Completing its 41st year of fulfilling its mission to advocate, educate and provide support services to advance women’s equity at UMKC and in the Kansas City community, the Women’s Center and the Chancellor’s Advisory Board to the Women’s Center have witnessed another year of exciting programming and collaboration both within the university and with the Kansas City community.
The Women’s Center received $28,871 in endowment income, gifts, program co-sponsorships, and fundraising/sales.

Total grant/gift/sponsorship/fundraising income for FY 2013 was $102,370 which is 41% of the Women’s Center annual budget.

The Women’s Center hosted 33 events in the fall semester, and 34 in the spring.

The Victim Services Adjudication Advisor provided over 417 hours of advocacy to 73 victims of sexual violence.

A total of 21,309 people accessed the Center through the following methods:
- Attendance at Women’s Center and Violence Prevention and Response Program events = 6,695
- Number reached at admissions/recruitment events (Orientation, Visit Days, etc.) = 1,963
- Number reached through non-admissions-related outreach events = 7,534
- Number of students, faculty, and staff receiving violence prevention training from the Women’s Center = 4,130
- Office walk-ins = 987

In addition, the Women’s Center continued to engage a large number of constituents through the following online methods:
- The three websites (Women’s Center, Violence Prevention and Response Project, and Starr Symposium) had the following number of visits and unique visitors:
  - Number of visits (“hits”) to our websites = 13,487
  - Number of unique visitors = 8,886
- The blog had 31,111 hits and 28,161 unique visitors
- The year began with 1,026 followers on Facebook, which increased to 1,203, while the number of Twitter followers went from 1,052 to 1,287. Facebook pages for the Violence Prevention & Response Project and Her Art Project were created this year and “Likes” on these pages are at 74 and 101 respectively. The Center’s YouTube channel has reached more than 8,036 views and the weekly e-newsletter is sent to over 1,200 subscribers.

The Women’s Center partnered with 105 campus and community departments and organizations to provide quality programs and services to the UMKC and Kansas City communities.

Over 100 volunteers contributed more than 580 volunteer hours to the Women’s Center.

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The Violence Prevention and Response Project was first funded by the U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women in September 2005, and the Women’s Center has received continuation grants in September 2007 in the amount of $286,647 and again in 2010 for $449,975. The 2010 grant was for a consortium project with the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Grant funds allow UMKC to employ a half-time Violence Prevention Coordinator and a full-time Victim Services Adjudication Advisor. The Violence Prevention Coordinator coordinates all programming relating to sexual and gender violence, while the VSAA serves as an advocate for students going through the campus judicial process or reporting to the campus police department. From July 2012 through April 2013, the VSAA worked on 73 cases, an increase from the number (55) that the Women’s Center saw from July 2011 through May 2012.

Below is a summary of the cases handled by the VSAA:

- Sexual assault: 14
- Intimate partner violence: 39
- Stalking: 20

Number of victims who reported the incident to law enforcement: 17
Number of cases charged: 11
Number of offenses resulting in UMKC disciplinary/judicial board action: 9

UMKC judicial outcome of above cases: All informal dispositions accepted; reprimands include instructions for no contact with victims, restitution for damaged property, letters of regret and responsibility, University probation.

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The Women’s Center, a department within the Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, hosted 33 events in the Fall 2012 semester and 34 in Spring 2013. Programming highlights are below along with the corresponding UMKC strategic plan goals.

**Her Art Project:** During this academic year, the Her Art Project produced events designed to celebrate Kansas City women in the arts. Featured events this year included the group art exhibit, *Women to Watch: Focus on Fiber and Textiles*, in the Dean’s Gallery of the Miller Nichols Library and the *CineWomen* film screening at the Crossroads Screenland Theater, which showcased ten female student filmmakers from UMKC, the Kansas City Art Institute, and the University of Kansas. Other events included Networking Mixers and an Artist Salon held at the InterUrban ArtHouse in Overland Park, KS about the state of women in the arts. The Project also sponsored its first booth at the Plaza Art Fair, and it continues to enhance UMKC’s relationship with the Kansas City arts community.

