

Project
ElderCool
Bishop Sullivan Center

FEELING THE HEAT

Help us kick off Project ElderCool 2024!

April showers have come and gone, and **the National Weather Service is predicting a hotter-than-average summer** here in the Kansas City metro. And when even "average" summer heat waves are as brutal as ours, **refuge from the heat can be life-saving.**

Since the program's inception twenty four years ago, **Project ElderCool has been providing free air conditioners, unit repairs, and electric bill support for low-income seniors and those with respiratory disabilities** living without an operating air conditioner in our community. Installed free of charge with a smile and friendly conversation by our staff members,

interns, and volunteers, these AC units are helping to fight heat-related deaths in the metro.

Your support has helped us install more than 5,700 air conditioners since the program began. Thank you for helping us make homes livable for neighbors in need.

SUPPORT PROJECT ELDERCOOL

You can help someone survive the summer. Scan the code to visit bishopsullivan.org/eldercool and make a gift today.



Thank you so much for your donation of an air conditioner. I have many health issues, and haven't been able to sleep due to the heat.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR HELP WITH MY AC UNIT!!!

I BELIEVE I MIGHT HAVE DIED HERE LATELY IF NOT FOR YOUR BLESSING!

"NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND."

Thoughts from Kayla, a 2023 Project ElderCool summer intern

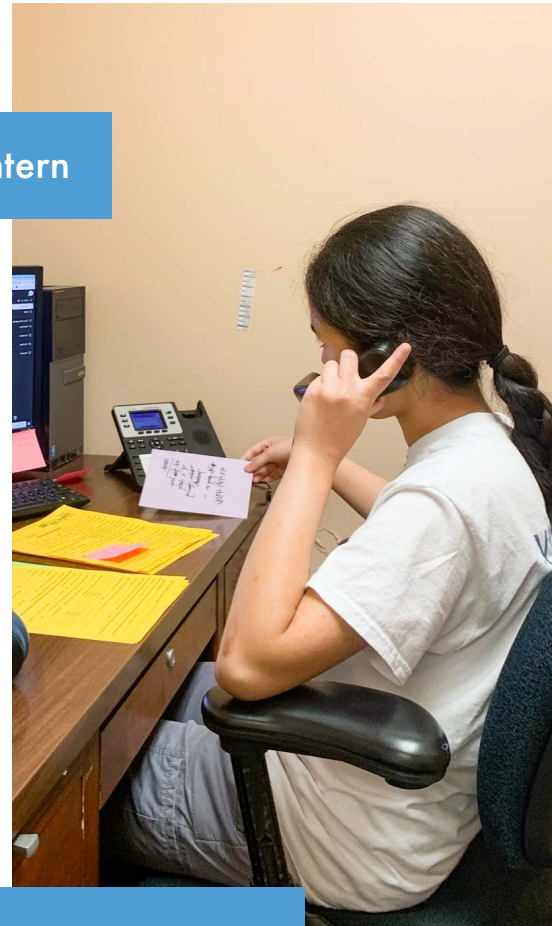
"It's a small gesture with a monumental impact, spreading cool relief and compassion when it's needed most.

"Installing air conditioners is a tangible expression of care and support. It's more than just regulating temperatures; it's about fostering resilience and dignity. By ensuring access to cool, comfortable spaces, we're empowering individuals to navigate

challenging weather conditions with greater ease and confidence.

"This initiative not only enhances physical comfort but also cultivates a sense of community solidarity, showing that no one is left behind in the face of adversity.

"What I love the most is talking with residents, hearing their stories, and delivering life-saving relief from extreme heat."



A BREATH OF FRESH AIR

When heat-related medical issues flared, Project ElderCool saved the day

Constance is a 53-year-old neighbor who suffers from severe asthma and lupus, which manifests for her as a serious skin condition. The heat causes painful flareups and creates blisters on her skin.

When her AC went out, Constance was forced to rely on a small fan for relief, and the heat was causing painful irritation and affecting her breathing. Our team was able to respond quickly with a new unit.



"Thank you all SOO much for my AC unit for my house," she shared in a note. "I'm so glad we got nice people like you all. Thank you for your help. You all are blessings, Amen." She was so happy after the air conditioning kicked in that she jumped on her bed and hopped in front of the cold air.

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