

Dear Friend of Beyond Barriers,

As another year comes to a close, we reflect on the many ways you've helped our consumers find independence, thanks to your generous gifts!

- Steve\* finally got internet access for his rural property, allowing him to use Oracam. This voice-activated device for the vision impaired attaches to his glasses so he can ask what is in front of and around him, **allowing him greater independence** in his home. (*\*Name changed to protect privacy.*)
- Trisha is learning **essential skills** such as scheduling and attending her medical appointments, communicating with her landlord, budgeting, arranging her own transportation, and preparing simple meals.

*"I consider Beyond Barriers my second family. There's no judgment. I was struggling to apply for Social Security and got rejected. I wanted to give up. They were patient, held my hand and helped me appeal it. I would recommend them to anyone."*

*- Anna, Consumer*

**Total Consumers Served in 2025:** 770! That's 45 more than last year—proof that demand is growing, and your support matters more than ever.

Together, we can connect more consumers with safe housing, meaningful employment, and create a more inclusive community. Give now at **[BeyondBarriersKS.com/donate](https://BeyondBarriersKS.com/donate)** or use the enclosed envelope to change lives.

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## **Breaking Barriers, Building Independence**

Across the 60 counties we serve, Beyond Barriers empowers hundreds of people every year to live more independently—through training, education, advocacy, and support, all **free of charge**.

Your gift to Beyond Barriers helps:

- Facilitate safe, accessible housing for people with disabilities and aging populations
- Open doors to employment and community engagement
- Increase awareness and understanding of disabilities among employers and neighbors
- Keep Beyond Barriers positioned as a trusted local resource for information, referrals, and advocacy

## What Makes Us Different

We serve people with **all types of disabilities**, regardless of diagnosis or official “status.” Our **zero-entry approach** means one less barrier between you and the independence you deserve.

We don’t just serve people with disabilities—**we are people with disabilities**. Our work is rooted in the belief that no decisions should be made *about us without us*.

### Our Services Include:

- Employment Services
  - Independent Living Support
  - Blind/Low Vision Services
  - ADA Compliance & Community Education
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## Your Support Is Working

We check in with our consumers each year to make sure our services truly make a difference. Here’s what they told us:

- Nearly 100% rated their experience with Beyond Barriers **positively**
- More than 80% reported their life has **improved** because of our services
- Nearly 100% **would recommend** Beyond Barriers to someone else

When you give, you’re investing in results like these—real progress, real independence, and real hope.

Donors like you make this possible. While state grants cover part of our costs, they don’t meet the growing demand for services. Every dollar you give helps us continue providing **free, life-changing support** to anyone who needs it.

To make your gift, simply scan the QR code, visit **BeyondBarriersKS.com/donate**, or use the enclosed envelope to send a check to 115 E 4th Ave, Hutchinson, KS 67501.

Thank you for helping us go *Beyond Barriers*—together.

With gratitude,

**Erica Rivera**  
Executive Director, Beyond Barriers



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