

Kansas City Blind All-Stars Foundation (KCBAS)

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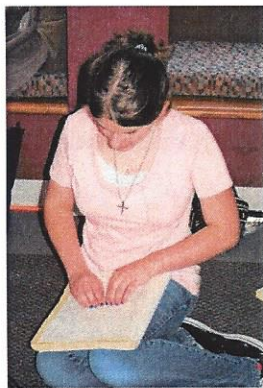
TEAMS

Technology



Providing state-of-the-art assistive technology for youth who are blind or visually impaired is a top priority for the KCBAS Foundation. Because visual impairment is a low incidence disability, the adaptive technology is very expensive and quickly becomes outdated. KCBAS works to provide access to the most advanced equipment available to increase skill development and employment.

Education & Employment



KCBAS supports and funds the regional and national Braille Challenge competitions which are designed to motivate students to increase braille literacy skills and rewards them for that. For students with low vision, KanLovKids provides clinical evaluations by local optometrists, who then prescribe low vision aids and train students in their use in ten regional cities across Kansas. This endeavor improves visual performance in academics and everyday leisure activities. KCBAS also awards college scholarships each year to deserving visually impaired students. In addition, the foundation supports students in their community work experiences by providing funding for their wages.

Athletics and Extracurricular Activities



Athletics have always been a cornerstone of the KCBAS Foundation. Any student with a visual impairment can participate in sports at KSSB—track, wrestling, swimming, cheerleading, goal ball (a sport unique to students who are blind), as well as forensics (speech). KCBAS helps fund travel expenses so that students may compete against other blind athletes in the Midwest. Current KCBAS projects include improvements to the KSSB track and swimming pool. For the last several years dorm students have been able to ski at Snow Creek in the late afternoon/evening.

Music & Arts



KCBAS supports opportunities for students to express themselves through music by funding the equipment and software necessary to convert music notation into braille. This gives visually impaired students the opportunity to create, record, and produce their own musical works. The foundation also partners with Accessible Arts to sponsor activities in the arts, especially in tactile media (ceramics) and performance (drama).

Skill Building



Skill building gives all students who are visually impaired the opportunity to receive individual instruction to develop independent living skills, such as hygiene, dressing, and laundry; grocery shopping, meal planning and cooking; money management, budgeting and bill paying; cleaning, self-management and arranging transportation. KCBAS provides support for the on-campus apartment living experience as well as the annual Boys' and Girls' Weekends which give students with visual impairments the chance to socialize with their visually impaired peers. A student living in a rural area might be the only visually impaired student in his school, district or county!

Donations may be sent to: KC Blind All-Stars Foundation
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