

GROWING GENERATIONS



AMETHYST PLACE: WHERE FAMILIES COME HOME TO HEAL 

From roots to wings, witness the power of growth and transformation inside.





A LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Amethyst Place Community,

As we gather our thoughts to encapsulate the remarkable year we've had at Amethyst Place, our hearts are filled with profound gratitude for your unwavering commitment to our noble cause. Your steadfast support has been the cornerstone of our success, empowering us to embark on a journey of transformation, growth, and healing.



In our 23-year history, Amethyst Place has stood as a beacon of hope for families in need of a fresh start. Year after year, your generosity has enabled us to touch more lives, mend wounds, and craft stories of triumph. As we commemorate yet another National Recovery Month, we are reminded that recovery flourishes within the embrace of a compassionate community, and you are the heart of that community.

Our families arrive at our doors in moments of vulnerability, seeking solace and stability. When they depart, they leave empowered with a renewed sense of dignity and hope and equipped with life skills to build brighter futures.

As we look ahead, we are reminded that our work is far from done. There are still many families waiting for their chance to heal, reunify, and rewrite their stories. That is why we broke ground to build 32 more units of permanent and affordable housing to bring more families home to heal at Amethyst Place. Construction is underway and we anticipate completion of our #GROWAP expansion by the end of 2024. We urge you to stand with us once again, to continue being a beacon of hope for those who need it most by following along the journey and finding ways to get involved.

From the depths of our hearts, we thank you for your dedication, your kindness, and your unyielding support. Together, we can shape a brighter future for the families we serve and the community we cherish. Let's forge ahead, with determination and compassion, as we work toward the next chapter of growth and transformation.

With gratitude and hope,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Starla Wulf Brennan". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Starla Wulf Brennan
Executive Director



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ABOUT US

WHAT WE DO

Amethyst Place is a long-term supportive housing program for women and children recovering from substance use, trauma, and poverty.

OUR NOBLE CAUSE

We inspire transformational healing and empower generations of women and children to achieve recovery, reunification, and resilience.

OUR IMPACT

Since May 2000, we have served over 375 families, including 726 children. Annually, we touch the lives of over 150 women and children through our three core programs: Supportive Housing, Family Empowerment, and Therapeutic Services.

SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Helps families stabilize and reunify through 37 private, fully furnished apartments and access to basic needs.



THERAPEUTIC SERVICES

Helps women and children heal from past trauma, stabilize mental health, improve parenting skills, and build resilience.



FAMILY EMPOWERMENT

Helps families overcome generational poverty and lead healthy lives through financial, education, career, and wellness support.



IN 2022

166

women and children were served at Amethyst Place

AMONG THE WOMEN ENTERING PROGRAMMING:

FEW had their own transportation

MOST had debt from outstanding warrants or fines or unpaid bills

ALL experienced co-occurring mental health issues in addition to substance-use disorders

ALL were experiencing a housing crisis



Amethyst Place uses a two-generation model in all that we do. Through our family-centered approach, we recognize that substance use, poverty, and trauma impact moms AND kids. We also take a long-term approach, knowing firsthand that transformation takes time. We have no maximum length of stay, letting families determine when they are ready for their next step toward independence.

FAMILY JOURNEY THROUGH AP



LEVEL I: STABILIZATION

- Family reunification
- Housing stability
- Recovery and mental health support
- Debt and legal issues resolved

LEVEL III: SUSTAINABILITY

- Moms complete college degrees or vocational training and secure meaningful career paths
- Families are equipped for continued success after Amethyst Place



AP WAITLIST

- Families are referred by one of ten community partners
- Currently 50+ families wait 12 months to move in
- All unhoused with most children in foster care

LEVEL II: EMPOWERMENT

- Investing in career and education while maintaining stability
- Children thrive with positive childhood experiences

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Thriving families living in the community with financial security, sustained recovery, and bright futures

EXCELLENCE IN IMPACT



We are honored to be the recipients of the 2023 Excellence in Impact Award (Medium Division) from Nonprofit Connect. Also, for the second year in a row, we were named an Impact 100 Partner with United Way of Greater Kansas City. "These recognitions are shared accomplishments with the women and children we serve. It's their resilience and strength that make these outcomes possible," remarked Starla Wulf Brennan, Executive Director.

With this honor, we are all the more encouraged to continue our noble cause of inspiring transformational healing and empowering generations of women and children to achieve recovery, reunification, and resilience!

