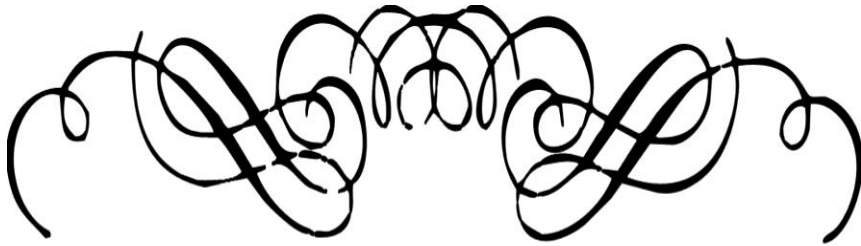


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Mission



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*

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

Chris Smith, Board President



Cara Barth-Fagan, Vice-President



Chris Stewart, Secretary/Treasurer



Mary Jo Sartin, Coordinator



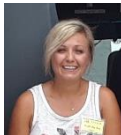
Warren Semler

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

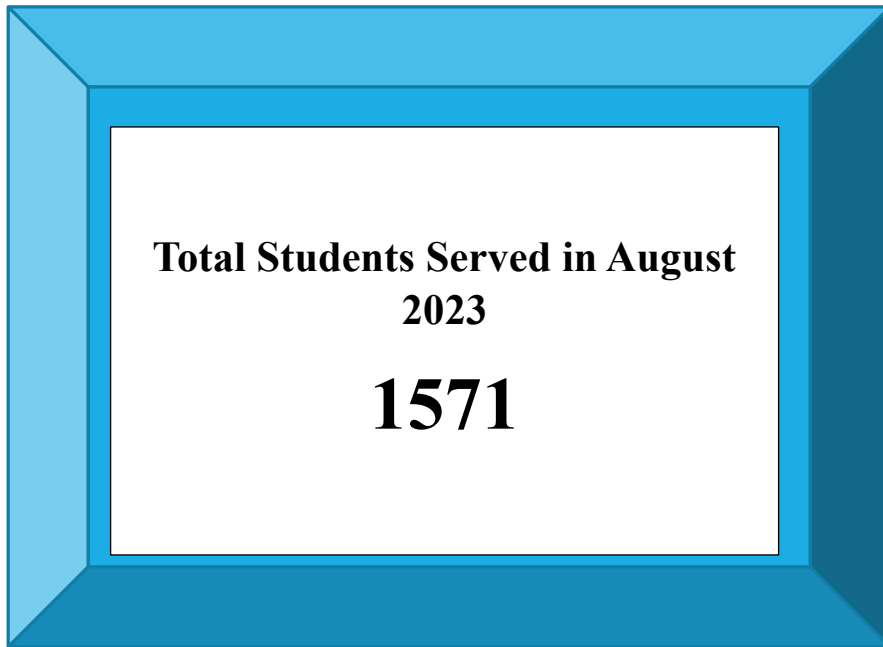
Kay Myears

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

Impact



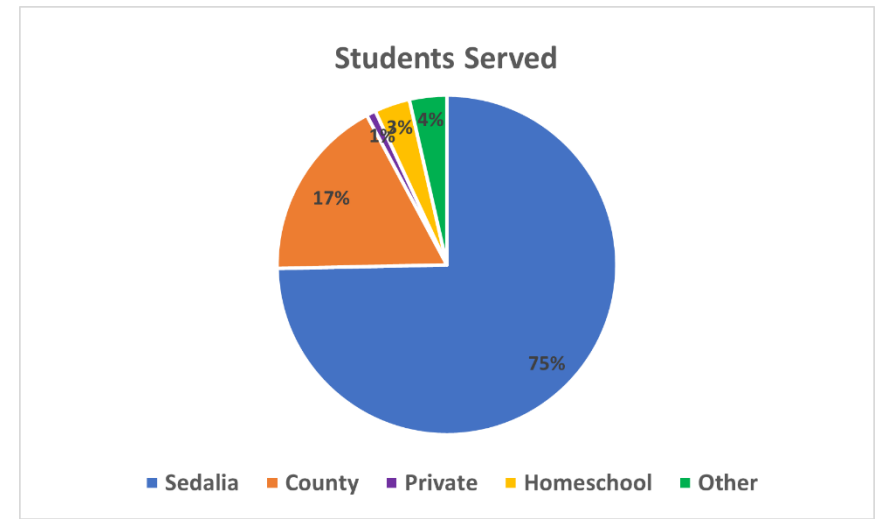
Distribution by Schools (last year's numbers)