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- **Goal 3. Advance Urban Engagement:** To become a model urban university by fully engaging with the Kansas City community to enhance education, public health, the arts and economic development.
- **Goal 4. Excel in the Visual and Performing Arts:** To create excellent programs in visual and performing arts that are central to campus life and support Kansas City’s initiatives in entrepreneurship, urban education and innovation.
- **Goal 5. Embrace Diversity:** To celebrate diversity in all aspects of university life, creating inclusive environments, culturally competent citizens, and globally-oriented curricula and programs.
- **Goal 6. Promote Research and Economic Development:** To produce world-class scholarship and creative activity, encourage entrepreneurship, foster innovation, increase technology transfer, and build relationships that create economic and workforce development.

**Walk a Mile in Her Shoes:** In September, the Center hosted the sixth annual *Walk a Mile in Her Shoes*® event. With nearly 200 people in attendance, this event not only raised awareness and funds for the Violence Prevention and Response Project, but also provided an on-campus, co-curricular experience that encouraged student engagement. Good community participation and publicity also helped to raise UMKC’s profile both on and off campus.

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**V-Day Programs:** V-Day is a global movement to end violence against women and girls. This year’s events included the V-Men workshop, a benefit screening of *Until the Violence Stops*, and four informational tables at various locations across campus. These events not only empowered participants, but also provided diverse learning experiences and improved community and campus relations.

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**The Vagina Monologues:** The benefit performance of *The Vagina Monologues* not only delighted the audience, but also raised over $3,600 for the Violence Prevention and Response Project and the national V-Day campaign to continue to fight violence against women and girls. The event brought many community members to campus, which helped to enhance UMKC’s relationship with the Kansas City community.
(The Vagina Monologues, cont’d.)

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**Take Back the Night:** In April, *Take Back the Night* returned to the UMKC Campus. This event provided an environment to improve cultural competency by engaging the UMKC community in raising awareness of the effects of sexual assault. Through multiple campus and community partnerships, this event served as a great tool for activism and urban engagement.

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**Student Programming:** The Women’s Center student staff was given the opportunity to design, plan and implement six events and 20 display boards during the fall and spring semesters. Among these events were *Operation Beautiful* – a campaign to promote positive body image, a Women’s History Month Information Table, and an *Equal Pay Day* information event held in collaboration with various campus and community organizations. The student staff’s efforts allowed them to become engaged in the campus and KC communities, and provided co-curricular, hands-on opportunities for learning.

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**WGS Internship Program:** Students in the WGS program were given a co-curricular opportunity to work directly with women’s equity and advocacy programming at the Women’s Center and Hippo Soap. Students developed skills in activism, critical thinking, and professionalism.

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Collaborations

UMKC Departments & Organizations

- Academic Support and Mentoring
- Activity and Program Council
- Admissions
- The African American Student Union
- Athletics
- Bernardin-Haskell Lecture Fund
- BkMk Press
- Campus Facilities Management
- Career Services
- Civic Engagement Program
- Collegiate Panhellenic Council
- Conservatory of Music and Dance
- Counseling Center
- Dept. of Communication Studies
- Dept. of Criminal Justice and Criminology
- Dept. of English
- Dept. of Foreign Languages and Literatures
- Dept. of Theatre
- Fraternity and Sorority Affairs
- Friends of the Library
- International Student Affairs Office
- Lambda Chi Alpha
- LGBTQIA Programs and Services
- Men of Color Initiative
- MindBody Connection
- Multicultural Student Affairs
- MU Women’s Center
- New Letters
- Office of Student Involvement
- One Card
- Police Department
- Residential Life
- School of Computing and Engineering
- Society of Women Engineers
- Special Events
- Student Affairs and Enrollment Management
- Student Disabilities Services
- Student Health and Wellness
- Student Veterans Association
- University Bookstore
- University Libraries
- Women’s and Gender Studies Program
- Women’s Council