Pictured: Several staff and AP moms attended the 39th annual Nonprofit Connect Awards Celebration
[#KCFORCESOFCHANGE](#)



Scan me to watch a recap



<https://unitedwaygkc.org/impact-100/>



Scan the QR code to read our full 2022 Impact Report or visit amethystplace.org/strategies-and-impact

#GROW AP

A Groundbreaking Moment

In a triumphant and heartfelt ceremony on May 19, 2023, we embarked on a remarkable journey toward nearly doubling our housing capacity. We broke ground, defying the earlier rain showers. Gathered with the Amethyst Place community comprised of the families we serve, staff, community partners, neighbors, board members, funders, and more, the afternoon resonated with unity and a profound commitment to uplift families in recovery.

Addressing the Affordable Housing Crisis

Amid the festivities and anticipation, the stark reality was not lost on anyone present. Currently, 51 families are anxiously waiting for the opportunity to call Amethyst Place home. While they wait a year or more, they are unhoused or their living conditions are unsafe. Because of this, children are in foster care or other out-of-home placements, emphasizing the dire need for both Amethyst Place's program and affordable housing solutions in the heart of Kansas City.

A Vision Takes Root

Recognizing this pressing need, we took a bold step toward being part of the solution. In 2021, with the generous support of dedicated contributors, we acquired 1.28 acres of land at 2770 Tracy, Kansas City, MO, located just a block east of our existing campus. It is here that we are constructing 25 apartments and 7 townhomes. This ambitious endeavor, **#GROWAP**, is a \$15.4M campaign with an estimated completion by the end of 2024.





Mission-Driven Partnerships

We would not be as far along in the process without the expertise and support of our mission-driven partners: Sunflower Development Group, LLC, Rosemann & Associates PC, and Rau Construction Company.

They have been instrumental in helping us become an affordable housing developer in our own right.

Relive the Moment

Want to experience the celebration all over again? We've got you covered!

Check out our video recap by scanning the QR code below.



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<https://amethystplace.org/get-involved/growap/>

“We delight in the beauty of the butterfly but rarely admit the changes it has gone through to achieve that beauty.”

QUOTE BY MAYA ANGELOU



In this special edition of our yearbook, we embark on a heartwarming journey of resilience, hope, and transformation as we honor and recognize the incredible accomplishments of Amethyst Place women and teens.

Just like butterflies emerging from their chrysalises, these resilient individuals have soared against the odds. With stability and a nurturing environment, they have spread their wings to embark on a new, beautiful journey.

Not only have they weathered storms, but they have also harnessed their inner strength to transcend adversity. Their stories will tug at your heartstrings and serve as a testament to the incredible strength of the human spirit.

But that's not all—scan the QR codes to delve deeper into the remarkable journeys of these families. Discover their triumphs, challenges, and the pivotal moments that have shaped their lives.



Get ready to be inspired, uplifted, and reminded of the boundless potential within us all.





Hi...I'm Mollee!

- This year I graduated with my Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from Avila University.
- I was also appointed as a City of Kansas City, MO Health Department Wellness Ambassador.
- My next goal is to earn my personal training certification.
- Amethyst Place has allowed me to completely change my life in ways I never imagined. Scan the QR code below to hear more about my recovery journey and how I brought wellness as a recovery model to Amethyst Place.

"I've been inspired by the women around me, and I hope to inspire those come who come after me."

What's your favorite thing to do with your family?

Travel and hike.

What's a favorite meal you like to share with your family? How do you make it?

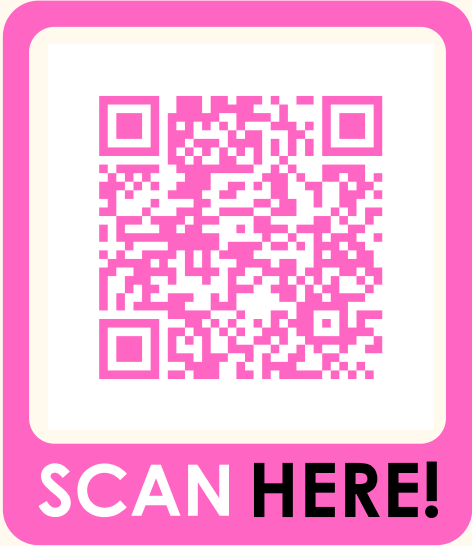
Minsky's Pizza...we order it.

