

Our Work

The United Methodist Health Ministry Fund works to facilitate conversation and action to improve the health and wholeness of Kansans—especially those in rural and under-served communities.

By funding programs, moving ideas to solutions, providing hands-on expertise, and convening influencers, we work to advance innovative solutions to improve Kansans' health for generations to come. We steward a \$55 million endowment, which has provided more than \$70 million in grants and program support since our inception in 1986.



About Us

OUR MISSION:

Healthy Kansans through cooperative and strategic philanthropy guided by Christian principles

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**Improving the
health and wholeness
of Kansans**

What is health?

Health is more than health care—it's a combination of biological, social, and environmental factors. And many of these elements are beyond our individual control:

- The conditions in our communities
- The schools in our neighborhoods
- The availability of healthy foods and good jobs
- How close we are to hospitals and clinics

These are tough issues, but together, we can create change.



Areas of Focus

At the Health Fund, we are passionate about improving the health and wholeness of Kansans. We're currently focused on three major areas of work:



ACCESS TO CARE

Championing sustainable health care systems that ensure people have access to care

Ensuring all Kansans have access to care is critical to both individual health and the overall sustainability of our health systems. The Health Fund is committed to helping Kansans get the care they need through improving access to quality coverage, supporting integration and coordination of care and fostering innovation to make our health systems more sustainable.

Our work is also grounded in our desire to sustain a strong rural health care delivery system. As our rural communities face challenges of growing older and more sparsely populated, we recognize the need to support innovative ways to meet the changing demands of rural and frontier Kansas.



EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Ensuring children are physically, mentally, and socially healthy and go to school ready to learn

Our vision is that Kansas kids are prepared for school success and a healthy, vibrant life. Research shows investing early creates the best health outcomes and has the greatest return on investment. To reach these goals, we support evidence-based strategies including universal screening, access to proven interventions, and breastfeeding. By focusing on the key early years, these programs can have profound and lasting effects on each child's future.



HEALTHY CONGREGATIONS

Engaging local United Methodist churches in projects to improve health in their congregations and communities

Our Healthy Congregations program offers a great potential to partner with United Methodist congregations to facilitate congregation-led community projects aimed at improving health – both directly and by addressing key underlying factors. Our recently-expanded program provides the network of local churches new opportunities to improve health among their members, friends, and neighbors.