



2022 ANNUAL REPORT

The King's Table Ministries



BECAUSE EVERY LIFE
HAS VALUE & PURPOSE

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Because every life has value and purpose,
King's Table is dedicated to serving
individuals and families impacted by
developmental and intellectual disabilities.



KING'S TABLE

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Looking back at 2022, we are humbled at the opportunities we had to make an impact in the lives of those we serve. As we make our plans for programming each year, relationships are at the center of what we do. The single dad, who faithfully takes his three kids to church and gives back now that he can bless others, the sister who feels supported and is getting the counseling she needs as she takes care of her sister with Down's Syndrome through the heartbreak of losing a parent too soon, the teacher who comes into our office for prayer as the burdens she carries feel too heavy that day – all of these represent lives we impacted for the better. We have the privilege of building relationships and entering into the journey of special needs with our community and we don't take it for granted.

As a faith-based organization serving in public schools, group homes, and in the community, we assist all people regardless of their belief systems or backgrounds. Our mission is to provide support, enrichment, and to connect them to the resources they need to thrive. In return, we are blessed to work with some pretty amazing people. Thank you for supporting the work of King's Table through prayer, finances, gifts, and volunteering. You are a blessing to us and those in the disability community!

Serving Together,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amber Koster". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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WHERE WE SERVE

Schools
Group Homes
Community

King's Table provides supportive services, enrichment opportunities, and community connections that give hope and encouragement to people impacted by developmental and intellectual disabilities in Kent County, Michigan.

There are over 14,000 Kent ISD students who receive special education services. We serve over 700 of those students who are the most severely challenged. There are no other organizations that do the work we do in special education schools (Center Based Schools).

There are over 400 Adult Foster Care (AFC) Group Homes in the county and we primarily focus on the homes without any faith affiliation. We currently interact with about 25 homes with 150 residents.

Providing community events like Tea for Two, Donuts, Dudes, & Dogs and Planning Workshops for parents are important programs we offer as families find it increasingly difficult to find opportunities for their loved ones impacted by disabilities.

... thank you, both for the photos ...(which I will always treasure) and the lovely afternoon [we] spent...at the tea. I know you put a lot of effort into that day, and everything turned out so nice...Best yet, [my daughter] really relaxed and enjoyed it this year knowing what to expect...All the little incidentals...table decorations, yummy bundt cakes, etc. made it a very special day. Please pass along my thanks to all those who contributed to this occasion. -A mom at Tea for Two

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Supportive Services

Material Assistance

Over \$5,300 in material assistance was provided to students in need. Items included clothing, shoes, groceries, cleaning supplies, toys, hygiene products, backpacks, weighted blankets, a neck collar, a portable ramp, respite camp, and items for families experiencing homelessness.

Picture: A young man working with an iPad given to him to communicate while in the community



Classroom Support

We provided over \$3,000 worth of educational tools to classrooms, hosted 3 book fairs, gave away over 300 books to students, stocked two Life Skills Kitchens, and built a Gaga Ball Pit for a school playground.

Picture: Volunteers with the Gaga Ball Pit they installed at a local school.



Sewing Team Projects

Our dedicated sewing volunteers provided handmade items for students and group homes residents. We distributed 191 clothing protectors, 58 sensory quilts, 100 Annie's Coats, 61 Weighted Stuffed animals, 95 Filled Christmas Stockings, 150 Marble Mazes.

Picture: Annie's Coat (poncho) made by a sewing volunteer.



Sponsorship Program

Our Sponsorship Program at Christmas helped 69 students & their families and 28 residents in six group homes receive over \$31,000 worth of clothing, gifts, food, and utility and rent assistance. Twenty-four group homes received staff visits with much-needed supplies.

Picture: Sponsor-A-Family



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Enrichment Opportunities



School Celebrations

We contributed to the vibrancy of special education schools by hosting the annual school carnival and participating in holiday celebrations and graduations. These are great ways for volunteers from the community to engage in our activities.

Picture: Cookie Decorating at a School Holiday Party



School Staff Appreciation & Support

We are dedicated to serving the 240 school staff working at special education schools. We provided Kookies with King's Table Open Houses each month, held appreciation events, including catered luncheons, and worked together with staff to find solutions for some of the challenges facing their student body.

Picture: School Staff Appreciation Open House



THRIVE for Group Homes

Several group homes participated in our THRIVE program with regular activities from our staff and our THRIVE community groups. Small groups and youth groups from local churches and universities build community when they engage with area group home residents.