What's your favorite motivational song?

"We Did It!" by Grandson

What's your favorite memory at Amethyst Place?

Bringing my kids home for good in time for Thanksgiving many years ago.



Hi...I'm Abby!

"I am so appreciative of this place for allowing me to become stable, helping me with anything, and I mean anything, I need. All the staff here are so kind and helpful. I know at times this place seems to be so hard, but I mean from the bottom of my heart I don't know where I would be if it wasn't for Amethyst Place! I love everyone here."

- In this past year, I reunited with my daughter, Maddy, and I gave birth to my son, Liam.
- I earned my GED.
- And I graduated from Amethyst Place.



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Listen to my favorite motivational song:

"Happy" by Pharrell Williams



What's your favorite thing to do with your family?

Be with them and go to fun exciting places like the zoo.

What's a favorite meal you like to share with your family?

Chilli cheese dogs or pizza.

What has been your motivation to reach your goals?

The love I have for myself and the love I share so deeply for my children.

Now that you've accomplished this step, what's do you look forward to within the next year?

Starting the KC scholar workshops in October and seeing where I end up going with that for computer tech.



Hi...I'm Pauline!



- This year I completed Jackson County's Family Treatment Court.
- And I reunited with my daughter, Donaira.
- My next goal is to get stronger in my recovery and get my license.
- Amethyst Place has allowed me to work on clearing debt, learn responsibility, and step outside the box.

"I want to say my true family are my Amethyst sisters - staff included. Thank you for helping and accepting me and my child."



What's your favorite thing to do with your family?

Hang out.

What's a favorite meal you like to share with your family? How do you make it?

Vegetables with smoked sausage in it.

What's your favorite motivational song?

"Independent" by Lil' Boosie

What has been your motivation to reach your goals?

My child and the need to break the generational curse in my family.



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Watch "3 Powerful Minutes with Pauline" on our YouTube





Hi...I'm Esbeydi!

"My mom always told me 'the one that wants will do.' Seeing is believing. And as I have been watching myself grow, it has given me the motivation and determination to keep going. Thank you for all your support and belief. This is a phenomenal program."

- In this past year I have graduated from Family Treatment Court.
- Reunited with my three children and brought them home with me for the holidays.
- I earned my GED.
- And I graduated from Amethyst Place.



Listen to Esbeydi's favorite motivational song:

"All I Do Is Win" by DJ Khaled



What's your favorite thing to do with your family?

Watch scary movies.

What's a favorite meal you like to share with your family?

Chicken Empanadas or masa, chicken, deep fried until golden served with sour cream, lettuce, avocado, cheese, and salsa.

Now that you've accomplished this step, what do you look forward to within the next year?

Finishing my Pre-Apprenticeship Training through the Missouri Works Initiative and working in the construction trade.



Hi...I'm Aneesa!

- I graduated from a 9-month Basic and Industrial Sewing Machine program at The Sewing Labs.
- I'm now working on 2,000 hours of apprenticeship and work at Weave Gotcha Covered to be Missouri State Certified in Industrial Sewing.
- I have my driver's permit and am currently working toward getting a car and a driver's license.

"I wanna thank everyone who gave me space to heal, and was there when I needed to talk."



Listen to Aneesa's favorite motivational song:

"Mount Everest" by Labrinth



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What's your favorite thing to do with your family?

Play tic-tac-toe, drawing challenges, or Playdoh sculpting.

What's a favorite meal you like to share with your family?

Spaghetti and garlic bread or grilled cheese.

What has been your motivation to reach your goals?

To be financially and foundationally stable and well.

Amethyst Place has allowed me to:

Heal, have a safe space to be independent, and reach out when I need moral support.

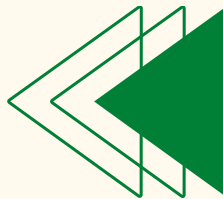


Hi...I'm Whitney L.!

"I am building homes for me and my sisters at Amethyst Place. I would like to thank all of them for making me feel so welcome when I first got here and staff for being so authentically true to who they are. Without their guidance and patience, who knows where I would be."

- In this past year I graduated from ReDiscover's Treatment Program.
- I completed the Missouri Works Initiative Apprentice Ready Program.
- **I started a new job with Rau Construction, a member of Amethyst Place's expansion team.**

Follow along our **#GrowAP** journey to see how Whitney is helping to build 32 more units of affordable housing for AP families.



