

Shine a Light

BRIGHTENING LIVES IN JOHNSON COUNTY

A Fundraising Event hosted by Friends
of Johnson County Mental Health Center



Sponsorship Opportunities



Thursday, September 17, 2026 | 6 - 9 p.m.

Lodge at Ironwoods, Leawood, KS



A Message from the Director of Johnson County Mental Health Center

Every day, individuals and families facing some of life's toughest challenges place their trust in Johnson County Mental Health Center's staff as they begin their healing journey. We witness resilience, hope and determination daily – but we also see how progress is disrupted when basic needs go unmet or barriers stand in the way of care.

Friends of Johnson County Mental Health Center exists to bridge these gaps, supporting needs that clinical services alone cannot address. With your support, we can provide hygiene items during intake, ensure pets are safely cared for during treatment, help cover the cost of life-saving medication and so much more.

Shine a Light is more than an event – it is the foundation of our collective ability to care for the whole person. The generosity of our sponsors and community partners makes it possible to remove obstacles that stand in the way of recovery and long-term stability.

Hope shines brighter through the power of community. Thank you for your commitment to mental health in Johnson County and standing alongside those who need it most.



Tim DeWeese
Director, Johnson County Mental Health Center

About the Event

Supporting Community Mental Health



Last year's Shine a Light event raised nearly \$57,000 for Friends of Johnson County Mental Health Center. Each year, funds raised through Shine a Light directly support the mission and vision of Johnson County Mental Health Center by helping Friends reduce barriers to care and respond to unmet needs in our community.

Through client assistance, basic needs support, pet care assistance, and programs that foster connection and recovery, Friends provides flexible resources that strengthen mental health services and support individuals when they need it most. The impact made through Shine a Light would not be possible without the community coming together in support of mental health.

Recognizing Mental Health Advocates and Professionals

Shine a Light is also an opportunity to recognize individuals who exemplify compassion, dedication, and leadership in mental health care. Two awards are presented annually at the event:

- **Beacon of Hope Award**
Honors a community mental health advocate who has been a guiding light in supporting people living with mental illness in our community.
- **North Star Award**
Recognizes Johnson County Mental Health Center staff who exemplify exceptional service and commitment to clients and colleagues.

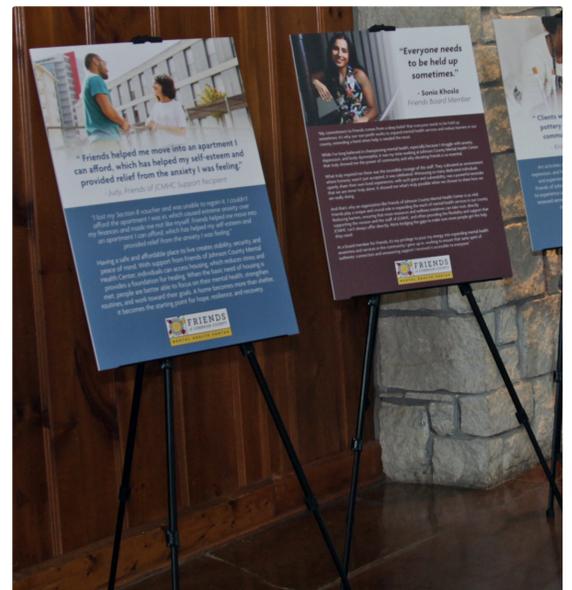
These awards reflect the heart of Shine a Light—celebrating those who strengthen access to care, support recovery, and help build a healthier and more resilient community.

Sharing The Stories That Inspires Us

One of the most meaningful parts of Shine a Light is the stories behind the positive impact. In recent years, storytelling at the event has evolved to better reflect the many ways Friends supports individuals and families.

At the most recent Shine a Light, guests experienced a Gallery Walk that highlighted real moments of impact—stories shared by clients, clinicians, and supporters that illustrated how Friends helps meet basic needs, remove barriers to care, and create opportunities for connection and healing.

Together, these stories paint a fuller picture of why Friends exists, showing how community support helps reduce stigma, create stability, and empower individuals to stay engaged in treatment, regain balance, and move forward on their recovery journey.



Sponsorship at a Glance: Impact + Recognition

Every Shine a Light sponsorship supports the broad work of Friends of Johnson County Mental Health Center, helping remove barriers to care and strengthen recovery across our community. While Friends responds to many needs throughout the year, funds raised through Shine a Light will focus on the three focus areas below—reflecting where community support can make a meaningful and immediate impact this year.



Basic Needs

Meeting essential daily needs—such as food, hygiene, and personal care items—that remove immediate barriers to treatment and help individuals remain engaged in care.



Pet Care Assistance

Offering temporary pet boarding so individuals don't delay or avoid treatment due to concerns about their animals.



The In Place

A free social group for adults living with mental illness, offering community outings and gatherings that reduce isolation, build friendships, and support ongoing recovery.

Sponsorship Level	What your support can do	Key Benefits
Luminary \$15,000	Helps sustain all three focus areas—supporting basic needs, pet care assistance, and year-round programming at The In Place.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 tables (24 guests) • VIP gift • On-stage recognition • Top-tier visibility
Radiance \$10,000	Provides essential support for individuals entering care, including hygiene items, food, and pet care during treatment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 tables (16 guests) • VIP gift • Prominent recognition
Spotlight \$7,500	Removes barriers to treatment through transportation and pet care assistance when it matters most.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 table (8 guests) • Event recognition
Beacon \$5,000	Supports connection and recovery through community outings and gatherings at The In Place.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 table (8 guests) • Event recognition
Lantern \$3,000	Helps provide snacks and hygiene supplies for individuals during intake and moments of crisis.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 event tickets • Event recognition

Why This Matters

No matter the level, every sponsorship helps Friends respond quickly to time-sensitive needs, often the same day, so individuals do not have to delay or neglect treatment. Your support helps individuals move forward on their recovery journey and overcome adversity.



Shine a Light: Brightening Lives in Johnson County

Benefitting Friends of Johnson County Mental Health Center

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Sponsor Information

Company Name: _____ Contact Email Address: _____

Contact Name/Title: _____ Contact Phone Number: _____

Company Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Sponsorship Level

We would like to commit to the following *Shine a Light* sponsorship level:

- Luminary \$15,000
- Radiance \$10,000
- Spotlight \$7,500
- Beacon \$5,000
- Lantern \$3,000

Payment Method

We will be paying with the following method:

- Check enclosed, made payable to *Friends of Johnson County Mental Health Center*
- Please send an invoice to enclosed address
- Please charge the listed credit card

Type of credit card: ___Visa ___Mastercard ___Discover Card Number: _____

Name on Card: _____ Expiration Date: _____ 3 Digit Security Code: _____

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