Picture: Group Homes residents dressed up for Halloween



Community Events & Programs

- Tea for Two: Mom and Daughter event
- Donuts, Dudes, & Dogs: Dad and Son event
- Open Spot Theatre Camp: for adults
- Planning Workshops: over 26 parents and guardians received free legal and financial education
- Mentoring: for 12 parents navigating the special needs system

Picture: Mom & Daughter with a horse at our Tea for Two Event

Community Connections

Community Partners

"Our students had a FANTASTIC day! We gave them an opportunity to share about their experiences after we returned to class. It was obvious that the students were blessed and grew in their understanding that all people are fearfully and wonderfully made, and their ability to love and respect others through practical application. We are grateful for the opportunity to partner with your ministry"

Amy, a Middle School Teacher after her students served at a special education carnival hosted by King's Table

Special Education Schools

"Kings Table Ministry is at the heart of our school. Over the years...I have been on the receiving end of so many sponsorship opportunities - I sincerely would not have had the classroom resources to do my job at the level I am able to provide without them. Cathy Tyska [King's Table Program Director] has blessed all of us at Lincoln through her coordination of supports, ingenuity, and spirit of giving. She is stationed on campus with us, and truly works alongside us...to make sure we get what we need in order to give our students what they need."



Jess, a Special Education Teacher from a participating school & Cathy Tyska, one of our dedicated King's Table Program Directors

Coming in 2023



Hope in the Heartache Peer-to-Peer Disability Grief Support

Hope in the Heartache is a peer-to-peer grief support program that will be offered to parents and their children who have lost a family member impacted by a cognitive disability. Participants will learn new ways of coping, processing their feelings, growing in their faith, and healing through their grief journey.

FROM OUR FOUNDER

Sally Gallagher

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Fran is a caring mom who has a disability. This makes it difficult at times for her to care for her daughter, Lilly*, who also is affected by a disability. Fran and Lilly both use a wheelchair, and they are often without transportation. When it was time for Fran to look for housing for her adult daughter, she had to rely on the case worker assigned to her to find a suitable place.

After living in the group home for the past year, Fran was concerned about Lilly's negative behavior. She reached out to me for guidance. I connected with the pastor of the church where Lilly was attending. Through our conversation, I found that the only activity Lilly had during the week was going to church because the pastor and his wife picked her up each Sunday. They were so helpful in sharing what might be going on in Lilly's life at the group home.

We discovered she had been placed in a home for eldercare and drug rehab patients. Her roommate was decades older than Lilly and there were few activities available for a young adult with no history of drug abuse. We also learned that this home had a history of problems and had been reported several times.

One of the most important things to remember when working with families is to not do things for them but to do things with them. Teaching parents to advocate for their children is critical when mentoring families impacted by special needs. So, we got to work. She requested a new case worker and we connected with a local organization building a home for adults with disabilities with a fantastic day program. The chances that this home would have an opening were not good as there is a shortage of quality housing in the disability community. But by the grace of God, they had a spot for her, and the home was handicapped-accessible to boot! The mood was hopeful as Fran and I met with the new caseworker and group homeowner to make a plan for Lilly.

I was once again amazed at God's provision for those who are impacted by disabilities. Fran feels encouraged as Lilly begins her new journey surrounded by people who see her life as full of value and purpose!

FINANCIALS

REVENUE



\$262,521
TOTAL REVENUE

- Financial Donations
- In-Kind Donations

Assets \$143,751
Liabilities \$ 714
Net Assets \$143,037

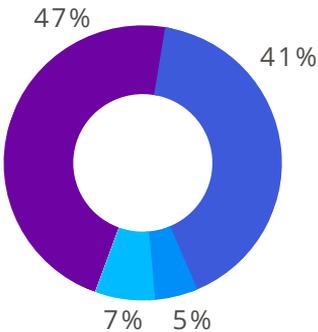
EXPENSES



\$210,246
TOTAL EXPENSES

- Program
- Administration
- Development

INCOME SOURCES



- Individuals
- Churches
- Corporate
- Foundations & Grants

2023 BUDGET



- Financial Donations \$257,442
 - In-Kind Donations \$ 26,420
- Total Needed \$283,862**

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GET INVOLVED

I ♥ TO HELP

- Volunteer at a school for an event
- Connect your small group with a group home
- Join the sewing team
- Serve on the board or committee
- Be a social media advocate

I ♥ TO GIVE

- Be a GEM and Give Every Month
- Become a CROWN with a sustaining gift
- Give through your DAF or estate plan
- Donate by mail, phone, or online
- Sponsor an event

I ♥ TO SHARE

- Sponsor-a-Family or Group Home at Christmas
- Share your skills or expertise
- Provide an item from the Classroom Wish List
- Provide an in-kind gift (goods or services)

I ♥ TO CONNECT

Visit www.KingsTableMinistries.org to:

- Join our Mailing List
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