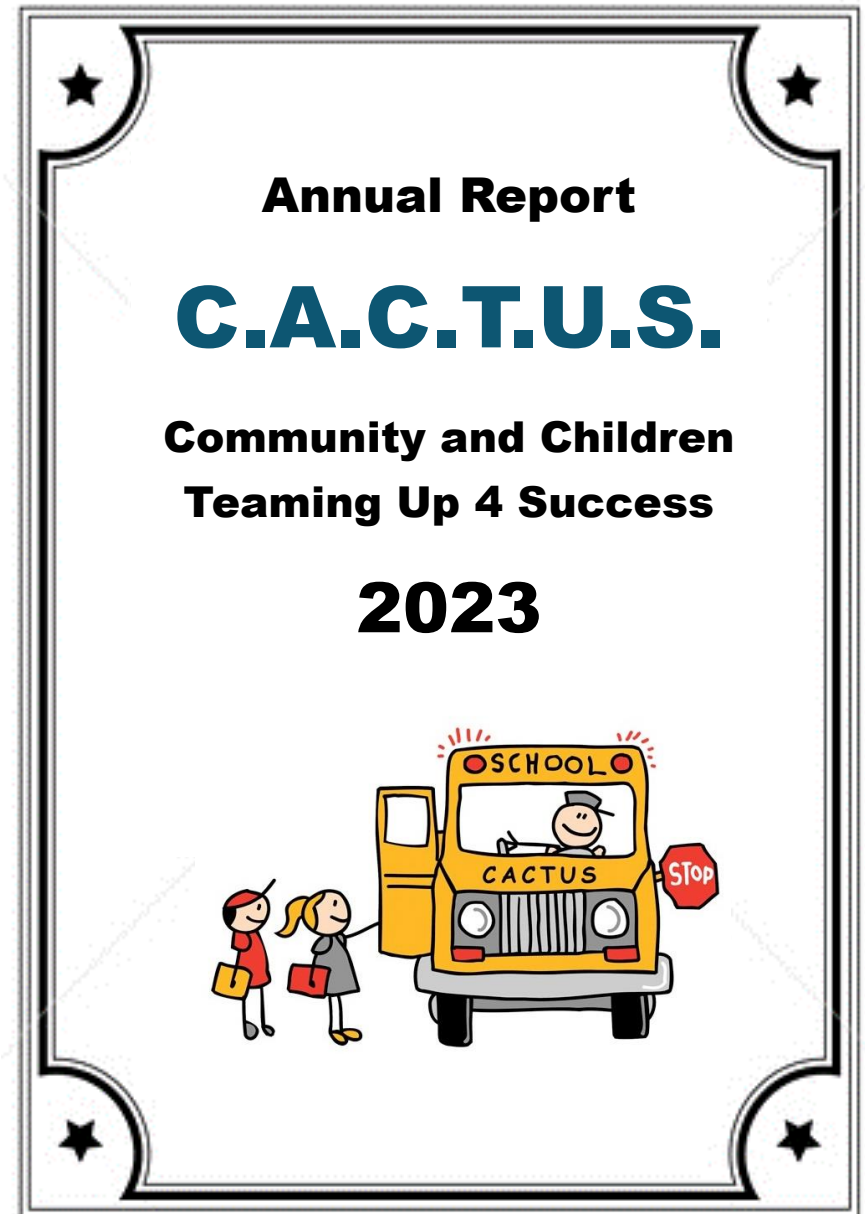


**Website**  
**sedaliacactus.org**

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**P.O. Box 1766**  
**Sedalia, MO 65302**



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## History of C.A.C.T.U.S.

C.A.C.T.U.S. was started in August 2000 by Linda Mackesty in memory of her granddaughter, Kayla Marie Adkins. Kayla lost her life on July 31, 1999 in a bicycle accident at age nine. The effort grew from providing a few school supplies to students in Sedalia schools to providing supplies for students throughout Pettis County.

