



**Community members are suffering – we need your help.**



Please save adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities from becoming another number on the street. Many individuals face limited financial resources, struggling to cover support for independent living, medical care, enrichment programs, rent, household expenses, and transportation amid continuous inflation and lapses in Medicaid. As a result, KETCH has been unable to collect nearly \$500,000 in outstanding debt. For perspective, this amount could fund the base pay for 16 additional full-time staff members.

Typically, businesses cut expenses and terminate services when facing financial difficulties. However, when it comes to supporting individuals who require daily assistance in all aspects of their lives, this is simply not an option. Many risk becoming another statistic in the growing community concern of homelessness. Understanding KETCH's mission, we are reaching out to the community on behalf of those we serve.

Collectively we need assistance to recover from this extreme hardship, in any way possible. There is a critical need to protect individuals with multiple health concerns who require regular monitoring, transportation, guidance, and understanding. If you have never interacted with KETCH and the individuals who mean so much to us, you have missed out on truly special moments. KETCH has been a strong foundation in Wichita, supporting individuals across Sedgwick County for over 60 years. This appeal is not a fleeting request; it is a heartfelt plea for help. KETCH is a lifeline for enhancing their quality of life.

All operational expenses for the organization have risen while funding has remained stagnant. Costs for insurance (property, liability, health), utilities to maintain comfortable living and program environments, fuel, maintenance, and repairs for transportation, as well as employee benefits and wages to remain competitive, have all increased with little relief. A typical Medicaid payment for 24-hour monthly independent living and personal care services results in only \$11.25 per hour which is below the base wage for our caregivers.

Please share this message with everyone you know. The individuals served by KETCH need your support, as does the organization itself. To contribute, visit [www.ketch.org/donate](http://www.ketch.org/donate) or send a check payable to KETCH at 1006 East Waterman, Wichita, KS 67211. All donations are 100% tax-deductible and will be directed to efforts aimed at keeping people safe and secure in their environment. Thank you for your assistance.