What has been your motivation to reach your goals?

My children's daily lives and future.

What's a favorite meal you like to share with your family?

They don't like it when I cook new things...I'm working on it though.

What's your favorite thing to do with your family?

Creating everyday memories doing things most people take for granted...playing together, drawing, crafting.

What's your favorite memory at Amethyst Place?

On our camping trip, my girls and I were sitting on a bench just watching the water together and the sun was setting it was so beautiful...it only lasted about 3 minutes. But that moment would have never been possible if I hadn't had the growth I needed to have been able to get there.



Hi...I'm Jennifer!



- I officially became a homeowner through Habitat for Humanity of Kansas City.
- My 5-bedroom home is under construction and fellow Amethyst Sisters volunteered to help me build it.
- Scan the QR code below to hear more about my recovery journey and path to a brighter future.

"I let myself slip so far into a hole, there were no stairs to get out of that hole. But, I made stairs."



What's your favorite thing to do with your family?

Swimming.

What's a favorite meal you like to share with your family?

Spaghetti.

What has been your motivation to reach your goals?

Myself.

What's your favorite memory at Amethyst Place?

Trunk or Treat.



Hi... I'm Yvonne!

- In this past year I have completed Comprehensive Mental Health's Addiction Recovery Treatment Program.
- I earned my certificate to become a Peer Support Specialist.
- I graduated from Amethyst Place.
- I'm looking forward to working in my chosen field and adding to my credentials. This is kind of an ongoing learning field and I'm excited about that.



To my Grandma, you will always be the most beautiful woman in the world. Thank you for 47 years of loving me, for never giving up on me, and for you and grandpa showing me what a beautiful, loving marriage and home looks like. I love you so much! To my Aunt Jeanne and Aunt Daria, thank you for trying to help me before I was ready to hear it. Thank you for showing me what long term recovery can look like with all its great times and its excruciatingly painful times. Thanks for showing me that life is going to keep on happening and I still don't have to use! Thank you for showing me what a beautiful, deep, long-lasting, loving marriage looks like. And lastly, thank you for always cheering me on in my recovery. Even from afar you two are the quiet grace of recovery I think of so often. I love you both so much. To Amethyst Place, thank you for giving me a home and a place to heal and recover. I really don't know if you all know how badly I needed that. I'm still healing, I'm still recovering! I'll always be recovering from drugs, but I'm talking about physical, mental, and emotional healing that I'm still working on TODAY! Thank you for taking a chance on me. I hope I can make you all proud. To my Sisters, what would this place be without all of you? Awfully boring, that's what it would be! Thank you for sharing the laughter, the tears, the ups and downs. The gross Googles. Thank you for being the best cheer squad a girl could ask for. Thanks for sharing your babies with me. Thanks for doing great things that made me want to do great things!! I love you all.



Hi...I'm Aime!



- In May 2023, I graduated from Metropolitan Community College with an Associate of Arts degree.
- My motivation has been to rise above the circumstances my past choices put me in. I want to honor God in all I do and stay committed to my goals. My children motivate me every day to continue to build a better future and be a present mom, who is also setting a good example.
- I am continuing in school to earn my Bachelor of Social Work degree from Avila University and build on the momentum I have already started to establish.



Listen to Aime's favorite motivational song:

"Hold My Hand" by Jess Glynne

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What's your favorite thing to do with your family?

Family game nights or movie nights, or eating good food and just spending time together.

What's a favorite meal you like to share with your family?

Our favorites are meals where everyone brings something and there is lots of variety.

Amethyst Place has allowed me to:

Strive for and achieve things I could not do on my own. Thank you for allowing me to recover and for encouraging me to follow a path that is aligned with my values and goals. Thank you for your patience and for seeing me as a worthy individual even when I did not see myself as such.

Hi...I'm Amanda!

"My motivation has been my determination and to prove to everyone, including myself, that if you want something bad enough you WILL get it. I want to thank everyone that has supported me through my time here at Amethyst. I could not have made it this far without my sisters, staff, and the Narcotics Anonymous program."

- In this past year I earned the KC Scholars Adult Learner \$50,000 Scholarship.
- I earned an Associate of Arts degree from Metropolitan Community College - Penn Valley.
- I am a current student in my second semester at UMKC for my Bachelor's in Psychology with a minor in Criminal Justice and a minor in Race, Ethnic, and Gender studies.