In 2003, C.A.C.T.U.S. became a 501(c)(3) tax exempt charity. When Linda and Herb Mackesty moved out of state, Mary Jo Sartin became the coordinator in early 2010. During 2010 a website was established, a United Way Venture Grant was received, and then C.A.C.T.U.S was approved as a United Way partner in 2011.

C.A.C.T.U.S. is overseen by a Board of Directors and a Coordinator. Everyone who is involved with C.A.C.T.U.S. is a volunteer. There are no paid workers and donated funds go directly to buying school supplies with about 99% of funds typically going toward buying backpacks and school supplies.

Backpacks of school supplies are handed out each August in a distribution directly to families. School supplies are also provided to schools during the school year at the request of school counselors and social workers.

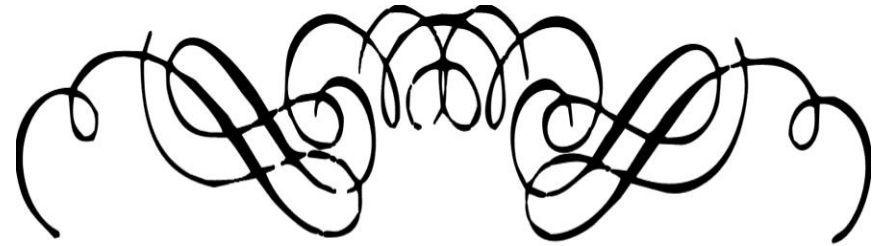
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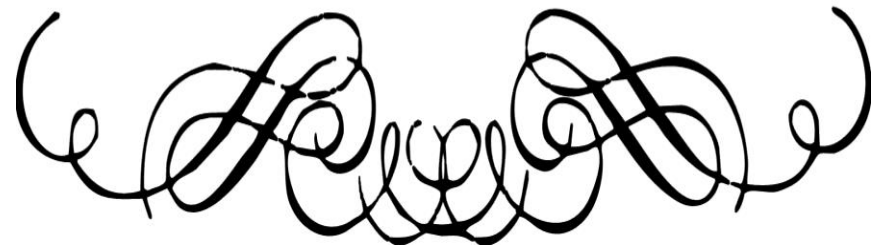
Thanks Sedalia Parks  
and Recreation for the  
use of Convention  
Hall!



## Mission



*C.A.C.T.U.S. will support the  
education of K-12 students in  
Pettis County by acquiring and  
distributing backpacks and  
school supplies to students  
whose families need this  
assistance.*



*Friends,*

*2023 was another successful year for C.A.C.T.U.S. in providing school supplies for Pettis County students. This was the fourth year of drive-through distribution and over all things went well thanks to our supportive community and wonderful volunteers. Back to school time can be expensive. These school supplies make a difference in the lives of students and their families. Thank you to all of our great volunteers and supporters!*

