfast, lunch and ice-cold beer will be provided for everyone. [Save your spot today!](#)



Doing Good is a Family Tradition

We were honored to nominate the Isenberg siblings, John, Carol & Tom, as Nonprofit Connect's Philanthropists of the Year...and we were even more excited to celebrate their win with them at the 34th annual Philanthropy Awards Luncheon! Collectively the three have made a significant difference for our community through tireless and long-standing support of organizations like Kansas City Hospice, the Jewish Federation and, of course, Synergy Services!



Beauty is Good for the Soul

Many of the survivors who stay at our shelters arrive



Bargains Pay Off Big for Synergy Clients

When Barb Gulick drops off a car load of supplies,

believing they are unworthy. Unworthy of love, unworthy of happiness, unworthy of anything nice. Our thanks to [Curry Real Estate](#) for showing them otherwise by making the outdoor space at our [Domestic Violence Center](#) more warm, welcoming and beautiful for the families who are beginning to heal there!

the staff at our shelters do a happy dance. The self-proclaimed bargain hunter has made it her mission to stock Synergy's shelves with items that are always needed, like bedding, towels, diapers and clothing. Thanks Barb for your regular donations of these items for the kids and families that we serve!

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