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**Listen to
Amanda's favorite
motivational song:**

**"Beauty in the
Struggle" by Bryan
Martin**

What's your favorite thing to do with your family?

I love to cuddle with the kids and have a movie night with popcorn.

What's a favorite meal you like to share with your family?

Tacos 🌮 we have a love for them.

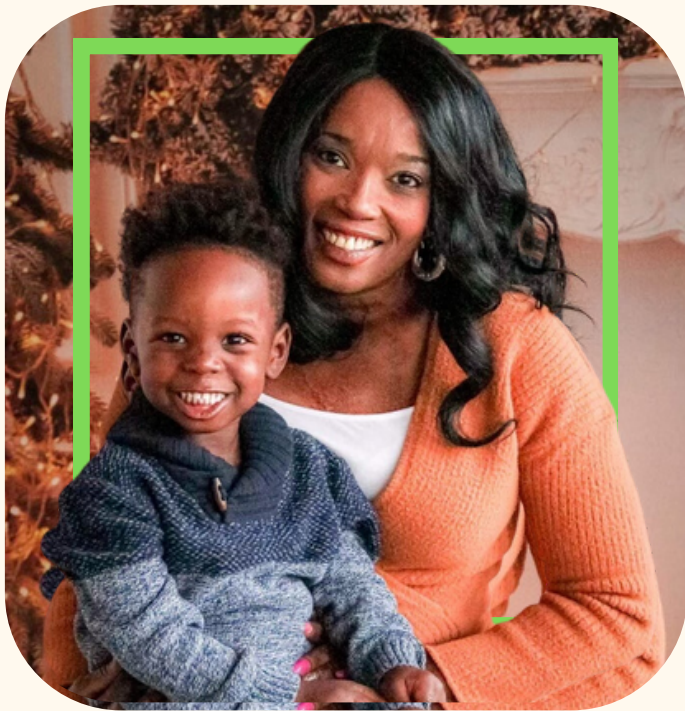
What's your favorite memory at Amethyst Place?

The barbecue events.

Amethyst Place has allowed me to:

Have the housing and stability that I needed to be a member of society again.





Hi...I'm Mary!

- This year I completed ReDiscover's Treatment Program.
- I also completed FEC's career training program in Phlebotomy.
- My next goal is to get all my siblings together for a family reunion.
- Amethyst Place has allowed me to acclimate gradually back into a healthy productive lifestyle that was not so overwhelming as I began to take on my responsibilities and embrace motherhood.

"I would thank my baby girl John'ae for her bravery and hanging in there with me through this process. She has been amazing and I am so proud of her."



What's your favorite thing to do with your family?

Watching the Chiefs.

What's a favorite meal you like to share with your family? How do you make it?

Chicken alfredo with fresh broccoli. I add whipped cream cheese to my sauce.

What's your favorite motivational song?

"Float" by Janelle Monae

What's your favorite memory at Amethyst Place?

The Foam Run



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Listen to Mary's favorite motivational song:

"Float" by Janelle Monae

Hi...I'm Amapola!

"Amethyst Place has allowed me to become a responsible member of society, be accountable for myself and my children, and be more open-minded, free-spirited, and available. I've discovered self-care, love, and compassion. Amethyst Place is the best thing that ever happened to me. I will always be grateful and humble for all!!!"

- In this past year I started a new career at KU as a community health worker.
- I've completed all of my initial certifications for the job including the Code of Ethics, Professional Conduct, Risk Management, Response Teams, Patient Safety, Workplace Violence, and HIPAA.
- Next I'm working on getting my Peer Support Specialist Certification and would like to go back to college to earn my Associate's degree.



**Read Amapola's
inspiring story of
recovery and resilience**



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What's your favorite thing to do with your family?

Go to church.

What's a favorite meal you like to share with your family?

Spaghetti. Isabella loves helping and reminding me.

What has been your motivation?

Jesus Christ, my family, and my son Carlos's death.

What has been your favorite memory at Amethyst Place?

Everyday waking up clean and sober next to my children. I'm never giving up on me. I love you all!!!



Hi...I'm Sam!



- In the past year I have graduated from Family Treatment Court.
- My daughter Uriah is my biggest motivation. She makes everything worthwhile.
- Amethyst Place has been a stable environment for my family. Here I have learned to be the mom my kids deserve.

"I'd like to thank everyone who has stood by me this past year. If it wasn't for all of the support you all have shown me, I don't know where I'd be."