*Mary Jo Sartin  
C.A.C.T.U.S. Coordinator*

August 7 – Packing and Distribution at Convention Hall

August 8 – Distribution at Convention Hall



August 15 – Presentation to Optimist's Club

August 18 – Packing for Late Distribution

August 21 – Late Distribution

September 5 – Board Meeting

September 30 – Table at United Way Day at the Park

October 4 – Presentation to Lion's Club

October 11 – Meeting about United Way grant application

October 14 – Supplies from ShareFest - Tipton

November 2 – Pick up Backpacks of Love in Columbia

November 11 – CACTUS Unpacking Day



## 2023 Timeline of Events & Activities

Feb. 7 – Annual Board Meeting

March 30 – Meeting with United Way

April 11 – Sedalia School  
Resource Fair



April 18 – Participate in Community Assessment Focus Group

May 2 – Board Meeting

June 13 – Board Meeting

June 17 – United Way Day of Action

June 24 – Altrusa Garage Sale for CACTUS

July 10 – El Tapatio fundraiser

July 15 – Stuff the Bus



July 31 – Preparations for moving supplies

## C.A.C.T.U.S. Board

Chris Smith, Board President



Cara Barth-Fagan, Vice-President



Chris Stewart, Secretary/Treasurer



Mary Jo Sartin, Coordinator



Warren Semler

Linda Semler



Larrie Kozko

Olivia Harrison



Diana Nichols

Mary Beatty



New  
Members

## Volunteers

C.A.C.T.U.S. could not function without our many volunteers. Some volunteer as individuals and some represent groups. A special thank you to Central Bank whose employees worked throughout distribution. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help this year!

Preparation, packing, and distribution –

570 volunteer hours – 98 volunteers

All other activities during the year –

223 hours – 15 volunteers

**TOTAL – 793 hours by 113 volunteers**

(Volunteer numbers and hours are estimates as some volunteers forget to sign in or forget to sign out.)

**Volunteers who donated 10 or more hours in 2023 (other than board members)**

Levi B.	J. C. Minks
Marilyn Grehus	Kay Myears
Patrick Harrison	Pat Sturges

Thanks to these agencies who took the time to give C.A.C.T.U.S. registration forms to their clients – Open Door, Salvation Army, Missouri Valley Community Action Agency, Pettis County Health Center, Katy Trail Community Health

### \$500 or More

Altrusa International of Sedalia, MO  
Barb Freund  
Central Bank  
Hayden Freedom Foundation  
Immanuel United Church of Christ  
Interstate Studio  
Lion's Club  
Sedalia Noonday Optimist  
Thompson Hills Investment  
United Way  
Wal-Mart Foundation

### Donations of Supplies or Services

#### Value up to \$199

Barb Freund  
BAST Storage  
Chris Smith  
Erica Peterson & mother  
ReMax

#### \$200-499

Austin Dillon  
BAST Storage  
Coca-Cola  
Kozko Trucking  
Simmons Bank  
St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Parish

#### Over \$500

ABC Advertising  
Festival of Sharing  
Open Door  
Sedalia Park Department

Please note that every effort was made to ensure all of our valued donors have been listed correctly. We apologize if anyone was missed.

## Donors

### Monetary Donations

#### Up to \$199

Alpha Delta Kappa  
 Broyles and Matz  
 Calvary Episcopal  
 Charli Ackerman  
 Christ & Trinity  
 Church Women United  
 County Distributing  
 Craig Plumbing  
 East Sedalia Baptist  
 First Christian  
 Ficsher Concrete  
 Heckart Funeral Home  
 Jean Harrell  
 Lamm Tech  
 Missouri Pressed Metals  
 Moore's Greenhouse  
 Mount Herman Baptist Church  
 Parkview Christian (Be Forever Young)  
 Prairie Ridge Extension Club  
 Sharon Adcock  
 Wayne & Donna Meyer  
 WK Chevrolet

#### \$200-499

Betty Albrecht  
 Deb Foster  
 Don's Truck Towing  
 Kroeger Enterprises  
 Nightwatch Security  
 Nucor  
 St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Parish