Committees & Organizations

Women’s Center staff also served on various committees on campus and in the community during the 2012-2013 academic year. Committees and organizations include:

- American Association of University Women
- ArtsKC Catalyst Grant Selection Committee
- Center for Global and Multicultural Education Advisory Board
- Centered on Success Task Force
- Crisis Management Team
- Envision Arts and Culture KC
- Faculty Senate
- Fraternity and Sorority Strategic Planning Committee
- Heartland Campus Safety Summit Planning Committee
- InterUrban ArtHouse Design Team
- Kansas City Firefighter’s Memorial Fountain Renovation, Artist Selection Panel
- Leverage KC
- Modern Language Association Committee on Academic Freedom, Professional Rights and Responsibilities
- NASPA Center for Scholarship, Research and Professional Development for Women
- National Scholarships Advisory Committee, Center for International Academic Programs
- National Women’s Studies Association Women’s Centers Committee
- Phi Chapter of Alpha Chi Omega
- SAEM Assessment Steering Committee
- SAEM Assessment Workgroup
- Student Affairs Women Talk Tech Blog
- Student Conduct Committee
- Student Grievance Committee
- UMKC Dept. of Social Work Orientation Committee
- UMKC Friends of the Library Board of Directors
- University Assessment Committee
- U.S. Dept. of Justice Hate Crimes Advisory Board
- Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management LGBTQIA Partnerships Committee
- Women’s Council
- Women’s and Gender Studies Program
Community Organizations & Local Businesses

- American Association of University Women – Kansas City Branch
- American Business Women’s Association, KC Area Council
- American Jazz Museum
- American Society of Women Accountants
- ArtistINC
- Arts Council of Johnson County
- Arts Council of Metropolitan Kansas City
- Association of Women Lawyers of Kansas City
- Avila University
- Bella Designs
- Central Exchange
- Christian Foundation of Children and Aging
- Citizen Jane Film Festival
- Cosentino’s Brookside Price Chopper
- The Creativity Connection
- Ewomen Network
- DLR Group
- Eggtc.
- Fresh Catering
- Girl Scouts of NE Kansas and NW Missouri
- Global and Multicultural Education Center
- Greater Kansas City Area Committee of the National Museum of Women in the Arts
- Greater KC Chamber of Commerce
- Greater Missouri Leadership Challenge
- Hippo Soap
- InterUrban Arthouse
- Junior League of Kansas City
- Kansas City Anti-Violence Project
- Kansas City Art Institute
- Kansas City Commercial Real Estate Women
- Kansas City Council of Women Business Owners
- Kansas City Jewish Museum of Contemporary Art
- Kansas City Kansas Women’s Chamber of Commerce
- Kansas City Police Department
- Kansas City Public Library
- Kansas City Royals
- Kansas City Women in Film and Television
- Kansas National Organization for Women
- Kauffman Foundation
- M&M Graphics
- Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault
- National Alliance on Mental Illness
- National Association of Women Business Owners
- National Museum of Women in the Arts
- One KC for Women
- Planned Parenthood of KS and Mid-MO
- Planet Sub
- Print Time
- Rose Brooks Center
- SAFEHOME
- Screenland Crossroads Theater
- Single Wing Creative
- Sporting KC
- STUFF
- Toy and Miniature Museum
- University of Kansas, Dept. of Film and Media Studies
- UPS
- U.S. Dept. of Labor Women’s Bureau
- U.S. Dept. of Justice
- U.S. Office of Civil Rights
- Waldo Pizza
- WIN for KC
- winlwin
- Women Construction Owners and Executives
- Women Impacting Public Policy
- Women’s Business Center
- Women’s Capital Connection
- Women’s Employment Network
- Women’s Foundation of Greater Kansas City
- Women’s Leadership Council of United Way
Conclusion
2012–13 was another successful year for the Women’s Center. We continued to engage UMKC students, staff, and faculty, the Kansas City community, and, through our online presence, an international audience. Our success continues to ensure the equity of women on campus and in the community as well as the success of all students at UMKC.