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Listen to Sam's favorite motivational song:

"Fight Song" by Rachel Platten



What's your favorite thing to do with your family?

Getting snuggled up watching Disney movies with extra buttery popcorn.

What's a favorite meal you like to share with your family?

Meatloaf.

In the future, I'm looking forward to:

Graduating from Pawsperity (fka The Grooming Project)

What's your favorite memory at Amethyst Place?

The camping trip. We had so much fun.

Hi...I'm Andrea!

"We need more long-term housing programs for women and children. Amethyst Place is a place where you can experience stability. My kids have never experienced stability before, but now they have their own rooms, their own home, and don't have to worry about having to leave abruptly."



Andrea took a stand to advocate for Amethyst Place families and our expansion program ahead of our approval to break ground. Scan the QR code to read the passionate statement she delivered in front of City Council.



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- In this past year I completed my HISET and earned my GED.
- And I graduated from Amethyst Place.
- I'm currently enrolled in a phlebotomy program.
- In the future I'd like to go back to cosmetology school .

What's your favorite thing to do with your family?

Cook.

What's a favorite meal you like to share with your family?

Street tacos with carne asada, cilantro, lime, sour cream, and Mexican white cheese.

What has been your motivation to reach your goals?

Building a better life for my family and me.

What is your favorite memory at Amethyst Place?

Courtyard time with my sisters.



Hi...I'm Monica!



- In the past year I graduated from Family Treatment Court.
- And I reunited with my two kids, Kendrick and Charlie.
- I also graduated from the Amethyst Place program.
- In the future I will work toward another promotion at work and look into buying a home.



Listen to Monica's favorite motivational song:

"A Better Tomorrow" by Wu-Tang Clan



What's your favorite thing to do with your family?

Movie night.

What's a favorite meal you like to share with your family?

Breakfast - bacon, eggs, and pancakes (sometimes waffles). Charlie loves to help and everyone loves to eat it!

What has been your motivation to reach your goals?

Being the person and the mom I thought I never could be.

What has been your favorite memory at Amethyst Place?

The first night both of my children spent the night with me. I will always cherish the moment that I thought would never happen again.

Hi...I'm Cheyenne!

"My kids deserve a better life than the one I had. And that means I have to be present and make choices that put them in a better position than I started in life."

- In this past year I have graduated from Amethyst Place.
- In the future I look forward to moving out on my own.
- Being at Amethyst Place has allowed me to grow up.

Cheyenne also has an entrepreneurial spirit, turning her love of auto mechanics into a skillset widely used to help other moms at Amethyst Place and a side job. Read more in the blog post "She Means Business."



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What's your favorite thing to do with your family?

Play outside and go to parks.

What's a favorite meal you like to share with your family?

Steaks. I love when my Dad grills them.

What is your favorite motivational song?

"Build a Boat" by Colton Dixon

What is your favorite memory at Amethyst Place?

The workout groups.



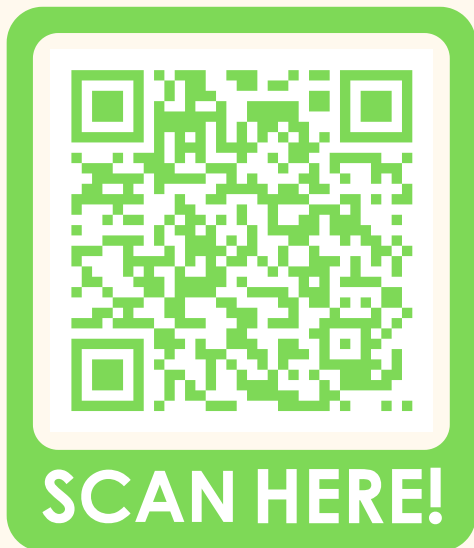


Hi...I'm Emily!

"My motivation to reach my goals has been Love & Service!! I reach my goals because I know I will be able to serve others. Following my passion for helping others and spreading love is not a choice. It's my purpose."

- In this past year I graduated from Avila University with my Master's Degree in Social Work.
- My next goals are to become a licensed master social worker and earn a PhD.

"I would like to thank my son DJ for always inspiring me, my husband Mike for always supporting me, and Wayne Dyer for changing my life."



Listen to Emily's favorite motivational song:

"Hall of Fame" by The Script

What's a favorite meal you like to share with your family?

Thursday night pizza!

What's your favorite thing to do with your family?

Go to Walmart on a Friday night.

