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4th Annual HALO “I Defy the Odds” Inspiration Breakfast Sept. 15 ***Be Inspired by Stories from HALO Kids Who Prove that Homeless Is Not Helpless***

Kansas City, MO — The HALO Foundation, a nonprofit that helps thousands of homeless and at-risk children around the world, is hosting its [4th Annual “I Defy the Odds” Inspiration Breakfast](#) at The Abbott (1901 Cherry St., Kansas City, MO 64108) on Sept. 15. Due to Covid-19, the last HALO Breakfast event was held in 2019. Doors open and breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m. Program is 8 a.m. – 9 a.m. Funds raised benefit homeless and at-risk children in Kansas City.

“The homeless children and teens we work with don’t just exceed expectations, they defy the odds,” said HALO Founder Rebecca Welsh. “Experience this confidence first hand at our 4th Annual Inspiration Breakfast on Sept. 15. Hear stories that defy the odds and witness how love can change a life.”

HALO recently broke ground on its second Missouri location of a HALO Boys Home, Girls Home, Learning Center and Headquarters as a \$4.1 million phase I project located at I-435 South and Blue Parkway in southeast Kansas City on 37 acres. Lead Kansas City partners include Harmon Construction, general contractor; Clockwork, architect; BHC, design engineering firm; Superior Bowen, civil contractor; and Place Interiors, interior design. Key supporters include BlueScope Steel, Bicknell Family Foundation, Diamond Pet Foods, Haverty Family Foundation, Kemper Family Foundations, Mabee Foundation, Sarah Ross and the Sunderland Foundation. HALO plans to share updates on this building project at the Breakfast event.

Tickets are available for purchase at haloworldwide.org/event/here and close Sept. 8. Guest speakers include HALO Alum Eternity and Madison, HALO Advocate Board Member Sally Sallee, HALO Founder Rebecca Welsh, the Kansas City HALO Home construction team and Tamara Day, who is the Interior Designer and Host of Magnolia Network’s Bargain Mansions in addition to owning Growing Days Home, a retail and design company. Sponsors include Haverty Family Foundation as the Diamond lead sponsor, MoroccanOil, Platform Ventures, Mariner Wealth Advisors, Kemper Family Foundations, Harmon Construction, Wagstaff & Cartmell, Fike, Kansas City Life Insurance, Place Interiors, Clockwork, Nuance, Kenny Johnson Photography, J.S. Robinson and Image 360. Donations can be made [here](#).



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Welsh was recently selected as the first person featured in Oprah Daily's "Good People Doing Great Things" series and will serve as a guest speaker for Oprah's "The Life You Want" topic on Service Sept. 13.

Welsh shares, "When we tell a child that they are valued, that they are an absolute treasure, and then finally they believe it, that's when we see the best of this world. That's the magic of love. They then slowly become a force that can and will defy the odds."

ABOUT HALO:

HALO believes every child should have the foundation of a family. Since 2005, HALO has provided love in the form of housing, healing and education to heal homeless and at-risk children. Featured in the Moroccan oil INSPIRED film series, "American Spirit" of CBS Evening News, "Heroes Among Us" and "25 Women Changing the World" of PEOPLE magazine, "The Today Show," Variety Magazine, and Oprah Daily, HALO serves over 3,000 children and supports 15 programs around the globe each year. It has Learning Centers and Housing programs in Kansas City, and Jefferson City, Missouri, and art programming in New York and Portland. HALO also supports orphanages and programs in Uganda, Kenya, Mexico and India. Learn how Love Heals at HALO and help one more child spend one less day alone at haloworldwide.org.

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Photo/Video Opportunity: If interested in interviewing HALO Founder Rebecca Welsh and/or a HALO Youth Alum, please contact nicolegerken@haloworldwide.org or 913-548-8875 (cell).