THE COST TO ALL OF US
Research indicates that a child who receives early intervention with ABA Therapy will likely progress into adulthood and make greater contributions to society.

“Somehow we have to find the money to help children with Autism in those crucial preschool years. If we don’t, the cost to all of us caring for an untreated adult will be far greater, reaching into the millions. The cost in terms of human suffering is not to be measured.”
- Dr. David Suzuki, The Nature of Things

KcATC is committed to helping children on the autism spectrum fulfill their potential through ethical, evidence-based therapy, education, and training. KcATC’s philosophy emphasizes a proactive teaching approach that relies on positive reinforcement to help the children find unlimited potential.

“KcATC has been able to provide Ethan with the one-on-one support that he needs as well as the social interaction and playtime with peers that he so desperately enjoys. He has been completely transformed from the child we brought to the school two years ago.”
- Jeff and Morgan Johnson

Thank you!

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HOPE
Derived from Science. Driven by Excellence.
WHY KcATC?
The need for the services that the Kansas City Autism Training Center (KcATC) provides is growing daily. Last year, KcATC received more than 200 calls from parents looking for treatment for their child.

Imagine your doctor has just diagnosed your child with Autism. Autism is not a flu or virus, it can’t be cured with a round of antibiotics. Autism is a complex developmental disorder. All your hopes and dreams for your child you love so much are now in jeopardy. How will this impact your family’s future? After this shock to your family’s foundation, parents set out to find the most effective treatment for their child. That is exactly what Ron Johnson, KcATC’s Executive Director, did. However, when his son received his diagnosis, a place like KcATC did not exist. He learned that the evidence-based model, Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA), was not available in metropolitan Kansas City in a center-based format. His struggle to obtain ABA and his desire for a better system for other parents led him to partner with Dr. Linda Heitzman-Powell of University of Kansas to establish a not-for-profit dedicated to this end, The Kansas City Autism Training Center – lovingly called KcATC (KAT-CEE).

THE FACTS
According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC)
- Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) occurs in all racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic groups
- Research shows that with early intervention, the benefits to families and society are life-long, typically saving $2-$5 million over the lifespan of the child
- It is almost five times more common among boys than among girls

APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS (ABA)
- Endorsed by the US Surgeon General as the treatment of choice for Autism
- Helps to develop new skills and shapes and refines previously learned skills
- Decreases socially significant problem behaviors

The children are the center of the world and the sky is the limit at KcATC. They lay the foundation of their program with the classroom and a blend of typical developing children and children on the autism spectrum. They teach the children kindness, social skills, language and academics using behavior analytic methods in a warm and loving atmosphere. The doors remain open to the parents at all times as they encourage parental engagement. Meal-time and sleeping can be very challenging and it is important that the child’s successes not end when they leave school. Therefore, after hours support is offered for parents to enhance the probability of growth and learning throughout the course of the child’s daily life. When KcATC’s clinical staff feel the child is ready to transition to a private or public school setting, the transition is successful because the children are already accustomed to KcATC’s natural school environment – from technology, to recess breaks, to open-learning environments, to incremental changes in the wiring of their brain. She is socially engaged, she is vivacious, she is phenomenal. I can scarcely imagine how she would have gotten there without this incredible organization.”

- Randy and Lesa Childers

KcATC has been serving children and families since 2006.

THE FUTURE IS NOW
There are many families in the Kansas City area in need of evidence-based treatment for their child on the Autism spectrum. We are confident of this growing demand as indicated by the numbers of families contacting KcATC on an annual basis. In response to the frequent conversations with families looking for help, in 2014, the KcATC Board of Directors included in its strategic plan the need to acquire new space for future growth to help reduce this significant void of services for children and provide hope for more families.

Near the end of 2015, something amazing happened. Red Bridge Christian Church was disbanding and voted unanimously to donate their 22,000 square foot building sitting on 7.5 acres of land to KcATC. With the generous donation of the building, KcATC launched the “HOPE” capital campaign to raise $1.6 Million. The funds raised through the campaign will allow KcATC to move and expand their current day school by:

- Preparing the new building by making the required modifications and enhancements prior to moving in
- Allowing for the number of children served to increase over the next 5 years
- Updating the new facility with the latest best practices, equipment and teaching materials

With your financial support for this project we can ultimately serve more children on the autism spectrum!