What's your favorite memory at Amethyst Place?

June 1st 2017...the day me and my son moved into Amethyst Place. I told him we were there to become better versions of ourselves.

Amethyst Place has allowed me to:

Believe in myself and change how I see myself and the world around me.





Hi...I'm Whitney H.!

"I want to thank my family and friends for being there for me and loving me when I couldn't love myself."

- In this past year I completed the KAT program (University Health's Kitchen Assistant Training Program) .
- I also became an Amethyst Place graduate.
- I'm currently working on getting a car, excelling on my job, and learning more tools that I haven't learned.



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Listen to Whitney's favorite motivational song:

"Not finished Yet" by Building 429



What's your favorite thing to do with your family?

Spend quality time together.

What's a favorite meal you like to share with your family?

Chicken alfredo.

What's your favorite memory at Amethyst Place?

The annual camp out.

Amethyst Place has allowed me to:

Grow.





Hi...I'm Patrice!

- This year I earned my Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) license.
- And I graduated the Amethyst Place program.
- From here I just want to continue to grow.
- Amethyst Place has allowed me to have stable housing and a safe place allowing me and my kids to make memories.

"I want to thank all of my supporters!"



What's your favorite thing to do with your family?

Cuddle up, watch movies, and play.

What's a favorite meal you like to share with your family? How do you make it?

Chicken alfredo with green, red, and yellow bell peppers mixed in.

What has been your motivation to reach your goals?

My kids.

My favorite memory at Amethyst Place is:

Mother's day brunch last year. My daughter, Desi'ya started walking.



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Listen to Patrice's favorite motivational song:

"Special" by Lizzo



Hi...I'm Lauren!

"For what I want, there will always be a future."

- Since being at Amethyst Place, I've reunited with two of my children, Ruby and Ryder.
- I am working toward earning my GED.
- Eventually I'd like to get my Commercial Driver's License (CDL).

What's your favorite thing to do with your family?

Go to the movies and spend time together.

What has been your motivation to reach your goals?

To get a GED and CDL and gain custody back of my oldest son, Matthew.

Is there any special message you'd like to share?

To my AP sisters, thank you.



Hi...I'm Brittani!



- I've completed a treatment program with Heartland Center for Behavioral Change.
- And I reunited with three of my children, Justice, Lyric, and Legaci.
- I also graduated a pet grooming program, Pawsperity.
- Amethyst Place has allowed me to feel really loved and appreciated many times since I've been here. They also have made me feel like they really care for my children and their well-being.

What's your favorite thing to do with your family?

Go swimming and jam out to music really loud in the car while we're driving. We all look at each other and just start laughing because we're all jamming out and dancing.

What's a favorite meal you like to share with your family?

My kids love when I make tacos.

What has been your motivation to reach your goals?

My children are my main motivation in this world and taking care of my mother who has recently gone through some really big hardships in her life and it has really affected me and my family tremendously. But it feels good being able to be the best daughter that a mom deserves to have, especially when she needs my help. I am her support and her help now and it just feels really good.



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Listen to Brittani's favorite motivational song:

"In Jesus Name" by Katy Nichole



Hi...I'm Natasha

"Thank you to Mollee and all the staff for always being there and trying to help me with anything that I may need. Thank you to all of my AP sisters for all the support and encouragement. It really means the world to me."

- In this past year I have completed ReDiscover's Treatment Program.
- I completed the Children's Mercy TIES home visiting program.
- I also received custody of my children.
- And I earned my GED.
- Next, I'm looking forward to going to college.

What's your favorite thing to do with your family?

Watch movies or go swimming.

What's a favorite meal you like to share with your family?

Pizza or steak, mac and cheese, peas and carrots.

What is your favorite motivational song?

"I Believe I Can Fly"

What is your favorite memory at Amethyst Place?

Christmas last year. It was the best one I have ever been able to do for my kids.

Amethyst Place has allowed me to:

Thrive and grow.



AMETHYST PLACE SUPER KIDS



Andee



Autumn



Londyn



Tyler

We're so proud to recognize these AP Teens who completed the Nail Artistry Program through The Village KC!

JJ's Venture

A Soap Sud Success

On a piece of brown construction paper and written in red marker was a business plan 14 year old JJ presented to Ms. Renee (our Sr. Housing & Youth Empowerment Manager).

Ready to pursue entrepreneurship, JJ started KC Cleaners Window Washing. And Amethyst Place became one of JJ's first clients.