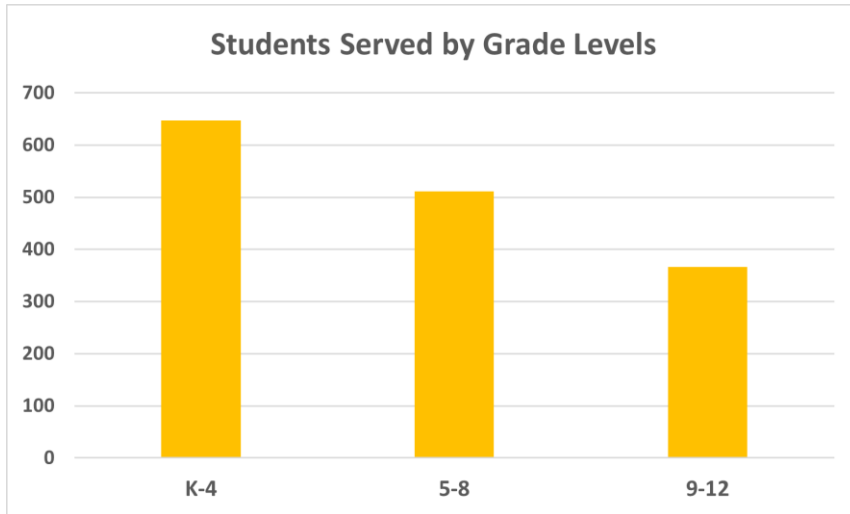
Applewood – 1 (12)	Parkview – 98 (105)
Cole Camp – 21 (23)	Sacred Heart – 13 (24)
Co-op/Loftus – 22 (19)	SCHS – 277 (261)
Dresden – 30 (32)	SCJH – 278 (278)
Green Ridge – 42 (59)	Skyline – 123 (103)
Heber Hunt – 138 (135)	Smithton – 58 (61)
Homeschool – 53 (43)	SMS – 107 (81)
Horace Mann – 76 (80)	Washington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

School Deliveries Sept. - Dec. 2023

Parkview – 1
 Skyline– 2
 Smith Cotton Junior High – 1
 Smith Cotton High School – 1
 Whittier – 1