## Impact

**Total Students Served in August  
 2023**

**1571**

## School Deliveries

**Sept. - Dec. 2023**

Parkview – 1

Skyline– 2

Smith Cotton Junior High – 1

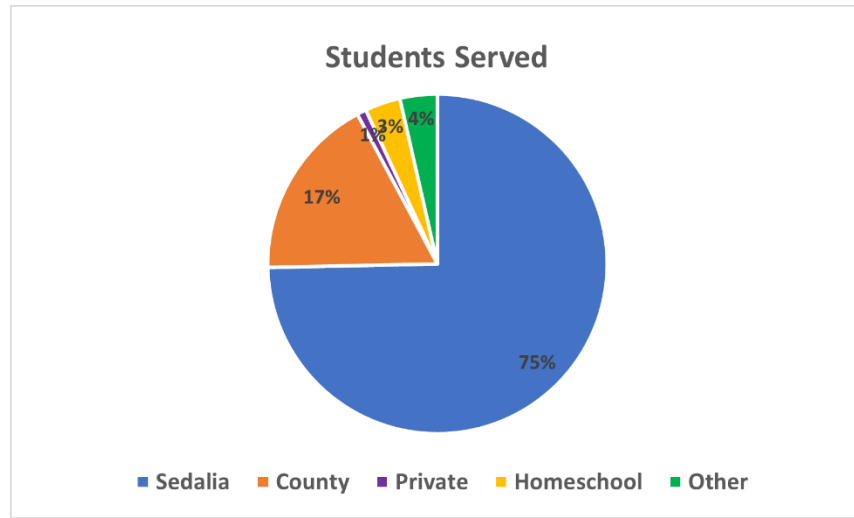
Smith Cotton High School – 1

Whittier – 1

**358  
 Items**

**Distribution by Schools**  
(last year's numbers)

Applewood – 1 (12)	Parkview – 98 (105)
Cole Camp – 21 (23)	Sacred Heart – 13 (24)
Co-op/Loftus – 22 (19)	SCHS – 277 (261)
Dresden – 30 (32)	SCJH – 278 (278)
Green Ridge – 42 (59)	Skyline – 123 (103)
Heber Hunt – 138 (135)	Smithton – 58 (61)
Homeschool – 53 (43)	SMS – 107 (81)
Horace Mann – 76 (80)	Washington – 49 (57)
LaMonte – 79 (90)	Whittier – 5 (1)
Northwest – 66 (59)	Word of Life (online) – 6 (9)
	unknown/other –29 (33)



**Financial Summary of 2023**

Beginning Balance		\$ 9,435.15
Income		
Contributions	\$13,397.05	
Fundraising	1,881.08	
United Way	2,754.50	
Bank (interest, etc.)	0.44	
TOTAL INCOME		\$18,033.57
Expenses		
Supplies Purchased	16,713.35	
Other (postage, state fee, etc.)	99.65	
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>16,813.00</u>
Ending Balance		\$ 10,655.72

**Approximate Value of Donated Supplies**

Stuff the Bus - \$2,469.83  
 Festival of Sharing – \$6,762  
 Donations from Groups & Individuals – \$1,559.53  
 TOTAL - \$10,791.36

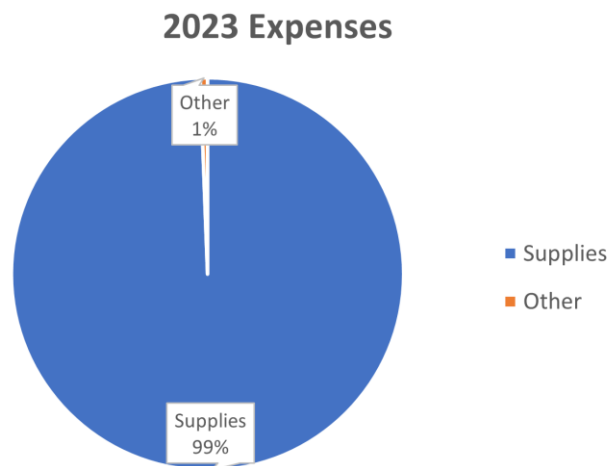
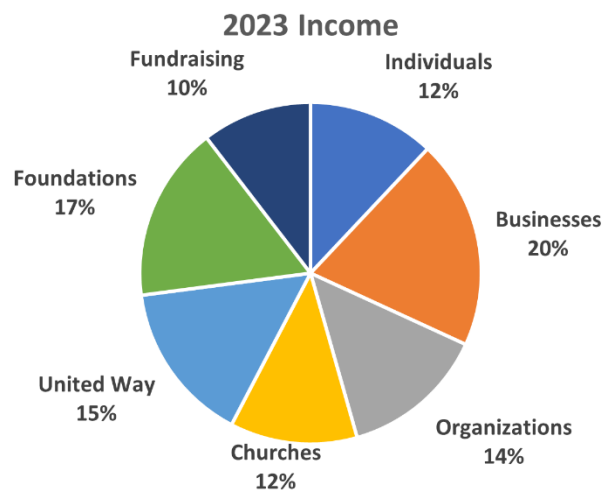
**Approximate Value of Volunteer Hours**