JJ started a window washing business to keep busy, get out of the house, and make money to buy typical teenage items.

Now JJ's small business is growing, creating opportunity for other AP kids, like his good buddy Dallas.

JJ has a big brother through Big Brothers Big Sisters Kansas City who has supported him in his business by taking him around to clean windows for various buildings.

When JJ grows up he wants to trade in window washing to serve his country in the army.

What a remarkable young man! At this year's Growing Generations Graduation, JJ is being honored as our Youth Entrepreneur. Whether young or young at heart, JJ is an inspiration to us all.



Scan the QR code to read JJ's story, "Reclaiming His Childhood."

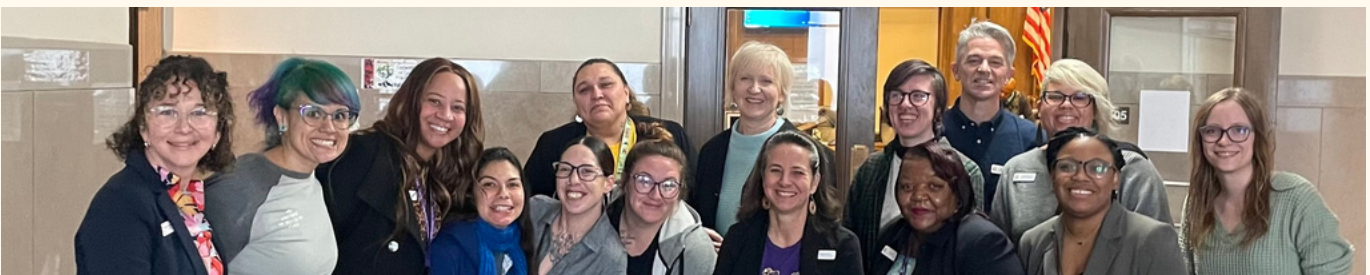


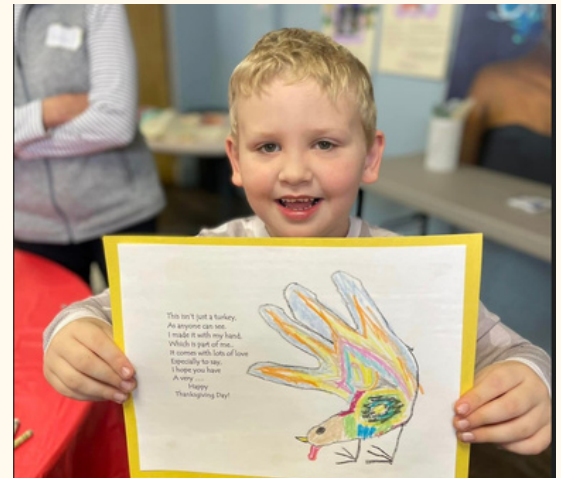
From the biggest to the smallest in our community, we celebrate every accomplishment.
Congrats to our AP littles on graduating Pre-K!



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WORD SEARCH



Amethyst Place moms were asked to provide words that describe themselves, their journeys, and their community. Their responses are the words used in this search.

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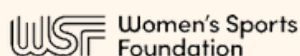
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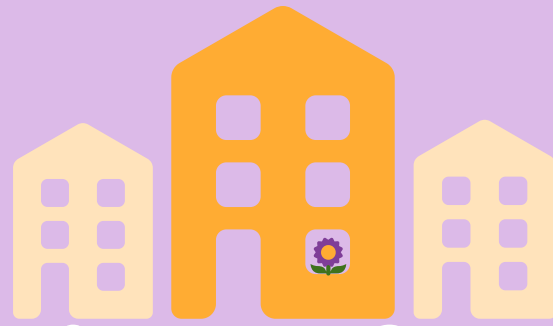
Sam,

The roadmap that was laid out for you was incomplete, and without a legend. The pride we have for how you made it through every rocky road, every broken bridge, and every costly toll road to land on your lined, paved street is off the map! Along your journey, continue making stops to take in the view at each mile marker. The view from Family Treatment Court Street is an amazing one. We are ALL lined up to celebrate you in parade fashion, and will continue to celebrate with you at the next milestone. Stay the course. When you get to a fork in the road, ask for directions. Please know that each member of your support team (your mom, each of the Wright family members, ALL of your AP peeps), are along for the ride.

D.I.T.O.,

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