**358
Items**





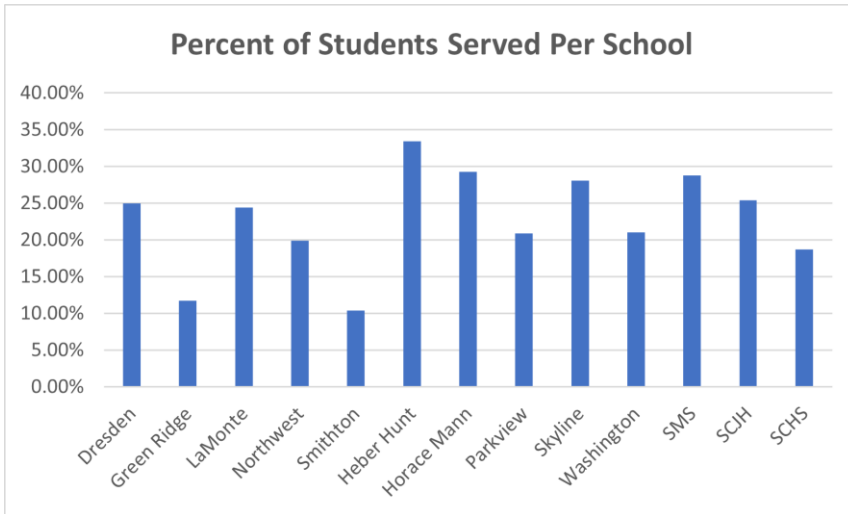
Number of Families Served in 2023

611

Students Served by Grade Levels

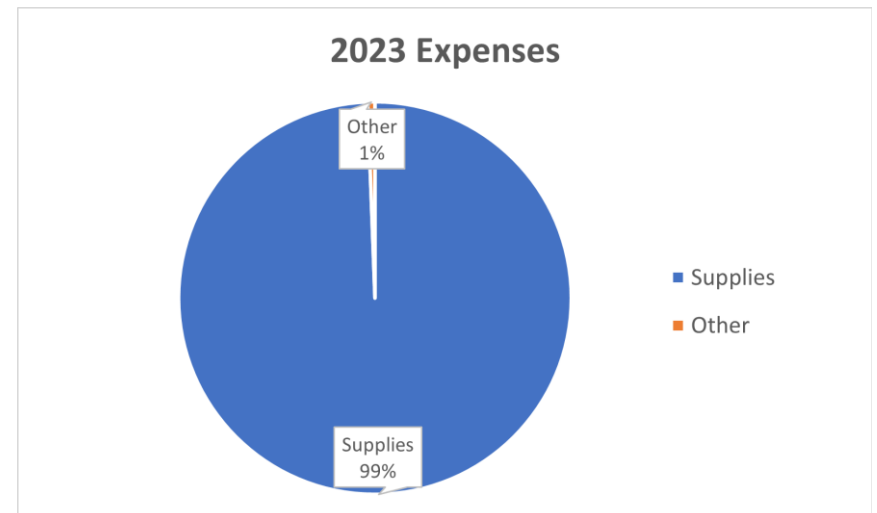
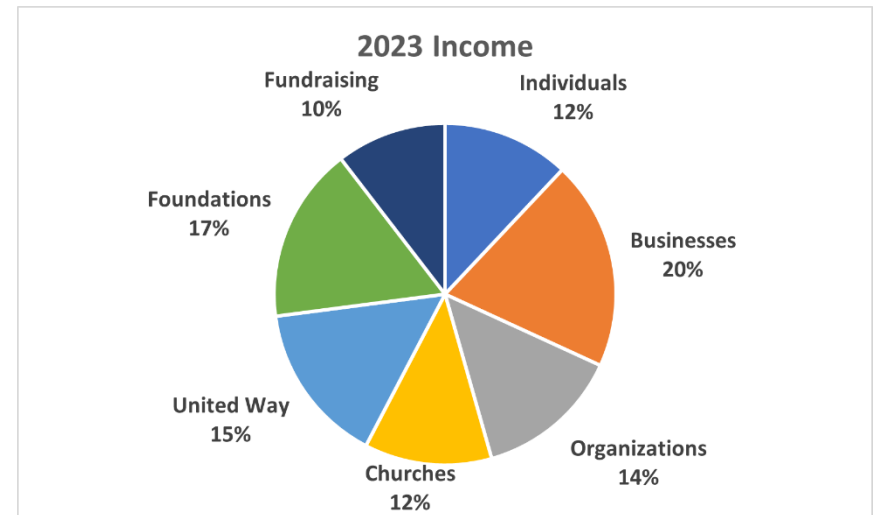
PK – 47	4 th – 130	9 th – 107
K – 146	5 th – 135	10 th – 91
1 st – 114	6 th – 129	11 th – 96
2 nd – 128	7 th – 130	12 th – 72
3 rd – 129	8 th – 117	





Based on enrollment figures from DESE website.

Financials



Financial Summary of 2023

Beginning Balance		\$ 9,435.15
Income		
Contributions	\$13,397,055	
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

[*https://independentsector.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/VOVT-Report-2023.pdf](https://independentsector.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/VOVT-Report-2023.pdf)

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

\$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.

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

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

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More Pictures from Distribution



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



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.

Website

sedaliacactus.org

Facebook

**[www.facebook.com/
groups/CACTUSofPC](https://www.facebook.com/groups/CACTUSofPC)**

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