793 volunteer hours x  
 \$28.66/hour (Missouri)\* = \$22,727.38

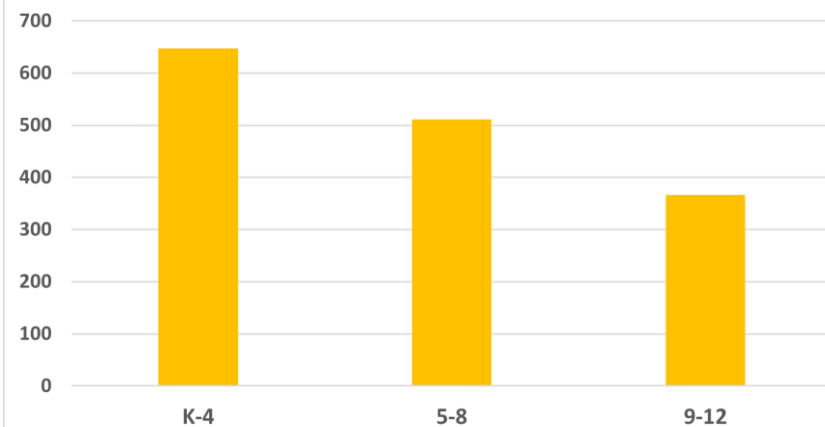
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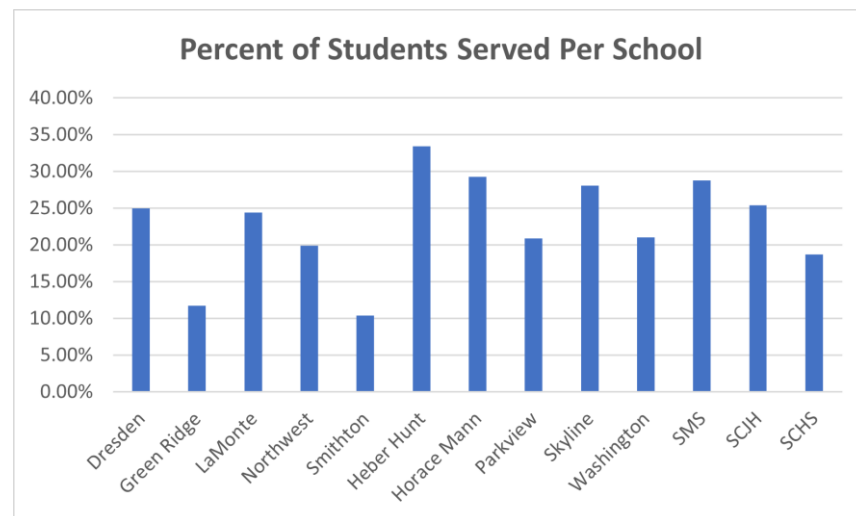


**Students Served by Grade Levels**



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PK – 47	4 <sup>th</sup> – 130	9 <sup>th</sup> – 107
K – 146	5 <sup>th</sup> – 135	10 <sup>th</sup> – 91
1 <sup>st</sup> – 114	6 <sup>th</sup> – 129	11 <sup>th</sup> – 96
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 128	7 <sup>th</sup> – 130	12 <sup>th</sup> – 72
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 129	8 <sup>th</sup> – 117	



Based on enrollment figures from DESE website.

## Number of Families Served in 2023

611

