



## **FACT SHEET**

### **2022-23**

- SOE is for elementary students typically grades 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>.
- SOE has two locations – Blue Springs and Kansas City. Both were fully booked for the 2022-23 school year with a waitlist of over 3,000 students.
- SOE has two programs, SOE Market and Mini-Town – around 15,000 students served.
- We launched a brand-new program in Kansas City, Mini-town for third graders - it was very successful.
- Continued successful bank partnership with Lead Bank in Blue Springs.
- Successfully renewed a three-year partnership with UMB bank. Thanks for the continued support and generosity!
- SOE at UMB had a 44% increase in students served since 2021.
- SOE in Blue Springs had a 60% increase in students served since 2021.
- Overall, our Marketplace program had a 52% increase in the number of students served over the past year.
- We had a 45% increase in the number of volunteers serving at SOE over the past year.
- Over 315,000 students have been served to date.
- SOE served 45 public schools and 38 private/charter schools that surround the Greater Kansas City area.
- Realigned staffing to include two full-time Program Manager positions, one at each location.
- Successfully moved SOE forward in DEI through staff hiring, subs and all staff training.
- SOE scholarships were awarded to 8 seniors who volunteered at SOE this year - very exciting integration of programs.
- We successfully expanded our Teen/Mentor Volunteer program.
- Our programming has expanded into the summer, serving non-profits like Boys & Girls Clubs, Jackson County Parks and Rec. and others.
- Ongoing work has been done on our Continuous Improvement and Strategic Plan – both almost fully completed.
- The Executive Committee reviewed and made positive changes to the By-laws and Employee Handbook. We also launched a new performance appraisal process.
- SOE was awarded its largest grant to date from the H&R Block Foundation.
- Announced our Inaugural fundraising event – Taste of SOE, for Spring 2024.
- SOE welcomed a new Board President, Zack Geurin (UMB Bank).
- Our board is focused on meeting our mission and assisting with fundraising goals.