



**Thank you for
looking out for
the children of**

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More than 700 urban Kansas City children come to Operation Breakthrough each weekday, for nutritious food, lively learning, health and dental care, therapy and TLC, while their parents work or attend school. The children range from infants to age 18. About 20% are homeless. More than 70% of families live on annual earnings of less than \$12,000. 65% of our children witness violence by age 5. More than 90% of our 5-year-olds test “school ready” each year, as compared with fewer than 50% of children in poverty nationally. OB’s workforce development program, The Ignition Lab, offers real-world job skills to more than 300 teens each week.

OB was founded 52 years ago by Sisters Berta Sailer and Corita Bussanmas to address the needs of mothers in the urban core who needed someone to care for their young children while they worked. The nuns started with four babies and turned their living room into a childcare center. They incorporated Operation Breakthrough in 1971 as a not-for-profit with no religious affiliation. Today, OB still uses a two-generation approach, helping children prepare for school success, while empowering parents to create a stable, nurturing home environment.

Tax-deductible donations make the following programming possible:

For children, OB provides:

- Up to 55 hours per week of safe, loving care and education
- A full-day early learning program for children ages 0-5 with an emphasis on language and social skills and school readiness
- Before- and after-school care and full-day summer programming for children 5 to 18, which focuses on literacy, STEM and arts activities, while fostering critical thinking, collaboration and social skills.
- Workforce development program for HS students
- Speech and occupational therapy
- Preventive mental health programming for all and one-on-one therapy for children who have experienced trauma
- Health care in a full-service, on-site clinic
- On-site dental care
- Daily breakfast, lunch and snacks

For parents/caregivers, OB provides:

- Parenting classes for various stages of child development
- “Ready for Kindergarten” program to engage parents as their children’s first teachers
- Support groups
- Employment counseling
- Help with budgeting, housing searches, legal matters, relationship issues, etc.
- GED prep/high school completion online
- One-on-one therapy for adults
- Family therapy, for parents with their children
- Food pantry
- Clothing closet for children and adults
- Used furniture and appliances
- Holiday and birthday gift program for children

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