





## **Four Years** of Impact

The Hesston Resource Center received a Pathways grant to support their work to provide healthier food based on feedback from the clients. The funds will be used to purchase additional storage and shelving to assist with easier sorting of products into green, yellow and red categories.

The City of Halstead was awarded grant funding to connect a new sidewalk from the Halstead Housing Authority to existing sidewalk. This will provide residents with a safe walking route to downtown shopping and activities and will tie in with the Safe Routes to School for students.

USD 373 Cooper Early Education Center received funding in recognition of updating their policies for screen time and play for pre-K students. They will use the funds to help implement a weekend backpack plan to provide food for the weekend for students who are at risk of going hungry.



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## **Harvey County**

The Healthy Harvey Coalition works with community partners to improve the health, safety and success of all people in Harvey County. Through the Pathways initiative we are able to expand our partnerships and further our efforts by helping make substantial changes in policies, systems and the environment that address the social determinants of health.





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This is a wonderful grant for our resource center. We are now able to replace some much needed freezers and refrigerators. We have already upgraded our computers and phone systems. Thank you very much.





Initiative Wide: **Community conditions** (e.q. housing, transportation, education) impact overall health.

71.3% Strongly agree/Agree

18.3% Neither agree nor disagree

Strongly disagree/Disagree

Note: Results are from a survey of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas members for whom e-mail addresses were available in communities that received Pathways funding. The survey response rate was 4.7% (N = 3,354). Blank response = 5.7%.

## From Voices to Victories: The Impact of Community Engagement

During a focus group about creative placemaking, Halstead Housing Authority residents identified a need for access to physical fitness equipment. To achieve this, we partnered with the City and the Kansas Learning Center for Health to build more sidewalks to connect the housing authority to a new fitness court facility.



Pathways to a Healthy Kansas combines evidence-based solutions and promising practices for improving healthy eating, active living and tobacco prevention to make a large impact in communities. The program provides community coalitions with the tools and resources needed to remove barriers and engage their communities – and represents the largest community grant program ever funded by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas.

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