



## NEWS

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### HALO Featured in the Giving Machine this Holiday Season

**Kansas City, MO** — The HALO Foundation (HALO), a nonprofit that helps homeless and at-risk children around the world, has been selected as one of seven Kansas City organizations featured in this year's Light the World Giving Machine at Union Station. From Nov. 22 through Jan. 1, visitors can support HALO by purchasing donation items ranging from \$9 school supplies to \$100 for a week of groceries. Those unable to visit in person may give online at: <https://haloworldwide.org/?form=givingmachine>.

A community unwrapping event for the 2025 Light the World Giving Machine KC, sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, will take place Saturday, Nov. 22 at 6 p.m. at Union Station. Special guests include Tavia Hunt, Tammy Reid, Mayor Quinton Lucas, Elder Gary E. Stevenson of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, and leaders from featured charities. HALO Founder Rebecca Welsh will be in attendance.

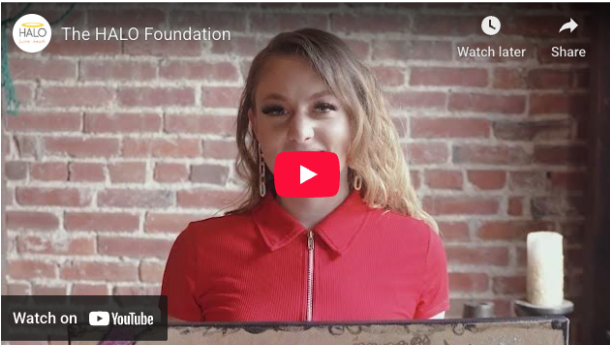
The Giving Machine offers donors a simple, instant way to provide meaningful help. Much like a traditional vending machine, visitors “purchase” essential items — from meals and school supplies to hygiene kits, diapers, winter gear, and even livestock — with options ranging from \$5 to \$200.

Now in its fifth year in Kansas City, this year's Giving Machine will benefit nine charities: seven local and two global. Local nonprofit beneficiaries this year include: The HALO Foundation, Catholic Charities of Kansas City - St. Joseph, Happy Bottoms, Harvesters: The Community Food Network, Hillcrest Transitional Housing, Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund, and Science City at Union Station. Global charities are Days for Girls and Care International.

The Giving Machine is located at Union Station, 30 W. Pershing Road, on Level One in the Grand Hall, and will remain available through Jan. 1, 2026.

Since 2005, HALO has provided housing, healing, and education to thousands of homeless and at-risk children around the world. HALO provides the foundation of a family by providing homeless kids a safe place to sleep and fulfilling a spectrum of needs, from simply surviving the night to surviving their first job interview to helping them learn how to make it on their own as successful young adults.

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### The HALO Foundation

HALO serves as the foundation of a family for children without one. Since 2005, HALO has provided housing, healing and education to thousands of homeless and at-risk children. Help one more child spend one less day alone at [haloworldwide.org](https://haloworldwide.org).

| School Supplies                                                                                                                                                   | Hygiene Supplies                                                                                                                                               | Winter Gear                                                                                                                                  | School Clothes                                                                                                                                                 | Week of Groceries                                                                                                                                     |
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| <br>Essentials to get you started in school and keep you going all year long. | <br>Personal hygiene items to keep you and your family clean and healthy. | <br>Keep you and your family warm and safe this winter. | <br>Clean, comfortable clothes to keep you and your family looking great. | <br>A week's worth of groceries to keep you and your family fed. |
| \$9                                                                                                                                                               | \$20                                                                                                                                                           | \$55                                                                                                                                         | \$65                                                                                                                                                           | \$100                                                                                                                                                 |

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In January 2025, HALO opened its third new location in Missouri, operating the HALO Boys Home, Girls Home, Learning Center, and Headquarters. This multi-phased project is located at I-435 South and Blue Parkway, near the Chiefs and Royals Stadiums in southeast Kansas City, on 37 acres.

The HALO KC Housing program is a Transitional Living Program. The HALO Girls Home provides the foundation of a family to pregnant, parenting, and non-parenting girls ages 16-21 and their children who are homeless or in high-risk situations. The HALO Boys Home serves boys ages 16-21. Ten bedrooms are available, and each home has a shared living room and kitchen. HALO youth graduate from the program within 18 months.

The KC Learning Center currently serves over 700 homeless and at-risk children and partners in the community, offering free services with organizations like reStart Inc., Fairfax Learning Center, Newhouse, Cornerstones of Care, and Hillcrest Transitional Living Program. Since 2010, the Learning Center has provided therapeutic art programs, tutoring, professional development, scholarships, and life skill workshops.

### **ABOUT #LIGHTTHEWORLD GIVING MACHINE:**

Launched in Salt Lake City by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which covers the overhead costs. Exactly 100 percent of the price of every item purchased goes directly to the non-profit of choice so they can purchase the items to distribute to communities in need. Since 2017, the initiative has raised nearly \$50 million for its participating charities. Over the past four years, Giving Machine Kansas City raised over \$1 million. In 2024, there were 107 Giving Machines around the world. One hundred percent of all donations go directly to the participating charities. For more information, go to [givingmachinekc.org](https://givingmachinekc.org). And on social, #LightTheWorld or #GivingMachinesKC.

### **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. HALO also supports orphanages and programs in Uganda, Kenya, and Mexico. Learn how [Love Heals](#) at HALO and help one more child spend one less day alone at [www.haloworldwide.org](https://www.haloworldwide.org).

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