



# Philanthropy



**Charitable Work | Scholarships | Fundraising  
Medical Research | Community Development**

*"Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth." - Muhammad Ali*

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# OUR MISSION

Investigating impactful ways to make a difference in our community is something Block & Company has always been very passionate about. For many years, we have been honored to be involved with numerous local and national charities that have been the biggest difference makers in our community.

Block & Company's benefactors include a diversified group of organizations that address several key needs. From funding cancer and diabetes research to feeding families in need, we are proud of the involvement we've had in a variety of worthy causes.

## A FEW CAUSES

*Below is a partial list of charities, campaigns, and programs that Block & Company proudly supports.*

### Emilie Rosebud Diabetes Research Foundation

The Emilie Rosebud Diabetes Research Foundation was founded in 1998 by David M. Block with the sole mission of finding a cure for Type 1 diabetes. Funds are contributed through individuals, foundations, companies and fund-raising events and all contributions are used specifically to fund research by specific doctors and clinics which are working on ground-breaking research to cure diabetes. Visit [emrosebuddiabetesfund.com](http://emrosebuddiabetesfund.com) for more info.

### James H. Block Restaurant Scholarship Fund

The James H. Block Scholarship Award was founded by Vicki and David M. Block. Each year, the scholarship provides tuition assistance to an inspiring student from an area college.

### Alexander Goodwin's Journey

Block & Company has been closely following the story of young Alexander Goodwin since his arrival in Kansas City. His parents, Jeff and Maria, brought Alexander from the UK to Kansas City in 2016 to find better treatment after hearing a bad diagnosis from their local doctors. Block & Company is honored to have established a relationship with the Goodwin family during the journey. In early 2018, Block & Company set up a GoFundme Page after finding out about the cost of remission treatment. As of late 2019, the GoFundMe campaign has raised over \$42,000.

### Operation Breakthrough

Operation Breakthrough provides a safe, loving and educational environment for children in poverty and empowers their families through advocacy, emergency aid and education. Block & Company has been proud partners with Operation Breakthrough since 2008 and our associates have donated and raised thousands of dollars for their worthy cause.



"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." - Winston Churchill



CHARITY  
INVOLVEMENTPARTIAL  
LIST

David M. Block and many of the associates at Block & Company carry this love of community involvement into their everyday lives by supporting other national and local charities. Below is a partial list of charities our company has been actively involved with in recent years.

- ASPCA
- Alexander Goodwin's Journey - GoFundMe
- American Cancer Society
- American Diabetes Association
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of KC
- Caring For Carcinoid Foundation
- Chiefs Ambassadors
- Children's Mercy Hospital
- CREW Kansas City
- CREW Network Foundation
- Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
- Emilie Rosebud Diabetes Research Foundation
- Friends in Service of Heroes
- Go Red For Women - American Heart Association
- HALO Foundation
- Habitat For Humanity
- Harvesters
- Hispanic Development Fund
- Jazzoo
- Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation
- Kansas City Hospice & Palliative Care
- KC Symphony - Kids Night Out
- KU Endowment
- Kansas City Zoo
- Meals On Wheels
- Midwest Innocence Project
- NAIA
- National Multiple Sclerosis Society
- Operation Breakthrough
- Ozanam
- Project Warmth
- Safehome
- Salvation Army
- Special Olympics Missouri
- Susan G. Komen For The Cure
- The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
- The Morgan Hoffmann Foundation
- The Pet Connection
- The Victory Foundation

"Those who are happiest are those who do the most for others." - Booker T. Washington

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kansas City**

"I have been attending Big Brothers Big Sisters events for the last 7 years since I moved back to Kansas City. Each year, we put together a team for the Big Brother Big Sister Legacy Golf Tournament, and a couple of years back, I spoke with one of the volunteers at the event about becoming a matchmaker and decided to make the commitment. I've been a matchmaker for a couple of years now but I have always felt that I had more to give. A few years ago, I told myself I wanted to become a "big" in the program and last July, that dream came true. My "little" Alijah and I have been matched for over a 1 year now and it's one of the best choices I've ever made."

- Alex Block



"There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down  
and lifting people up." - John Holmes

